



# 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

**First Sunday of Lent** 18<sup>th</sup> February 2024

### Communion Antiphon

The Lord will conceal you with his pinions,  
and under his wings you will trust. Cf. Ps 90: 4

### PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFULL

**For our sick:** Les Cruthers, Rachel McAuley,  
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:** Florence Murphy,  
Angela Poole and for all those who's anniversaries occur  
around this time.

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**February Anniversaries:** Andrew Trethowan,  
Aymidee Deguara, Betty Park, Brian (Michael) Baker,  
Bro Chris Greck, Dallas Hanrahan, Gregory Tozer,  
Jade Smith, Lindon Stewart

### ROSTERS

**Readers:** Sat: 6:00pm Peter Tobin  
Sun: 9:30am Maria Sparshott  
**Next week:** Sat: 6:00pm Mary Seidel  
Sun: 9:30am Simon Horsfall  
**Cleaning:** Sat 24<sup>th</sup> Feb Mary & Ann Marie

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

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## PARISH NOTICES

### Collect (Opening Prayer)

Grant, almighty God,  
through the yearly observances of holy Lent,  
that we may grow in understanding  
of the riches hidden in Christ  
and by worthy conduct pursue their effects.  
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.

**Stations of the Cross:** will be held in the gardens each Friday evening at 6:00pm  
throughout the season of Lent. All most welcome!

**Lenten Groups:** there will be two (2) Lenten Groups running in the parish throughout  
the season of Lent as a way of entering more deeply into the Paschal Mystery and  
gaining a deeper understanding of the readings in the Church's liturgy. Fr Anthony will  
host one group on Tuesday evenings in the Marian Centre at 7:00pm and Pauline will  
host the second group on Thursday mornings at 10:30am at her home. If you would like  
further information, please contact Fr Anthony on 6088 6222 or Pauline on 0419 807  
065. All most welcome!

**Anointing of the sick Mass.** Will be celebrated this Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February at 10:00am.  
**Who cares about chocolate?** Three days into Lent and we've given some thought to  
what we will give up this year. Chocolate. Not too difficult. Alcohol. Might have to think  
for another week about that one. Swearing. Yelling at the kids. OK, don't go too deep...

The prophet Isaiah has a message from the Lord we might not like.

Put simply, we're looking in the wrong place.

Putting a habit on hold or beating off an addiction for 40 days might make us feel  
justified in our piousness, but in isolation it is mere tokenism.

The Lord says try these: Let the oppressed go free. Share your bread with the hungry.

Shelter the homeless poor. Clothe the naked man.

C'mon that'll take more than 40 days, surely.

Yes. And that is precisely the point. Our chocolate eating is of little consequence to God.

Our inability to see the world's (and Australia's) starving or homeless or oppressed as  
our brothers and sisters is of the utmost importance.

If we want our light to shine like the dawn, if we want the Lord to answer when we cry,  
we can start the journey this Lent. Keep munching chocolate while we make a real  
decision. A life-changing one. Now. (*Reprinted from - Living Word: Daily Gospel  
reflections, Catholic Archdiocese of Canberra & Goulburn.*)

**St Vincent de Paul** are seeking new members. Volunteering for Vinnies is a rich and  
rewarding experience. Use your skills and experience to make a difference in the lives of  
people who need assistance the most. For details call Paul on 0401 999 915.

**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