



# Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Thurgoona

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

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time 28<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

### Communion Antiphon

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven. Blessed are the meek, for they shall possess the land.  
**Mt 5:3-4**

### PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFULL

**For our sick:** Neil Nand, Paul Murphy, Rosa Coutella, Laurie Evans, Carmel Baker, Rod Blatchford, Richard Drum, Lorie McLennan, Fr Reece Beltrame, Peter Tydeman, and Gwen Abikhair.  
**Let us pray to the Lord. R. Lord hear our prayer.**

**For our recently departed:** Helen Palmer and for all those who's anniversaries occur around this time.  
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**January Anniversaries:** Aaron Chambers, Beryl Ahern, Cardinal George Pell, Chris Horsfall, Delma Kennedy Edward Williams, Jenny Powell, Joan Letchford John Corby, John Crawford, June Cox, Patricia McFarland, Peter Kerstjens, Pushpa Vijay, Ron Chambers, Shirley Bevan, Terrance Charles Benson

### ROSTERS

**Readers:** Sat: 6:00pm Mary Seidel  
Sun: 9:30am Michael Sparshott  
**Next week:** Sat: 6:00pm Denis Golden  
Sun: 9:30am Mark Mannering  
**Cleaning:** Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb Kate Tobin

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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

## PARISH NOTICES

### Collect (Opening Prayer)

Grant us, Lord our God,  
that we may honour you with all our mind,  
and love everyone in truth of heart.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever. Amen.

### Candlemas; the Feast of the Presentation next Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> of February:

Candlemas, also known as the Feast of the Presentation, or the Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary, is a Catholic feast day commemorating the presentation of Jesus at the Temple which we read about in the Gospel of Luke 2:22-40. It falls on 2 February, which is traditionally the 40th day of and the conclusion of the Christmas–Epiphany season. On Candlemas, *the faithful may take their candles to their local church*, where they are blessed and then used for the rest of the year; these blessed candles serve as a symbol of Jesus Christ, the Light of the World.

### Pietà—Lenten Program 2024:

We will shortly have copies of the Pietà—Lenten Program 2024 available for \$8.00 per copy. Embark on a transformative Lenten journey with Pietà, an 80-page (full-colour book) containing short daily reflections (from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday) perfect for individual devotional reading in addition to the longer-form Sunday Scripture readings, reflections, prayers, questions and visio divina that traditionally form part of Lenten group gatherings. You are invited to reflect on the Sunday readings through art with the popular Monsignor Graham Schmitzer. This year's program includes religious artworks from the Masters, there will also be visio divina ("divine seeing")—an ancient form of Christian prayer in which we allow our hearts and imaginations to enter into a sacred image, in silence, to see what God might have to say to us. As an additional treat, and at the request of the National Liturgical Commission, Monsignor Graham Schmitzer has written "A Conversation About Confession"—a short formational reflection on the beauty of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. If you would like a copy set aside for you, please see either Denis Golden or Fr Anthony.

### The Memorare:

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known  
that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help,  
or sought thy intercession, was left unaided.  
Inspired by this confidence I fly to thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother.  
To thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful.  
O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions,  
but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

**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