

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Thurgoona



Mary said to the servants: "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



11th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A 18/06/2023

First reading

Exodus 19:2-6

From Rephidim the sons of Israel set out again; and when they reached the wilderness of Sinai, there in the wilderness they pitched their camp; there facing the mountain Israel pitched camp.

Moses then went up to God, and the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, 'Say this to the House of Jacob, declare this to the sons of Israel, "You yourselves have seen what I did with the Egyptians, how I carried you on eagle's wings and brought you to myself. From this you know that now, if you obey my voice and hold fast to my covenant, you of all the nations shall be my very own for all the earth is mine. I will count you a kingdom of priests, a consecrated nation."'

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 99(100):2-3,5

We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Second reading

Romans 5:6-11

We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone

really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners. Having died to make us righteous, is it likely that he would now fail to save us from God’s anger? When we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, we were still enemies; now that we have been reconciled, surely we may count on being saved by the life of his Son? Not merely because we have been reconciled but because we are filled with joyful trust in God, through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have already gained our reconciliation.

Gospel Acclamation

Mark 1:15

Alleluia, alleluia!

The kingdom of God is near; repent and believe the Good News!

Alleluia.

Gospel

Matthew 9:36-10:8

When Jesus saw the crowds he felt sorry for them because they were harassed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, ‘The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest.’ He summoned his twelve disciples, and gave them authority over unclean spirits with power to cast them out and to cure all kinds of diseases and sickness.

These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew; James the son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, the one who was to betray him.

These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them as follows: ‘Do not turn your steps to pagan territory, and do not enter any Samaritan town; go rather to the lost sheep of the House of Israel. And as you go, proclaim that the kingdom of heaven is close at hand. Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out devils. You received without charge, give without charge.’ *universalis.com*

Prayers of the Faithfull:

For our sick, Eileen Jacobs, Francis Blatchford, Rod Blatchford, Fr Terence Mahedy, Kathleen Horsfall, Lynne Brink, Richard Drum, Lorie McLennan, Tony Abikhair, Fr Reece Beltrame, Peter Tydeman, Ray Byrnes, Greg Baker, Gwen Abikhair and Jackson Davis.

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

For our recently departed, Patrick Gleason, Debbie Davis and those who’s anniversaries occur at this time.

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Communion Antiphon

Ps 26: 4

There is one thing I ask of the Lord, only this do I seek: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

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ANNIVERSARIES

Maria DeFazio, Matthew Edward Lee, Sarah Wong, Barry Pascoe, Sussane Bligton, Russell McIntosh, Murray McCooke and Jack Fowles.

PARISH NOTICES

Parish Sacramental Programme:

Preparations for the Sacrament of Reconciliation Will continue this week on Tuesday at 3:45pm till 5:00pm in the Parish Centre. The Sacrament itself will be celebrated on June the 27th at 4pm. If you have any children in Year 2 or older who have not yet received the Sacrament and you would like them to do so, please bring them along. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is a pre-requisite for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion commencing at the end of July, 2023. Your help in notifying other families who may not see this notice is appreciated.

Catechists:

Due to the unavailability of some of our regular volunteers we once again **urgently** need Catechists for Thurgoona Public School. Contact Fr Anthony on 02 6088 6222 if you can help with this important work.

Readers: Sat: 5:00pm Mary Seidel Sun: 9:30am Michael Sparshott

Next week: Sat: 5:00pm Denis Golden Sun: 9:30am Mark Mannering

Cleaning Roster: Sat 24th June Yolla & Grace

PRO-LIFE MINI CONFERENCE

For women 16+ Saturday 24th June, 10am-1pm
New Life Chapel, 158 De Kerilleau Dr, Wodonga VIC 3690
Ph: 02 60561200 trybooking.com/CIREE

- 10.00 - Arrival - Morning tea and welcome
- 10.20 - Introduction - Michelle Oates
- 10.25 - The Sanctity of human life - Michele Oates
- 10.35 - Women as 'life givers' - Peta Evans
- 10.45 - Testimony - Dr Joanna Howe
- 11.15 - Morning Tea
- 11.40 - Pro-life apologetics - Dr Joanna Howe
- 12.40 - Question and Answer panel

CALLED TO LIFE CHARITY DINNER

Saturday 24th June, 6:30pm La Maison Café Lincoln Causeway, Wodonga
3-course dinner & complimentary bubbly on arrival
Live speaker, Art Auction.

Celebrate the 10th year of Esencia Life Centre.

Tickets \$90 trybooking.com/cikod

Guest Speaker, Dr Joanna Howe, Professor in Law at the University of Adelaide will address our 'Called to Life' theme.

THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

Saturday, the 17th June is the feast of The Immaculate Heart of Mary who is the Patron of our parish. As we celebrate her feast this weekend it is worth remembering the dedication and faith of the original parishioners who in 1998 started with just a bare block of land. Through hard work, fundraising and their own donations they built the parish we see today.

As we celebrate Mass this weekend we thank them for the wonderful legacy they have left us.



KINGDOM OF PRIESTS

The words God speaks to Israel in today's First Reading are intended for us as well. The Church is the fulfillment of God's covenant promises to Israel, a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. In the Church, we have been gathered as the new "Israel of God". He has made us His own people, the flock He tends, as we sing in today's Psalm. Moses was Israel's first shepherd.

He prayed that God would raise up a successor so that God's people would not be left as sheep without a shepherd. These same words are used in today's Gospel to describe Jesus' pity for the crowds, who are "troubled and abandoned, like sheep without a shepherd." Israel's shepherds, the Pharisees and scribes, had abandoned and misled the people through their hypocrisy and spiritual blindness. But God had long before promised that He Himself would come and save His sheep, searching over the whole earth where they had been scattered "for lack of a shepherd". Jesus is the new Moses and new David promised by the prophets, a divine shepherd-king sent to restore God's priestly kingdom. As Moses commissioned Joshua as his successor, so we see Jesus today giving the Twelve His powers and authority.

In God's plan, they are to seek out the lost sheep of Israel first and then bring all nations into the fold. Together we have been saved and reconciled to God. As He delivered Israel, He has also made us a kingdom of priests in the Church. So we come in this Mass to serve Him with gladness, to praise His kindness, which endures forever.

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