

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

Ash Wednesday 8:00am & 12:30pm

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 9.30am to 11am



7th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A 19/02/2023

First reading

Leviticus 19:1-2,17-18

The Lord spoke to Moses; he said: 'Speak to the whole community of the sons of Israel and say to them:

"Be holy, for I, the Lord your God, am holy.

"You must not bear hatred for your brother in your heart. You must openly tell him, your neighbour, of his offence; this way you will not take a sin upon yourself. You must not exact vengeance, nor must you bear a grudge against the children of your people. You must love your neighbour as yourself. I am the Lord."

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 102(103):1-4,8,10,12-13

The Lord is kind and merciful.

Second reading

1 Corinthians 3:16-23

Didn't you realise that you were God's temple and that the Spirit of God was living among you? If anybody should destroy the temple of God, God will destroy him, because the temple of God is sacred; and you are that temple.

Make no mistake about it: if any one of you thinks of himself as wise, in the ordinary sense of the word, then he must learn to be a fool before he really can

be wise. Why? Because the wisdom of this world is foolishness to God. As scripture says: *The Lord knows wise men's thoughts: he knows how useless they are;* or again: *God is not convinced by the arguments of the wise.* So there is nothing to boast about in anything human: Paul, Apollos, Cephas, the world, life and death, the present and the future, are all your servants; but you belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God.

Gospel Acclamation

1 John 2:5

Alleluia, alleluia!

Whoever keeps the word of Christ, grows perfect in the love of God.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 5:38-48

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You have learnt how it was said: *Eye for eye and tooth for tooth.* But I say this to you: offer the wicked man no resistance. On the contrary, if anyone hits you on the right cheek, offer him the other as well; if a man takes you to law and would have your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. And if anyone orders you to go one mile, go two miles with him. Give to anyone who asks, and if anyone wants to borrow, do not turn away.

'You have learnt how it was said: You must love your neighbour and hate your enemy. But I say this to you: love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you; in this way you will be sons of your Father in heaven, for he causes his sun to rise on bad men as well as good, and his rain to fall on honest and dishonest men alike. For if you love those who love you, what right have you to claim any credit? Even the tax collectors do as much, do they not? And if you save your greetings for your brothers, are you doing anything exceptional? Even the pagans do as much, do they not? You must therefore be perfect just as your heavenly Father is perfect.'

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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, Lindon Stewart, Ted Williams, Chris Horsfall and those who's anniversaries occur at this time.

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

Communion Antiphon

Ps 9: 2-3

I will recount all your wonders, I will rejoice in you and be glad,
and sing psalms to your name, O Most High.

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ANNIVERSARIES

Dallas Hanrahan, Bro Chris Greck, Brian (Michael) Baker, Aymidee Deguara, Jade Smith, Jenny Powell, Andrew Trethowan, Patricia McFarland, Peter Kerstjens and Delma Kennedy.

PARISH COUNCIL

Sandy Zeromski (Sec)
Denis Golden

Maria Sparshott (Chair)
Denis Devcich
Mark Mannering

Simon Horsfall (Dep Chair)
Jodie Cunningham
Mary Seidel

PARISH NOTICES

Ash Wednesday Masses: 8:00am and 12:30pm

Stations of the Cross: 6.00pm Friday during lent in the Gardens

Lenten Groups:

Tuesdays 6:30PM. Parish Centre with Fr Anthony

Wednesdays 10:30am. Call Pauline Pasco 0419 807 065

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.

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

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

Next week: Sat: 6:00pm Peter Tobin Sun: 9:30am Mark Mannering

Cleaning Roster: Sat 25th Feb Dinah and Edward Dumlaio



Aid to the
Church in Need
ACN AUSTRALIA



A message from Aid to the Church in Need Australia: ACN is the Pontifical Foundation dedicated to supporting the suffering and persecuted Church.

HELP SYRIA. Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) has launched an emergency appeal for the people in northern Syria desperate for help following the devastating earthquakes. ACN is begging for funds to support their long-time local project partners on the ground in Syria. To read more about what ACN is doing and to make an offering please visit aidtochurch.org/syriaearthquake or scan the QR code.



Thousands of people have been killed after a catastrophic 7.8 magnitude earthquake struck southeast Turkey (Türkiye) and Syria, followed by another large earthquake only hours later.

- The death toll is increasing by the hour. Freezing winter weather is only adding to the devastation, as the thousands left injured, trapped or homeless are stuck in bitter cold and freezing rain.
- The quakes caused devastation in rebel-held northwest Syria, where buildings collapsed, leaving people trapped under rubble.



We're in contact with Caritas Syria and other Caritas agencies on the ground as they assess the scale of the damage and critical needs. Your donation today will help communities affected by the earthquake. caritas.org.au



HOLY AS GOD

We are called to the holiness of God. That is the extraordinary claim made in both the First Reading and the Gospel. How is it possible that we can be perfect as our Father in heaven is perfect? Jesus explains that we must be imitators of God as His beloved children. As God does, we must love without limit, with a love that does not distinguish between friend and foe, overcoming evil with good. Jesus Himself, in His Passion and death, gave us the perfect example of the love that we are called to. He offered no resistance to the evil. He offered His face to be struck and spit upon. He allowed His garments to be stripped from Him. He marched as His enemies compelled Him to the Place of the Skull.



On the Cross, He prayed for those who persecuted Him. In all this, He showed Himself to be the perfect Son of God. By His grace, and through our imitation of Him, He promises that we too can become children of our heavenly Father. God does not deal with us as we deserve, as we sing in this week's Psalm. He loves us with a Father's love. He forgives our transgressions. He loved us even when we had made ourselves His enemies through our sinfulness. While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. We have been bought with the price of the blood of God's only Son. We belong to Christ now, as St. Paul says in this week's Epistle. We have been saved to share in His holiness and perfection. Let us glorify Him by our lives lived in His service, loving as He loves.

Summary: Scott Hahn