

# 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**



## 13th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A 2/07/2023

**First reading**

**2 Kings 4:8-11,13-16**

One day as Elisha was on his way to Shunem, a woman of rank who lived there pressed him to stay and eat there. After this he always broke his journey for a meal when he passed that way. She said to her husband, 'Look, I am sure the man who is constantly passing our way must be a holy man of God. Let us build him a small room on the roof, and put him a bed in it, and a table and chair and lamp; whenever he comes to us he can rest there.' One day when he came, he retired to the upper room and lay down. He said to his servant Gehazi, 'Call our Shunammite. Tell her this: "Look, you have gone to all this trouble for us, what can we do for you? Is there anything you would like said for you to the king or to the commander of the army?"' But she replied, 'I live with my own people about me.' 'What can be done for her then?' he asked. Gehazi answered, 'Well, she has no son and her husband is old.' Elisha said, 'Call her.' The servant called her and she stood at the door. This time next year,' he said 'you will hold a son in your arms.'

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Psalm 88(89):2-3,16-19**

*For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.*

## Second reading

**Romans 6:3-4,8-11**

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life.

But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

## Gospel Acclamation

**1 Peter 2:9**

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people. Praise God who call you out of darkness and into his marvellous light. Alleluia.

## Gospel

**Matthew 10:37-42**

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me. Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it.

'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me.

'Anyone who welcomes a prophet will have a prophet's reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man will have a holy man's reward.

'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

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## Prayers of the Faithfull:

**For our sick**, Carmel Baker, Francis Blatchford, Rod Blatchford, Fr Terence Mahedy, Richard Drum, Lorie McLennan, Fr Reece Beltrame, Peter Tydeman, Gwen Abikhair 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

**Cf. Ps 102: 1**

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all within me, his holy name. *universalis.com*

## ANNIVERSARIES

Neville Peterson, Maria DeFazio, Matthew Edward Lee, Sarah Wong, Barry Pascoe and Sussane Bligton.

## PARISH NOTICES

### Thank you:

At the end of the Financial Year it is timely to thank all the donors who support our parish during the year. Without your weekly donations the parish could not continue to function. May God bless you for your generosity.



### 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.

**Library:** Educational & Inspirational DVDs available in the Church foyer, free to borrow and return. *See Denis Golden*

**Legion of Mary:** Mondays 9:00am, Tuesdays 8:45am

### Mobile Phones:

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



**Readers:** Sat: 5:00pm Peter Tobin Sun: 9:30am Simon Horsfall  
**Next week:** Sat: 5:00pm Paul Whyte Sun: 9:30am Steve McCrohan  
**Cleaning Roster:** Sat 8th July Mary & Ann Marie



## TO FIND OUR LIVES

The liturgy this week continues to instruct us in the elements of discipleship. We're told that even the most humble among us have a share in the mission Christ gives to His Church. We're not all called to the ministry of the Apostles or to be prophets like Elisha in today's First Reading. But each of us is called



to a holy life. At Baptism, our lives were joined forever to the Cross of Christ, as Paul tells us in today's Epistle. Baptized into His death, we're to renounce sin and live for God in Christ Jesus. We are to follow Him, each of us taking up our personal cross, as Jesus says in today's Gospel. That doesn't mean we will all be asked to suffer a martyr's death. But each of us is called to self-denial, to the offering of our lives in service of God's plan.

Jesus must be elevated to first place in our lives, above even our closest bonds of kinship and love. By Baptism, we've been made part of a new family: the kingdom of God, the Church. We are to proclaim that kingdom with our lives, bringing our fathers, our mothers, and all men and women to live as little ones under the fatherhood of God and the kingship of the Holy One. We do this by opening our hearts and homes to the service of the Lord, following the Shunnamite woman's example in the First Reading.

*Extract: Scott Hahn [stpaulcenter.com](http://stpaulcenter.com)*

## SAINT THOMAS, APOSTLE

St. Thomas was born a Jew and was called to be one of the twelve Apostles. His birth and death dates are unknown, but his feast day is celebrated July 3. He is recognized as the patron saint of architects. He was a dedicated but impetuous follower of Christ. When Jesus said He was returning to Judea to visit His sick friend Lazarus, Thomas immediately exhorted the other Apostles to accompany Him on the trip which involved certain danger and possible death because of the mounting hostility of the authorities.



At the Last Supper, when Christ told His disciples that He was going to prepare a place for them to which they also might come because they knew both the place and the way, Thomas pleaded that they did not understand and received the beautiful assurance that Christ is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. St. Thomas is best known

for his role in verifying the Resurrection of his Master. Thomas' unwillingness to believe that the other Apostles had seen their risen Lord on the first Easter Sunday earned him the title of "doubting Thomas."

Eight days later, on Christ's second apparition, Thomas was gently rebuked for his scepticism and furnished with the evidence he had demanded - seeing in Christ's hands the point of the nails. Thomas even put his fingers in the nail holes and his hand into Christ's side. After verifying the wounds were true, St. Thomas became convinced of the reality of the Resurrection and exclaimed, "My Lord and My God," thus making a public Profession of Faith in the Divinity of Jesus. St. Thomas is also mentioned as being present at another Resurrection appearance of Jesus - at Lake Tiberias, when a miraculous catch of fish occurred. This is all that we know about St. Thomas from the New Testament. Tradition says that at the dispersal of the Apostles after Pentecost this saint was sent to evangelize to the Parthians, Medes, and Persians.

He ultimately reached India, carrying the Faith to the Malabar coast, which still boasts a large native population calling themselves "Christians of St. Thomas." According to tradition, Thomas was killed in an accident when a fowler shot at a peacock and struck Thomas instead. Following his death, some of his relics were taken to Edessa while the rest were kept in what is now known as India. They can still be found within the San Thome Basilica in Chennai, Mylapore, India. The relics taken to Edessa were moved in 1258 to Italy, where they can be found in the Cathedral of St. Thomas the Apostle in Ortona, Italy. However, it is believed that Saint Thomas' skull rests in the Monastery of Saint John the Theologian on the Greek Island Patmos. In art, Saint Thomas is commonly depicted as a young man holding a scroll, or as a young adult touching the resurrected Christ's wounds. *Extract: catholic.org*