

# 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**

## 5th SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR A

7/05/2023

### First reading

**Acts 6:1-7**

About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. So the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed them, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food; you, brothers, must select from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them, and continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word.' The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

The word of the Lord continued to spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith.

## Responsorial Psalm

**Psalm 32(33):1-2,4-5,18-19**

*Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.*

## Second reading

**1 Peter 2:4-9**

The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too, the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making a spiritual house. As scripture says: *See how I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone that I have chosen and the man who rests his trust on it will not be disappointed.* That means that for you who are believers, it is precious; but for unbelievers, the stone rejected by the builders has proved to be the keystone, a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring men down. They stumble over it because they do not believe in the word; it was the fate in store for them.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

## Gospel Acclamation

**John 14:6**

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord;  
no one comes to the Father, except through me.

Alleluia!

## Gospel

**John 14:1-12**

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still, and trust in me. There are many rooms in my Father’s house; if there were not, I should have told you. I am going now to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me; so that where I am you may be too. You know the way to the place where I am going.’ Thomas said, ‘Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?’ Jesus said: ‘I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me. If you know me, you know my Father too. From this moment you know him and have seen him.’ Philip said, ‘Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied.’

‘Have I been with you all this time, Philip,’ said Jesus to him ‘and you still do not know me? ‘To have seen me is to have seen the Father, so how can you say, “Let us see the Father”? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself: it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work. You must believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other reason. I tell you most solemnly, whoever believes in me will perform the same works as I do myself, he will perform even greater works, because I am going to the Father.’

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### **Prayers of the Faithfull:**

**For our sick,** Lynne Brink, 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**

**Cf. Jn 15: 1, 5**

I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.

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## **ANNIVERSARIES**

Bill Carthew, Robin Pitts, Shirley Evens, Richard Bartosik, Sue Barsby and Katerina Vieira.

## **PARISH NOTICES**

### **NEW PARISH WEBSITE - [ourparish.au](http://ourparish.au)**

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

**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](mailto: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.

**Rosary Crusade for Month of May:** - Saturday 13th May:

9.45am Rosary at Holy Spirit Church Lavington

10.20am Rosary at St. Mary's Cemetery, Jindera

11.15am Rosary at Immaculate Heart of Mary Grotto, Thurgoona

12 noon Rosary at Holy Spirit Grotto, Lavington

**In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop:** The Sisters of Saint Joseph have prepared an Australian Pilgrimage, commencing in Melbourne on 17/10/23, journeying through Victoria and South Australia and ending at Mary MacKillop Place, North Sydney on 28/10/23. During the pilgrimage we visit many places associated with Mary MacKillop's life and ministry.

Ph. 02 8912 4818. Email [national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au](mailto:national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au)

**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 Peter Tobin Sun: 9:30am Jorgete Hudson  
**Next week:** Sat: 5:00pm Paul Whyte Sun: 9:30am Michael Sparshott  
**Cleaning Roster:** Sat 13th May - Dinah and Edward Dumlao



**Palms Australia:** Communities in Africa, Asia and the Pacific are seeking Australians to share their skills and knowledge with those who have few chances for training. Some financial support is available from the Diocese and a Catholics Bishops Fund. Call 02 9560 5333 or 0422 472 567 or [palms.org.au](http://palms.org.au)

## FEAST OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA

**Saturday 13th May:** In the village of Fatima, Portugal, on May 13, 1917, the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, appeared to three young peasant children: Francisco, Jacinta, and Lucia; ages 10, 9 and 7. As was the custom, these youngsters were tending their family's sheep when "a Lady all in white, more brilliant than the sun... indescribably beautiful," standing above a bush, appeared to the youngsters.



From May through October 1917, the Lady appeared and spoke to the children on the 13th day of each month. News of these apparitions began to spread throughout the region. The children recounted that the Virgin had promised that God would grant peace to the entire world if Her requests for prayer, reparation and consecration were heard and obeyed. While many people believed the children had actually seen the Virgin, many others discounted the children's story, subjecting them to much derision and ridicule. When it became known the Lady would visit the children for the last time on October 13, 1917, and had promised a sign, many pilgrims made plans to attend. Nearly 70,000 people journeyed through the heavy rain and mud to witness the predicted miracle. Suddenly the "clouds separated...and the sun appeared between them. It gyrated and plunged in a mighty zigzag course toward the earth. The crowd was terrified, fearing this was the end of the world. However, the sun reversed course and, returned to its normal place in the heavens. The heart of Our Lady's message to the world was an urgent plea from Our Lady for acts of prayer and sacrifice to save souls, with particular emphasis on praying the rosary and devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Our Lady prophesied the outbreak of World War II and predicted the damage that Russia would do to humanity by abandoning the Christian faith and embracing Communists' totalitarianism.

A third revelation supported and affirmed the immense suffering endured by witnesses of the faith in the last century of the second millennium. It is possible that the vision predicted the 1981 attack on Pope John Paul II's life or it may be a portrayal of the Church's continued struggle against secularism and anti-Christian movements and a continuing call to prayer, sacrifice and devotion to Our Lady of Fatima.

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