



# Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Thurgoona

Mary said to the servants: "Do whatever He tells you" John 2:5

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### Sunday Mass Times

Saturday (vigil) 6:00pm  
Sunday 9:30am

### Weekday Mass Times

Monday 8:00am  
Tuesday 10:00am  
Wednesday 8:00am  
Thursday 5:30pm  
Friday 8:00am  
Saturday 8:00am

### Reconciliation

Thursday 4:45pm - 5:15pm  
Saturday 8:30am - 9:00am  
5:30pm - 5:55pm  
Sunday 9:00am - 9:25am  
Or anytime, just ask Father

### Adoration with Benediction

Thursday 4:30pm - 5:25pm

### Baptism and Marriage

By appointment

### Anointing of the sick Mass

2<sup>nd</sup> Tue of Feb, Apr, Jun, Aug,  
Oct & Dec.

### Working Bee

Saturdays 9:00am - 11:00am

**Third Sunday of Advent 17<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

### Communion Antiphon

Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear.  
Behold, our God will come, and he will save us. **Isa 35:4**

### PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFULL

**For our sick:** Maria Cordoba, Rosa Coutella,  
Mark Mannering, Laurie Evans, Carmel Baker,  
Rod Blatchford, Richard Drum, Lorie McLennan,  
Fr Reece Beltrame, Peter Tydeman, Gwen Abikhair  
and Jackson Davis.

**Let us pray to the Lord. R. Lord hear our prayer.**

**For our recently departed:** Mary Thomas, Tony Grace,  
and all those who's anniversaries occur around this time.

**Let us pray to the Lord. R. Lord hear our prayer.**

**December Anniversaries:** Mathys Joordens, Douglas  
Thomson, David Nelson, Eileen Moran, Fr Frank Young,  
Fr Jim Esler, Fr Jim Victory, Gary Smith, Heather  
Parker, Leone Bouquet, Marjorie Ptasiuk, Pope Emeritus  
Benedict XVI, Ronald Devlin, Moira Hicks.

### ROSTERS

**Readers:** Sat: 6:00pm Paul Whyte  
Sun: 9:30am Mark Mannering  
**Next week:** Sat: 6:00pm Peter Tobin  
Sun: 9:30am Mary Hankin  
**Cleaning:** Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec Marion Whyte

### Please SUPPORT OUR PARISH

BSB 066-789

**Presbytery Account (1<sup>st</sup> Collection)** No. 100 005 587

**Parish Account (2<sup>nd</sup> Collection)** No. 100 003 738

**BPOINT:** www.ourparish.au/donate

## PARISH NOTICES

**Christmas Carols on the Green** 7:00pm this Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2023 at Thurgoona Catholic Parish, 20 Hartigan Street, Thurgoona. Sausage sizzle provided, please BYO salad and drinks. ALL WELCOME.

**Christmas Mass times** Christmas Eve, Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December 6:00pm.

Christmas Day, Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December 9:30am

**Thank-you** It is time to again thank all of you who have helped to keep our parish up and running this year, including but not limited to (and in no particular order):- Saturday Working Bee helpers, Martha's Kitchen workers, Sacristan, Bulletin and Website creators, The Have-a-Chat Ladies, Legion of Mary members, Altar servers, Liturgical/Mass preparation helpers, church cleaners, weekly financial contributors, Christmas Crib Constructor, Parish handymen, Pastoral Council members, State Religious Education Teachers, Raffle organisers and fund raisers, the MACE Sisters, Collectors, Counters, Bankers, Gardeners, Mowers, Home Care givers, Adorers, Altar linen carers, Accountant and Bookkeeper, Welcoming team & Bulletin distributors, Cantors, Choir, Musicians, and PC operators, Parish records registrar, St Vincent de Paul volunteers, Meal providers, Flower arrangers and Florist, Lectors, Finance Committee; and all of you in supporting each other by your weekly witness to the Faith. Thank-you and may Almighty God Bless you and your families for your kindness and goodwill!

**Feed My Lambs:** St. Martha's Kitchen is preparing Christmas Hampers for those who are finding it difficult to put food on their table at Christmas. We appeal to you once again to be part of this Project by placing any pantry items in the Feed My Lamb Box in the Foyer of the Church. Once the Hampers are completed they will be delivered to those in need. If you know of a family that would benefit having a Hamper please do not hesitate to contact us. Our Parish has always given great support to this Project, not all of us can be in the Kitchen, however, this is your way of joining with us bringing joy to others at this special time of the year. "For I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink" (Mt 25:35-37). For further information please contact Denis Golden.

**Aid to the Church in Need** We welcome Anne Reeves to the parish this weekend to talk to us about the important work of Aid to the Church in Need which exists to support suffering, oppressed and persecuted Christians. In fact, they are the only international Catholic charity dedicated to this mission.

**Twenty Fifth (25<sup>th</sup>) Anniversary** As the Universal Church celebrated the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception on the 8<sup>th</sup> of December, we recall with great gratitude that it was on this Feast Day, 25 years ago that Bishop William Brennan dedicated the Thurgoona Parish to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. On this wonderful occasion, we thank Our Blessed Mother for the many graces we have received from Our Lord through her powerful intercession over this time, and we once again renew the consecration of our Parish, our families and ourselves to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

**Parish Council:** If you have any suggestions or concerns about anything at all, please contact one of our Parish Council representatives:

Maria Sparshott (Chair); Simon Horsfall (Dep Chair); Sandy Zeromski (Sec)  
Denis Devcich; Jodie Cunningham; Denis Golden; Mark Mannering; Mary Seidel