

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, Anointing Mass

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



CORPUS CHRISTI - YEAR A

11/06/2023

First reading

Deuteronomy 8:2-3,14-16

Moses said to the people: 'Remember how the Lord your God led you for forty years in the wilderness, to humble you, to test you and know your inmost heart – whether you would keep his commandments or not. He humbled you, he made you feel hunger, he fed you with manna which neither you nor your fathers had known, to make you understand that man does not live on bread alone but that man lives on everything that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

'Do not become proud of heart. Do not forget the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery: who guided you through this vast and dreadful wilderness, a land of fiery serpents, scorpions, thirst; who in this waterless place brought you water from the hardest rock; who in this wilderness fed you with manna that your fathers had not known.'

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 147:12-15,19-20

Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.

Second reading

1 Corinthians 10:16-17

The blessing-cup that we bless is a communion with the blood of Christ, and the bread that we break is a communion with the body of Christ. The fact that

there is only one loaf means that, though there are many of us, we form a single body because we all have a share in this one loaf.

Gospel Acclamation

John 6:51-52

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live for ever. Alleluia!

Gospel

John 6:51-58

Jesus said to the crowd: 'I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world.' Then the Jews started arguing with one another: 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' they said. Jesus replied: 'I tell you most solemnly, if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you will not have life in you. Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood has eternal life, and I shall raise him up on the last day. For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I live in him. As I, who am sent by the living Father, myself draw life from the Father, so whoever eats me will draw life from me. This is the bread come down from heaven; not like the bread our ancestors ate: they are dead, but anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.'

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Prayers of the Faithfull:

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

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

For our recently departed, James Dunstan, Lorna Miller, Debbie Davis, Christine Hassell, Joan McCauley, John McCormack, John Dunne and those who's anniversaries occur at this time.

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

Communion Antiphon

Jn 6: 57

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.

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ANNIVERSARIES

John Hicks, Russell McIntosh, Jack Love, Murray McCook, Brian McPherson, Jack Fowles, Alex Blair and Matilde Vickery.

Readers: Sat: 5:00pm Paul Whyte Sun: 9:30am Steve McCrohan

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

Cleaning Roster: Sat 17th June Kate Tobin



PARISH NOTICES

Parish Solemnity - The Immaculate Heart of Mary:

Next Saturday, the 17th June is the feast of The Immaculate Heart of Mary. The Immaculate Heart of Mary is a devotion that honours the heart of Mary who was pure and immaculate and a model of holiness.

Because The Immaculate Heart of Mary is our parish patron, the Saturday morning Mass is celebrated as a solemnity.

Anointing of the Sick Mass: 10am Tuesday

Parish Sacramental Programme:

Will continue with preparations for the Sacrament of Reconciliation this week on Tuesday at 3:45pm till 5:00pm in the Parish Centre and continuing for another week after that with the Sacrament itself being 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 greatly 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.



CORPUS CHRISTI



Jesus instituted the Holy Eucharist during the Last Supper as a Sacramental banquet and a sacrificial offering.

As a Sacrament, the Holy Eucharist is an outward sign in and through which we meet Jesus who shares his life of grace with us. In this Sacrament of the Eucharist, we do meet Jesus, the Risen Lord who comes to us under signs of Bread and Wine to nourish and strengthen us for our journey through life. The Eucharistic Meal is a great mystery because during the Eucharistic celebration the substance of bread and wine are converted into the substance of the risen Jesus' Body and Blood, while their appearances (or 'accidents') remain. We believe in this miraculous change of bread and wine (called Transubstantiation), because Jesus unequivocally taught it and authorized his apostles to repeat it.

As a Sacrament, the Holy Eucharist imparts to us Jesus' abiding presence in our souls. In addition, we share in his Divine life, which is an assurance of eternal life and the basis for the conviction that we are children of God the Father.

Fr. Antony Kadavil Vatican News



WORD OF THE 'LIVING FATHER'

The Eucharist is given to us as a challenge and a promise. That's how Jesus presents it in today's Gospel. He doesn't make it easy for those who hear Him. They are repulsed and offended at His words. Even when they begin to quarrel, He insists on describing the eating and drinking of His flesh and blood in starkly literal terms. Four times in today's reading, Jesus uses a Greek word *trogein* that refers to a crude kind of eating, almost a gnawing or chewing.

He is testing their faith in His Word, as today's First Reading describes God testing Israel in the desert. The heavenly manna was not given to satisfy the Israelites' hunger, as Moses explains. It was given to show them that man does not live by bread alone but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.

In today's Psalm, too, we see a connection between God's Word and the bread of life. We sing of God filling us with "finest wheat" and proclaiming His Word to the world. In Jesus, "the living Father" has given us His Word come down from heaven, made flesh for the life of the world. Yet, as the Israelites grumbled in the desert, many in today's Gospel cannot accept that Word.

Even many of Jesus' own followers abandon Him after this discourse. But His words are Spirit and life, the words of eternal life. In the Eucharist we are made one flesh with Christ. We have His life in us and have our life because of Him. This is what Paul means in today's Epistle when he calls the Eucharist a "participation" in Christ's body and blood. We become in this sacrament partakers of the divine nature.

This is the mystery of the faith that Jesus asks us believe. And He gives us His promise: that, sharing in His flesh and blood that was raised from the dead, we too will be raised up on the last day.

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