

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



12th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A 25/06/2023

First reading

Jeremiah 20:10-13

Jeremiah said: I hear so many disparaging me, "Terror from every side!" Denounce him! Let us denounce him!' All those who used to be my friends watched for my downfall, 'Perhaps he will be seduced into error. Then we will master him and take our revenge!'

But the Lord is at my side, a mighty hero; my opponents will stumble, mastered, confounded by their failure; everlasting, unforgettable disgrace will be theirs. But you, O Lord of Hosts, you who probe with justice, who scrutinise the loins and heart, let me see the vengeance you will take on them, for I have committed my cause to you. Sing to the Lord, praise the Lord, for he has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of evil men.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 68(69):8-10,14,17,33-35

Lord, in your great love, answer me.

Second reading

Romans 5:12-15

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned.

Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of ‘law-breaking’, yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law. Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man’s fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift.

Gospel Acclamation

John 15:26,27

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of truth will bear witness to me, says the Lord, and you also will be my witnesses. Alleluia.

Gospel

Matthew 10:26-33

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: ‘Do not be afraid. For everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and everything now hidden will be made clear. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the daylight; what you hear in whispers, proclaim from the housetops.

‘Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; fear him rather who can destroy both body and soul in hell. Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny? And yet not one falls to the ground without your Father knowing. Why, every hair on your head has been counted. So there is no need to be afraid; you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows.

‘So if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of men, I will declare myself for him in the presence of my Father in heaven. But the one who disowns me in the presence of men, I will disown in the presence of my Father in heaven.’

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Prayers of the Faithfull:

For our sick, Carmel Baker, 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, Seamus Clancy and Jackson Davis.

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

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

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Communion Antiphon

Jn 10: 11, 15

I am the Good Shepherd, and I lay down my life for my sheep, says the Lord.

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ANNIVERSARIES

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

PARISH NOTICES

Parish Sacramental Programme:

Congratulations to all the children who have completed the Programme and will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation this Tuesday at 4pm.

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.

St Vincent de Paul 2023 Winter Appeal :

Every day the number of people seeking help from St Vincent de Paul is increasing. Rising food prices, rents and energy bills are causing more people to find they can't make ends meet.

The funds raised in the Winter Appeal are vitally important to alleviate the pressure so many people are facing in their daily lives. Donation envelopes are in the foyer. Please help.



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

Next week: Sat: 5:00pm Peter Tobin Sun: 9:30am Simon Horsfall

Cleaning Roster: Sat 1st July Maria Sparshott & John Conroy

“DO NOT BE AFRAID”

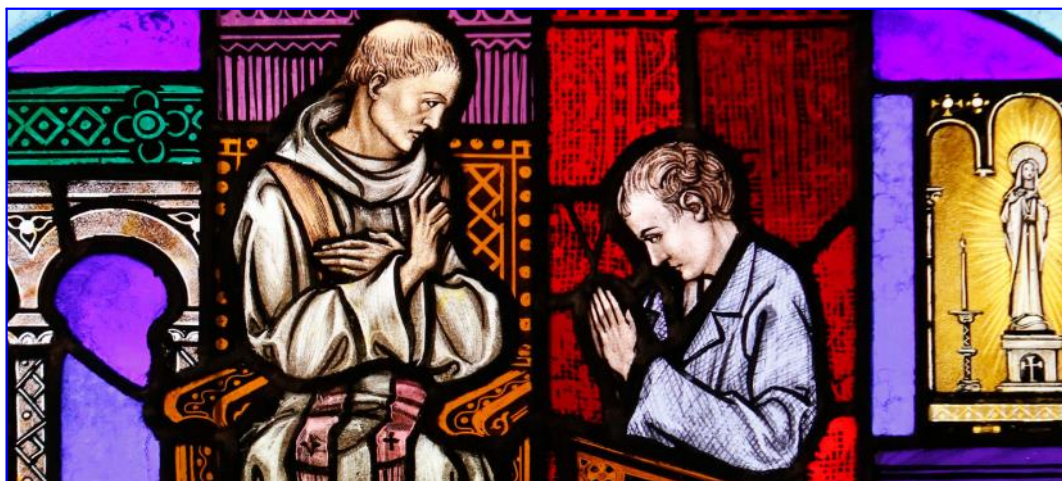
One common tendency that people encounter when another has harmed them in some way is to return the harm done. There is nothing wrong with defending ourselves by speaking the truth with love. But too often, the hurt experienced either turns into a consuming fear or into an attack against the one who harmed us. When this temptation is felt, Jesus' words above are most helpful and freeing. In the end, no injustice will be ignored. Every wrong will be dealt with by the justice and mercy of God, and perfect order and truth will be fully restored for eternity. Reflect, today, upon any struggle you have with fear. As you do, reflect upon Jesus' words over and over.

“Fear no one.” Do not allow yourself to be controlled by any injustice inflicted upon you. Instead, remain confident in the truth and, if some injustice is not able to be corrected here and now, look forward to the end of time when everything will be brought to light in accord with the mind and justice of God.

My courageous Lord, You endured so much ridicule and harsh treatment but never allowed it to deter You from Your divine mission of love. Please free me from all fear and give me courage when I face the injustices of life to trust that You will right every wrong in the end. Jesus, I trust in You.

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RISING AGAIN TO NEW LIFE

Many Catholics treasure the sacrament of Reconciliation. The peace of mind and soul which this sacrament imparts to us is one for which there is no substitute. It is a peace that flows from a certainty, rather than from an unsure hope, that our sins have been forgiven and that we are right with God.

Although many converts to the Catholic Church initially fear it, they quickly come to love the sacrament of Reconciliation once they get over their nameless fears, fears which come from a misconception of what the sacrament really is.

The sacrament of Reconciliation is also known as Penance and Confession, among other names. (There is an explanation of some of these names in the Catechism's section on the sacrament of Reconciliation.) Although often called Reconciliation in common usage, the term "penance" best describes the essential interior disposition required for this sacrament. In fact, there is a virtue of penance. This is a supernatural virtue by which we are moved to detest our sins from a motive made known by faith, and with an accompanying purpose of offending God no more and of making satisfaction for our sins.

In this sense the word "penance" is synonymous with "penitence" or "repentance." Before the time of Christ the *virtue* of penance was the only means by which people's sins could be forgiven. Even today, for those outside the Church in good faith, not possessing the *sacrament* of Penance, it is the only means for forgiveness of sins.

The sacrament of Reconciliation is a sacrament in which the priest, as the agent of God, forgives sins committed after Baptism, when the sinner is heartily sorry for them, sincerely confesses them, and is willing to make satisfaction for them. By his death on the Cross, Jesus Christ redeemed man from sin and from the consequences of his sin, especially from the eternal death that is sin's due. So it is not surprising that on the very day he rose from the dead, Jesus instituted the sacrament by which men's sins could be forgiven.

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