

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Thurgoona



"Do whatever He tells you" John 2:5

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MASS TIMES

Saturday (Vigil) - 6pm

Sunday 9:30am

Monday 8am

Tuesday 10am

Wednesday 8:00am

Thursday 5:30pm

Holy Hour 4:30pm

Friday 8am

Saturday 8am

Anointing of the sick Mass, 10am

2nd Tues of Feb, Apr, Jun, Aug, Oct, Dec.

Reconciliation

Thurs during Holy Hour 4:45 - 5:15pm

Sat 5:30 to 5:55pm before Vigil

Sun 9 to 9.25am

Or anytime, just ask Fr

Baptism and Marriage By appointment



Working Bee Sat 9.00am to 11am

6th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A 12/02/2023

First reading

Ecclesiasticus 15:16-21

If you wish, you can keep the commandments, to behave faithfully is within your power. He has set fire and water before you; put out your hand to whichever you prefer. Man has life and death before him; whichever a man likes better will be given him. For vast is the wisdom of the Lord; he is almighty and all-seeing. His eyes are on those who fear him, he notes every action of man. He never commanded anyone to be godless, he has given no one permission to sin.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 118(119):1-2,4-5,17-18,33-34

Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

Second reading

1 Corinthians 2:6-10

We have a wisdom to offer those who have reached maturity: not a philosophy of our age, it is true, still less of the masters of our age, which are coming to their end. The hidden wisdom of God which we teach in our mysteries is the wisdom that God predestined to be for our glory before the ages began.

It is a wisdom that none of the masters of this age have ever known, or they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory; we teach what scripture calls: *the things that no eye has seen and no ear has heard, things beyond the mind of*

man, all that God has prepared for those who love him.

These are the very things that God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit reaches the depths of everything, even the depths of God.

Gospel Acclamation

cf Matthew 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 5:17-37

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘Do not imagine that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets. I have come not to abolish but to complete them. I tell you solemnly, till heaven and earth disappear, not one dot, not one little stroke, shall disappear from the Law until its purpose is achieved. Therefore, the man who infringes even one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be considered the least in the kingdom of heaven; but the man who keeps them and teaches them will be considered great in the kingdom of heaven. ‘For I tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven.

‘You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: *You must not kill*; and if anyone does kill he must answer for it before the court. But I say this to you: anyone who is angry with his brother will answer for it before the court; if a man calls his brother “Fool” he will answer for it before the Sanhedrin; and if a man calls him “Renegade” he will answer for it in hell fire. So then, if you are bringing your offering to the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your offering there before the altar, go and be reconciled with your brother first, and then come back and present your offering. Come to terms with your opponent in good time while you are still on the way to the court with him, or he may hand you over to the judge and the judge to the officer, and you will be thrown into prison. I tell you solemnly, you will not get out till you have paid the last penny.

‘You have learnt how it was said: *You must not commit adultery*. But I say this to you: if a man looks at a woman lustfully, he has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye should cause you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; for it will do you less harm to lose one part of you than to have your whole body thrown into hell. And if your right hand should cause you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; for it will do you less harm to lose one part of you than to have your whole body go to hell.

‘It has also been said: *Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a writ of dismissal*. But I say this to you: everyone who divorces his wife, except for the case of fornication, makes her an adulteress; and anyone who marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

‘Again, you have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: *You must not break your oath, but must fulfil your oaths to the Lord*. But I say this to you: do not swear at all, either by heaven, since that is God’s throne; or by the earth, since

that is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, since that is the city of the great king. Do not swear by your own head either, since you cannot turn a single hair white or black. All you need say is “Yes” if you mean yes, “No” if you mean no; anything more than this comes from the evil one.’ *universalis.com*

Prayers of the Faithfull:

For our sick, Tony Abikhair, Elizabeth Hoare, Marie Fowles, Fr Reece Beltrame, Peter Tydeman, Ray Byrnes, Graeme Murphy, Greg Baker, Gwen Abikhair, and Jackson Davis.

We pray to the Lord. **R.** Lord hear our prayer.

