

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Thurgoona



"Do whatever He tells you" John 2:5

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MASS TIMES

Saturday (Vigil) - 5pm *Note time change* **Anointing of the sick Mass, 10am**

Sunday 9:30am

Monday 8am

Tuesday 10am - **Anointing Mass**

Wednesday 8:00am

Thursday 5:30pm

Holy Hour 4:30pm

Friday 8am

Saturday 8am

This Tuesday.

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 



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY - YEAR A **16/04/2023**

3.00pm Sun - Prayers & Devotions
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament



First reading

Acts 2:42-47

The whole community remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles, to the brotherhood, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers. The many miracles and signs worked through the apostles made a deep impression on everyone.

The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common; they sold their goods and possessions and shared out the proceeds among themselves according to what each one needed. They went as a body to the Temple every day but met in their houses for the breaking of bread; they shared their food gladly and generously; they praised God and were looked up to by everyone. Day by day the Lord added to their community those destined to be saved.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 117(118):2-4,13-15,22-24

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love is everlasting.

Second reading

1 Peter 1:3-9

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy has given us a new birth as his sons, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead, so that we have a sure hope and the promise of an inheritance that can never be spoilt or soiled and never fade away, because it is being kept for you in the heavens. Through your faith, God's power will guard you until the salvation which has been prepared is revealed at the end of time. This is a cause of great joy for you, even though you may for a short time have to bear being plagued by all sorts of trials; so that, when Jesus Christ is revealed, your faith will have been tested and proved like gold – only it is more precious than gold, which is corruptible even though it bears testing by fire – and then you will have praise and glory and honour. You did not see him, yet you love him; and still without seeing him, you are already filled with a joy so glorious that it cannot be described, because you believe; and you are sure of the end to which your faith looks forward, that is, the salvation of your souls.

Gospel Acclamation

John 20:29

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy are those who have not seen me, but still believe! Alleluia!

Gospel

John 20:19-31

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.

'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that

Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name. *universalis.com*

Prayers of the Faithfull:

For our sick, Lorie McLennan, John Carthew, Tony Abikhair, 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, Heidy Heath and those who's anniversaries occur at this time including Garry Rake and Jack Evans.

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

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Jn 20: 27

Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

ANNIVERSARIES

Katerina Vieira, Christopher Eades, Jo Taylor, Jack Evans, Jamie O'Connor, Garry Rake and Paul Fowles.

PARISH NOTICES

ANOINTING OF THE SICK MASS: 10am this Tuesday

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS TIME CHANGE: Now **5 PM**

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

Girls Leadership Day: For girls in grades 6 & 7. Craft, cooking, dancing and more. \$5 ea inc lunch. Thurs 20th April 10:30am to 1:30pm. IHM Parish. RSVP Kathleen Horsfall 04 3173 4206.

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

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

Vinnies Care Centre in Mate St urgently need volunteers or we will have to reduce our opening days at a time when more people are seeking assistance. If you can help call Paul McDermott on 0401999915.

Readers: Sat: **5:00pm** Paul Whyte Sun: 9:30am Stefany George

Next week: Sat: **5:00pm** Mary Seidel Sun: 9:30am Simon Horsfall

Cleaning Roster: Sat 22nd April - Mary & Ann Marie



NEW PARISH WEBSITE - ourparish.au

This week we launched our new Website. A fresh look with Parish News, Events, Rosters, Resources, Prayers, Devotions, Bulletins etc. Check it out.



FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY

During the course of Jesus' revelations to Saint Faustina on the Divine Mercy He asked on numerous occasions that a feast day be dedicated to the Divine Mercy and that this feast be celebrated on the Sunday after Easter. The liturgical texts of that day, the 2nd Sunday of Easter, concern the institution of the Sacrament of Penance and are thus already suited to the request of Our Lord. This Feast was granted to the Universal Church by Pope John Paul II on the occasion of the canonization of Sr. Faustina on 30 April 2000. These papal acts represent the highest endorsement that the Church can give to a private revelation, an act of papal infallibility proclaiming the certain sanctity of the mystic, and the granting of a universal feast, as requested by Our Lord to St. Faustina.

On one occasion, I heard these words: My daughter, tell the whole world about My Inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment.
(Diary 699) *Extract from ewtn.com/catholicism/devotions/feast-13356*

HOW TO MAKE A GOOD CONFESSION

If you haven't gone to confession in a while, now is the perfect time to reconcile yourself with God. What you will experience is the healing gift of God's love, the chance to start over with a clean conscience, and an overwhelming sense of gratitude.

Prepare for confession with an examination of conscience. Think back on sins you have committed since your last confession. In the confessional, most people still start with the formula: "Bless me, Father, for I have sinned. It has been ... since my last confession."

If you can't remember the words or you don't recall how long it's been, don't worry. Just tell the priest it's been a long time, and he will guide you through the process.

simplycatholic.com/how-to-make-a-good-confession