

# 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**



## THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD - YEAR A

21/05/2023

### First reading

Acts 1:1-11

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him

from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

### **Responsorial Psalm**

**Psalm 46(47):2-3,6-9**

*God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.*

### **Second reading**

**Ephesians 1:17-23**

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named not only in this age but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

### **Gospel Acclamation**

**Matthew 28:19. 20**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel. I am with you always, until the end of the world. Alleluia!

### **Gospel**

**Matthew 28:16-20**

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.' *universalis.com*

### **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**, Christine Hassell, Joan McCauley, John McCormack, John Dunne, Allan Mills and those who's anniversaries occur at this time.

## ANNIVERSARIES

Alex Blair, Matilde Vickery, Bill Carthew, Robin Pitts and Shirley Evens.

## PARISH NOTICES

### **Pilgrimage of Reparation with the Holy Face Devotion:**

Saturday 3rd June. Stations of the Cross at 9 o'clock, Thurgoona parish.  
Route: Immaculate Heart of Mary Church to St Patrick's Church, Albury.  
Confessions available at St Patrick's upon arrival. Please let us know if you can assist on the day. Contact Libby 0423 154 463 for further information.

### **Philippine Independence Day Mass:**

Saturday, 10 June 2023 at 12 noon at St. Patrick's Church, Albury followed by fellowship at the Parish Hall. Please bring a plate. All Filipinos and Australian friends are invited. MACE Sisters – 0402 090 438

### **St Vincent de Paul 2023 Winter Appeal**

The funds raised through the 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. Donations can be made by filling out an envelope in the foyer and putting it in the box.

### **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.

### **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](mailto:admin@ourparish.au)

### **Aid to the Church in Need:**

In 2022 5,014 Christians were killed for their faith in Nigeria. To make an offering visit [aidtochurch.org/nigeriaglobal](http://aidtochurch.org/nigeriaglobal).

**Readers:** Sat: 5:00pm Mary Seidel Sun: 9:30am Mark Mannering

**Next week:** Sat: 5:00pm Denis Golden Sun: 9:30am Stefany George

**Cleaning Roster:** Sat 27th May - Kristene and Nathan Szakacs



### **PARISH COUNCIL**

Sandy Zeromski (Sec)

Denis Golden

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Denis Devcich

Mark Mannering

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Jodie Cunningham

Mary Seidel

# SAVE CALVARY HOSPITAL

## A special message from Archbishop Christopher Prowse

I am writing to ask for your assistance in petitioning the ACT Government to reverse a decision to take the ownership and management of Calvary Hospital away from Calvary Health Care, a Catholic operator and give the ownership to the government-run, non-faith-based Canberra Health Services instead.



Calvary Health Care operates hospitals and aged care facilities across the country and has been operating Calvary Hospital for 44 years. It is trusted to provide quality health care to Canberrans regardless of their religious belief.

The ACT Government is trying to ram through a bill that would allow this extreme land-and-assets grab to occur as soon as 3 July 2023. The bill was prepared in secret, with Calvary management and staff only finding out about it the day before it was tabled in parliament, and the government has scrapped the usual inquiry process so that the bill could be law as soon as 31 May.

There is no time to lost: we must act now.

It's no secret that the ACT Government want to force Calvary Hospital to provide abortions now, and euthanasia and assisted suicide in the future. Taking the land, buildings and hospital equipment and transferring staff employment across to Canberra Health Services allows them to push their anti-life agenda right through the hospital.

### PLEASE SIGN THE PETITION

This isn't just about Calvary Hospital. If the ACT Government can do this to a Catholic hospital, what is to stop them from doing it to a Catholic school or aged care facility or welfare agency? What's to stop the same thing happening to institutions run by other faith groups as well?



It's also not just an issue for the ACT. If the ACT Government is successful in this radical action, it could serve as a blueprint for other governments as well.

I'm asking for your help in stopping this nonsensical and anti-faith action.

Please sign the petition at [savecalvary.com.au](https://savecalvary.com.au) and share it with friends. Let the ACT Government know that we want our Catholic hospitals to stay Catholic.

*Archbishop Christopher Prowse*

## THE LIFE TO COME

Life is not about showing off our abilities, but a journey towards the One who loves us: by keeping our gaze fixed on the Lord, we will find the strength needed to persevere with renewed joy.

*Pope Francis*