For our recently departed, Ted Williams, Chris Horsfall, John Fagan, Cardinal George Pell and those who’s anniversaries occur at this time.

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Communion Antiphon

Jn 3: 16

God so loved the world that he gave his Only Begotten Son, so that all who believe in him may not perish, but may have eternal life. *universalis.com*

ANNIVERSARIES

Bro Chris Greck, Brian (Michael) Baker, Aymidee Deguara, Jade Smith, Jenny Powell, Andrew Trethowan, Patricia McFarland, Peter Kerstjens, Delma Kennedy, Shirley Bevan, Terry Barsby, Aaron Chambers, Beryl Ahern, Joan Letchford, John Corby, Pushpa Vijay and Ron Chambers

PARISH NOTICES

Novena for Fr Reece Beltrame:

You are invited to join in a novena to the Servant of God, Eileen O’Connor, seeking her intercession for Fr Reece Beltrame. Eileen is on a path to becoming Australia’s second approved saint. Copies of the prayer can be found in the foyer. For more about Eileen O’Connor see eileenconnor.com.au.

Catechists:

We are looking for more volunteers for the SRE program (catechists) for Thurgoona Public School. If you can help with this important work of spreading the Gospel please contact Fr Anthony on 02 6088 6222.

Church Cleaning Roster:

If you are able to help with cleaning the church on Saturday mornings please record your name on the sheet in the foyer. The more names we have on the roster the longer will be interval between each person’s turn. The roster will be made up this week and then emailed out. Copies will be available in the foyer.

Mobile Phones: Please mute your Mobile Phone or turn it off during Mass.

Readers: Sat: 6:00pm Mary Seidel Sun: 9:30am Jorgete Hudson

Next week: Sat: 6:00pm Denis Golden Sun: 9:30am Michael Sparshott

Cleaning Roster: Sat 18th Feb Marion Whyte



EXERCISE THE DESIRE FOR PARADISE

Brother and sisters, let us feed our expectation for Heaven, let us exercise the desire for paradise. Today it does us good to ask ourselves if our desires have anything to do with Heaven. Because we risk continuously aspiring to passing things, of confusing desires with needs, of putting expectations of the world before expectation of God. But losing sight of what matters to follow the wind would be the greatest mistake in life. Let us look upwards, because we are on a journey toward the Height, whereas the things from down here will not go up there: the best careers, the greatest achievements, the most prestigious titles and awards, accumulated wealth, earthly earnings, all will vanish in an instant, everything.

And every expectation placed in those things will be disappointed. And yet, how much time, how much effort and energy do we spend worrying and feeling sad because of these things, letting the tension towards home fade, losing sight of the meaning of the way, of the goal of the journey, the infinite towards which we go, the joy for which we breathe! Let us ask ourselves: do I live out what I say in the Creed, “I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come”? And how do I wait? Am I capable of going to the essential or am I distracted by so many superfluous things? Do I cultivate hope or go on complaining, because I give too much value to many things that don’t matter and that will pass? *Pope Francis Homily 2/11/2022*

Entrusting those who have died in the Turkey and Syria earthquake to the loving mercy of the Almighty, I pray that the emergency personnel involved in the ongoing relief efforts will be sustained by the divine gifts of fortitude and perseverance.

Pope Francis

AFFAIR OF THE HEART

Jesus tells us in the Gospel this week that He has come not to abolish but to “fulfill” the Law of Moses and the teachings of the prophets.



His Gospel reveals the deeper meaning and purpose of the Ten Commandments and the moral Law of the Old Testament. But His Gospel also transcends the Law. He demands a morality far greater than that accomplished by the most pious of Jews, the scribes and Pharisees.

Outward observance of the Law is not enough. It is not enough that we do not murder, commit adultery, divorce, or lie. The law of the New Covenant is a law that God writes on the heart, The heart is the seat of our motivations, the place from which our words and actions proceed, Jesus this week calls us to train our hearts, to master our passions and emotions. And Jesus demands the full obedience of our hearts. He calls us to love God with all our hearts and to do His will from the heart.

Scott Hahn