

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



14th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A 9/07/2023

First reading

Zechariah 9:9-10

The Lord says this: Rejoice heart and soul, daughter of Zion! Shout with gladness, daughter of Jerusalem! See now, your king comes to you; he is victorious, he is triumphant, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. He will banish chariots from Ephraim and horses from Jerusalem; the bow of war will be banished. He will proclaim peace for the nations. His empire shall stretch from sea to sea, from the River to the ends of the earth.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 144(145):1-2,8-11,13b-14

I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

Second reading

Romans 8:9,11-13

Your interests are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him, and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves

or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live.

Gospel Acclamation

cf Matthew 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 11:25-30

Jesus exclaimed, 'I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children. Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

'Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.'

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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, Lourdes Quinn, Eileen Jacobs, Patrick Gleason and those who's anniversaries occur at this time.

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Communion Antiphon

Ps 33: 9

Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.

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ANNIVERSARIES

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

LISTEN

There is a great need to listen to and to hear one another. It is the most precious and life-giving gift we can offer each other. Listening without prejudice, attentively and openly, gives rise to speaking according to God's style, nurtured by closeness, compassion and tenderness. We have a pressing need for communication that kindles hearts, that is balm on wounds and that shines light on the journey of our brothers and sisters.



Pope Francis

PARISH NOTICES

Bishop Mark's Visit:

A warm welcome to Bishop Mark who will be at the 9:30am Mass this Sunday. After Mass there will be a morning tea giving parishioners an opportunity to meet the Bishop.



Catechists:

We **urgently** need Catechists for Thurgoona Public School. Please 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 Paul Whyte Sun: 9:30am Steve McCrohan

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

Cleaning Roster: Sat 15th July McCrohan family



Aid to the
Church in Need

ACN AUSTRALIA NEW ZEALAND

This month *Aid to the Church in Need* is raising money to build a parish house in Sierra Leone.

The parishioners of the parish of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour have been trying to help their priest, Father Emmanuel Allie who is living in a house that is decaying due to heavy rainfall and salt-laden sea air. The parishioners have already been trying to help their priest, but they themselves are poor and have little to give, despite making sacrifices. In any case, their priest felt it was far more important to first of all build a parish church before thinking of himself.

So now they have exhausted what financial resources they had. ACN has promised to help but we need your help to make this possible. To learn more and to make an offering scan the QR code or visit www.aidtochurch.org/monthlyprojector.



SEA SUNDAY

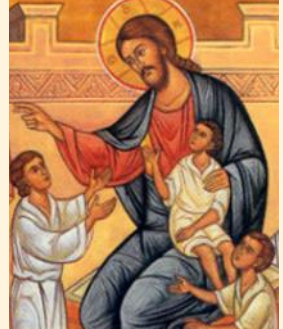


STELLA MARIS

Jesus says, “Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest.” Today we are asked by the universal church to remember especially the seafarers sailing the oceans of the world because they are especially “overburdened.” Here in Australia, we enjoy a lifestyle that is envied by many overseas. That lifestyle is supported almost entirely by the efforts of seafarers who bring to us our food, furniture, motor vehicles and white goods. These seafarers, more than thirty percent of whom come from the Philippines, work long hours in conditions that most of us would not tolerate. They suffer from constant noise, vibration, fear of illness or injury whilst at sea, loneliness and depression. We are all beneficiaries of their work. Responding to the call by Jesus to his followers, the volunteers, chaplains and ship visitors of Stella Maris do whatever they can to assist these workers whilst they are in our ports. Around Australia, seafarers are welcomed, and transported to city centres and to Stella Maris centres where they can relax and contact their families. You can assist that work by your prayers and by making a financial contribution. You may visit our website to volunteer or to donate to our Sea Sunday Appeal. stellamarisaustralia.org.

A YOKE FOR THE CHILDLIKE

Jesus is portrayed in today’s Gospel as a new and greater Moses. Moses, the meekest man on earth, was God’s friend. Only he knew God “face to face”. He gave Israel the yoke of the Law, through which God first revealed Himself and how we are to live. Jesus, too, is meek and humble. But He is more than God’s friend. He is the Son who alone knows the Father. He is more also than a law-giver, presenting Himself today as the yoke of a new Law and as the revealed Wisdom of God. As Wisdom, Jesus was present before creation as the firstborn of God, the Father and Lord of heaven and earth. And He gives knowledge of the holy things of the kingdom of God. In the gracious will of the Father, Jesus reveals these things only to the “childlike”, those who humble themselves before Him as little children. These alone can recognize and receive Jesus as the just saviour and meek king promised to Israel, in today’s First Reading. We too are called to childlike faith in the Father’s goodness as sons and daughters of the new kingdom, the Church. We are to live by the Spirit we received in Baptism, putting to death our old ways as Paul exhorts in today’s Epistle. Our “yoke” is to be His new law of love, by which we enter into the “rest” of His kingdom. This is the sabbath rest promised by Jesus, the rest first anticipated by Moses, but which still awaits the people of God.



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