

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 9.00am to 11am

6th SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR A

14/05/2023

First reading

Acts 8:5-8,14-17

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town.

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 65(66):1-7,16,20

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Second reading

1 Peter 4:13-16

If you can have some share in the sufferings of Christ, be glad, because you will enjoy a much greater gladness when his glory is revealed. It is a blessing for you when they insult you for bearing the name of Christ, because it means that you have the Spirit of glory, the Spirit of God resting on you. None of you should ever deserve to suffer for being a murderer, a thief, a criminal or an informer; but if anyone of you should suffer for being a Christian, then he is not to be ashamed of it; he should thank God that he has been called one.

Gospel Acclamation

John 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.
Alleluia!

Gospel

John 14:15-21

Jesus said to his disciples:

‘If you love me you will keep my commandments. I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you for ever, that Spirit of truth whom the world can never receive since it neither sees nor knows him; but you know him, because he is with you, he is in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come back to you. In a short time the world will no longer see me; but you will see me, because I live and you will live. On that day you will understand that I am in my Father and you in me and I in you. Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them will be one who loves me; and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I shall love him and show myself to him.’

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Prayers of the Faithfull:

For our sick, Kathleen Horsfall, 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

Jn 14: 15-16

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord,
and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete,
to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

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ANNIVERSARIES

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

PARISH NOTICES

Thank You to all those involved in the letterbox invitations for the Thurgoona Parish Easter Ceremonies - almost 4,000 delivered!

Our Blessed Mother Statue:

May is the month of Mary. If you would like her statue for a week in your home, record your name in the roster in the Church Foyer. Contact Denis Golden for further information.

Catechists:

Due to the unavailability of some of our regular volunteers we once again **urgently** need Catechists for Thurgoona Public School.

Please contact Fr Anthony on 02 6088 6222 if you can help with this important work of spreading the Gospel.

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? Call Fr Anthony to arrange 6088 6222. Email admin@ourparish.au

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

Aid to the Church in Need:

The Catholic Charity has launched their "Nigeria: Young, Faithful, Crucified" global campaign. Did you know that in 2022 a total of 5,014 Christians were killed for their faith in Nigeria? These were not Nigerians who happened to be Christian, but rather, their allegiance to the Lord saw them face a brutal death. This is a Church being crucified with Christ. To watch testimonies and to make an offering visit aidtochurch.org/nigeriaglobal or scan the QR code.



Mobile Phones:

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



Readers: Sat: 5:00pm Paul Whyte Sun: 9:30am Michael Sparshott

Next week: Sat: 5:00pm Mary Seidel Sun: 9:30am Mark Mannering

Cleaning Roster: Sat 20th May - Cunningham family



PARISH COUNCIL

Sandy Zeromski (Sec)

Denis Golden

Maria Sparshott (Chair)

Denis Devcich

Mark Mannering

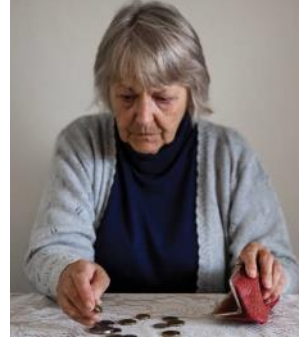
Simon Horsfall (Dep Chair)

Jodie Cunningham

Mary Seidel

Vinnies launches 2023 Winter Appeal to support our most vulnerable

The St Vincent de Paul Society has launched its annual Vinnies Winter Appeal with a focus on the number of older women experiencing and at risk of homelessness. “The Vinnies Winter Appeal is crucially important in enabling our services and members to support people experiencing disadvantage and hardship, particularly the concerning number of older women experiencing or at risk of homelessness,” said Yolanda Saiz, St Vincent de Paul Society NSW CEO.



“The latest census figures revealed women over 55 remain one of the most at-risk demographics, increasing by 37% over the past decade to more than 7,300 across Australia. “We understand that times are tough right now with the rising cost of living, but we ask that people give generously if they are in a position to do so,” said Ms Saiz. Funds raised through the Vinnies Winter Appeal will be used to provide assistance with food, clothing, household bills, specialist homelessness services and support people in need to find and maintain secure housing. “The rising cost of living and housing crisis has seen people turn to our services through necessity,” said Paul Burton, St Vincent de Paul Society NSW State President.

“We’ve seen that 30% of people seeking assistance from our members are doing so for the first time, while four-in-five people are reaching out for support with food. “People are being forced to make choices that should never have to occur; it is an indictment on the inequality that exists that people are forced to decide between having a roof over their head or putting food on the table. “We know that people will opt not to turn on a heater during the colder winter months because they fear the eye-watering bill that will follow. “The funds raised through the Vinnies Winter Appeal will be vitally important in allowing our members and services to continue alleviating the pressure that so many people are facing in their daily lives,” said Mr Burton.

Donations can be made by filling out the envelopes in the bulletin and putting them in the box in the foyer. They are tax deductible.



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