

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Thurgoona



"Do whatever He tells you" John 2:5

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MASS TIMES

Saturday (Vigil) 5pm

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 4:30 to 4:55pm before Vigil

Sun 9 to 9.25am

Or anytime, just ask Fr

Baptism and Marriage By appointment

Working Bee Sat 9.30am to 11am 



4th SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR A

30/04/2023

First reading

Acts 2:14,36-41

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: 'The whole House of Israel can be certain that God has made this Jesus whom you crucified both Lord and Christ.'

Hearing this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the apostles, 'What must we do, brothers?' 'You must repent,' Peter answered 'and every one of you must be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise that was made is for you and your children, and for all those who are far away, for all those whom the Lord our God will call to himself.' He spoke to them for a long time using many arguments, and he urged them, 'Save yourselves from this perverse generation.' They were convinced by his arguments, and they accepted what he said and were baptised. That very day about three thousand were added to their number.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 22(23)

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Second reading

1 Peter 2:20-25

The merit, in the sight of God, is in bearing punishment patiently when you are punished after doing your duty.

This, in fact, is what you were called to do, because Christ suffered for you and left an example for you to follow the way he took. He had not done anything wrong, and there had been no perjury in his mouth. He was insulted and did not retaliate with insults; when he was tortured he made no threats but he put his trust in the righteous judge. He was bearing our faults in his own body on the cross, so that we might die to our faults and live for holiness; through his wounds you have been healed. You had gone astray like sheep but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Gospel Acclamation

John 10:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me.

Alleluia!

Gospel

John 10:1-10

Jesus said:

‘I tell you most solemnly, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold through the gate, but gets in some other way is a thief and a brigand. The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the flock; the gatekeeper lets him in, the sheep hear his voice, one by one he calls his own sheep and leads them out. When he has brought out his flock, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow because they know his voice. They never follow a stranger but run away from him: they do not recognise the voice of strangers.’

Jesus told them this parable but they failed to understand what he meant by telling it to them. So Jesus spoke to them again: ‘I tell you most solemnly, I am the gate of the sheepfold. All others who have come are thieves and brigands; but the sheep took no notice of them. I am the gate.

Anyone who enters through me will be safe: he will go freely in and out and be sure of finding pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy.

I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full.’

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Prayers of the Faithfull:

For our sick, Pauline Pasco, Richard Drum, Lorie McLennan, John Carthew, Tony Abikhair, Fr Reece Beltrame, Peter Tydeman, Ray Byrnes, Graeme Murphy, Greg Baker, Gwen Abikhair, Jackson Davis, Greg Dunne and Margaret Dunne

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

For our recently departed, Allan Mills, Brian Carty and those who’s anniversaries occur at this time.

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Communion Antiphon

The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, alleluia. *universalis.com*

ANNIVERSARIES

Bill Carthew, Robin Pitts, Shirley Evens, Richard Bartosik, Sue Barsby, Katerina Vieira, Christopher Eades and Jo Taylor.

PARISH NOTICES

NEW PARISH WEBSITE - ourparish.au

House Blessing: The Easter season is a great time to have your house blessed. If you have never had your house blessed or if it has been a long time perhaps you may wish to consider?

Contact Fr Anthony to arrange on 6088 6222 or admin@ourparish.au

Month of May: May is dedicated to Our Blessed Mother and the travelling statue is packed and ready to visit your home. Please put your name and date on the list in the Foyer of the Church. See Denis Golden for further details.

Hav-a-Chat: Celebrate Mother's Day on the 1st May 12 noon. Newmarket Hotel Borella Road in the Lounge Dining Area.

Project Compassion: Please return your donation boxes to Denis in the foyer.

Vinnies Care Centre in Mate St: Unfortunately we have had to reduce our opening days at a time when more people are seeking our assistance. We urgently need people to help in the pantry, updating client records etc. If you can help please call Paul McDermott on 0401 999 915.

Holy Spirit Parish Bush Dance: Sat. 13th May 7 PM, Holy Spirit Hall, Lavington. GMO Band, prizes, etc. BYO supper/drinks, coffee/tea available. \$10 ea, \$25 family. Tickets at the door. Support Escencia. Ph 02 6025 1784

Readers: Sat: 5:00pm Denis Golden Sun: 9:30am Steve McCrohan

Next week: Sat: 5:00pm Peter Tobin Sun: 9:30am Jorgete Hudson

Cleaning Roster: Sat 6th May - Marion Whyte



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WHAT ARE WE TO DO?

Easter's empty tomb is a call to conversion. By this tomb, we should know for certain that God has made Jesus both Lord and Messiah, as Peter preaches in today's First Reading. He is the "Lord," the divine Son that David foresaw at God's right hand. And He is the Messiah that God had promised to shepherd the scattered flock of the house of Israel. As we hear in today's Gospel, Jesus is that Good Shepherd, sent to a people who were like sheep without a shepherd. He calls not only to the children of Israel but to all those far off from Him, to whomever the Lord wishes to hear His voice. The call of the Good Shepherd leads to the restful waters of Baptism, to the anointing oil of Confirmation, and to the table and overflowing cup of the Eucharist, as we sing in today's Psalm. Again on this Sunday in Easter, we hear His voice calling us His own. He should awaken in us the response of those who heard Peter's preaching.



"What are we to do?" they cried. We have been baptized. But each of us goes astray like sheep, as we hear in today's Epistle. We still need daily to repent, to seek forgiveness of our sins, to separate ourselves further from this corrupt generation. We are called to follow in the footsteps of the Shepherd of our souls. By His suffering He bore our sins in His body to free us from sin. But His suffering is also an example for us.

From Him we should learn patience in our afflictions, to hand ourselves over to the will of God. Jesus has gone ahead, has driven us through the dark valley of evil and death. His Cross has become the narrow gate through which we must pass to reach His empty tomb, the verdant pastures of life abundant.

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A MOMENT OF PRAYER

"The Lord is happy whenever we open ourselves to him. There is a good way of doing this, it consists of dedicating some time, every evening, to a brief *examination of conscience*. We can begin today, to dedicate this evening a moment of prayer during which we ask ourselves: how was my day?

What were its joys, what were its sorrows, what were its mundanities, what happened? What were the pearls of the day, possibly hidden, to be thankful for? Was there a little love in what I did? And what are the falls, the sadness, the doubts and fears to bring to Jesus so that He can open new ways to me, to learn gradually to look at things with different eyes, with his eyes and not just our own. May Mary, wise Virgin, help us to recognize Jesus who walks with us and to reread the word: re-read, every day of our life in front of him."



Pope Francis: Angelus April 23, 2023