



# Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Thurgoona

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

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time    4<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

### Communion Antiphon

Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be consoled.  
Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,  
for they shall have their fill. **Mt 5:5-6**

### 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:** Helen Palmer 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

<b>Readers:</b>	Sat: 6:00pm	Denis Golden
	Sun: 9:30am	Mark Mannering
<b>Next week:</b>	Sat: 6:00pm	Paul Whyte
	Sun: 9:30am	Mary Hankin
<b>Cleaning:</b>	Sat 10 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Yolla & Grace

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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)

Keep your family safe, O Lord, with unfailing care,  
that, relying solely on the hope of heavenly grace,  
they may be defended always by your protection.

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.

**Hav-a-Chat:** Our first gathering for 2024 will be held in the Marian Centre on 12th February 2024 commencing at 12.30pm. Enjoy a 2 course Meal with Tea and Coffee at a cost of \$15. If you know of any ladies who would like to join in with the Hav-a-Chat luncheon bring them along, they are all most welcomed. For catering purposes please contact Pauline Pascoe 0419 807 065 or Denis Golden.

**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.

**St Augustine of Hippo (354 - 430):** Augustine was born in Thagaste in Africa of a Berber family. He was brought up a Christian but left the Church early and spent a great deal of time seriously seeking the truth, first in the Manichaean heresy, which he abandoned on seeing how nonsensical it was, and then in Neoplatonism, until at length, through the prayers of his mother and the teaching of St Ambrose of Milan, he was converted back to Christianity and baptized in 387, shortly before his mother's death.

Augustine had a brilliant legal and academic career, but after his conversion he returned home to Africa and led an ascetic life. He was elected Bishop of Hippo and spent 34 years looking after his flock, teaching them, strengthening them in the faith and protecting them strenuously against the errors of the time. He wrote an enormous amount and left a permanent mark on both philosophy and theology. His *Confessions*, as dazzling in style as they are deep in content, are a landmark of world literature.

**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