



Welcome to **OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH**

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Reconciliation: Saturday 4.45pm

Mass times: Saturday: 6:00pm Vigil | Sunday: 9.30am & 5.30pm

Tues - Thur: 10am, & Fri: 5.30pm

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We acknowledge and respect the living culture of the Giabal and Jarowair peoples, past, present and emerging, the traditional custodians of the land on which we meet.

Sunday, 11th October 2020 **Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A**

First Reading

[Is 25:6-10](#)

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all people a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines, of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines. On this mountain he will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples, and the shroud enwrapping all nations, he will destroy Death for ever. The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek; he will take away his people's shame everywhere on earth, for the Lord has said so. That day, it will be said: See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation; the Lord is the one in whom we hoped. We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us; for the hand of the Lord rests on this mountain.

Responsorial Psalm

[Ps 22. R. v.6](#)

(R.) I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

1. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. (R.)
2. He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear. You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort. (R.)

3. You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. (R.)
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever. (R.)

Second Reading

[Phil 4:12-14. 19-20](#)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I have been through my initiation and now I am ready for anything anywhere: full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength. All the same, it was good of you to share with me in my hardships. In return my God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation

[See Eph 1:17-18](#)

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called. Alleluia!

Gospel

[Mt 22:1-14](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: 'The kingdom of

heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have been invited" he said "that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding." But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He dispatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding." So these servants went out onto the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests. When the king came in to look at the guests he noticed one man who was not wearing a wedding garment, and said to him, "How did you get in here, my friend, without a wedding garment?" And the man was silent. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot and throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'

Next Week's Readings (18th October 2020) 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

1st Reading: Is 45:1,4-6 2nd Reading: 1 Thess 1:1-5 Gospel: Mt 22:15-21

Parish Activities

CHILDREN'S LITURGY - on hold until further notice.

BAPTISM information nights are held on the 1st Wednesday of the month. Please phone the office if you wish to attend.

LOURDES PRAYER GROUP - meet after the 10am Mass every Tuesday.

LITURGY GROUP - meet every 4th Monday of the month at 7:00pm in the presbytery.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL - meet fortnightly on Thursday mornings in the quiet room at the church at 8:00am.

CRAFT & FRIENDSHIP GROUP - meet every Thursday at 10:00am in the quiet room at the church.

ECUMENISM GROUP - meet the fourth Saturday of each month at 9:30am in the Children's Liturgy Room followed by a cuppa.

PARENTS WITH YOUNG CHILDREN M'TEA GROUP - on hold until further notice.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT - Friday afternoons in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel from 1:00pm - 5:30pm.

MEDITATION - on hold until further notice.


SOCIAL JUSTICE - meet 1st Sunday of the month at 10:30am in the quiet room of the Church.

Parish Councillors

Sue Whitelegg, Robie Jayawardhana, John Dwan, Leisa Fanning, Leigh Brady, Rosie Glassey, Julius Soriano, Jasmine Quinlan and Brian Roberts.

Parish Safeguarding Children & Vulnerable Adults Representatives:

Our Parish is committed to supporting the right of everybody to be and feel safe. Concerns about the safety of children or vulnerable persons may be raised with our Parish Safeguarding Representatives (**Joe & Sarah Kelly 0437 839 838**). If you believe anybody is at immediate risk of harm you should phone 000. Further details of safeguarding procedures can be found on the noticeboard.



Have you thought?
Inclusivity

This gospel parable reflects the inclusive way in which Jesus lived his life. In many ways, Jesus was a scandal in his society because he didn't obey the social boundaries. He was very clear in being inclusive and attentive to those who were normally shunned. Today, those boundaries are just as clear and easily identified but the methods of excluding people have perhaps become a bit more subtle. Who are the 'shunned' and 'left out' in our society today? Where do the boundaries lie? Who would Jesus be reaching out to and seeking to include in today's society?

Reflection...

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As incredible as it may seem, some people turn down the invitation to the eschatological banquet. This is the case, both in the parable and in our world today. This invitation seems much less interesting than a sports event, the latest movie, or some social affair. So much of our time and energy is spent either climbing the economic ladder or just trying to keep our heads above water. Even if we are interested in the banquet, we do not seem able to afford the time and energy that it might require. And so we send our regrets: I cannot come. What a shame! We seem to have forgotten that everything is tending toward the end; all of our plans, interests and distractions will cease. Only the banquet will remain. All God asks of us is that we receive the blessings that have been prepared for us. We need not work for them. In fact, we cannot work for them on our own. All we can do is enjoy them. Enjoyment of the eschatological time of fulfilment is open to all, but guaranteed to none.

One theme seems to connect all of the readings for this Sunday, our total dependence on God. God spreads the banquet table and invites the guests; God punishes those who are indifferent to or antagonistic toward the eschatological banquet; God supplies whatever we need in whatever circumstances we find ourselves. We do not have to bargain with God, or make reservations. All we have to do is accept what God has to offer.



Historical context

This gospel parable is a reflection of the way in which the message of God has been extended to people through time. The first invitation was extended to the Israelites who initially accepted the message of God but in time lost the focus. Jesus further extended the invitation to the Gentiles, viewed by the Jews as unworthy of such a relationship with God. Finally, within the early Christian communities there were some who, despite belonging to the community, failed to live appropriately and demonstrate their acceptance of the message of God.

Thought of the week...



"THE RECENT PANDEMIC ENABLED US TO RECOGNIZE AND APPRECIATE ONCE MORE ALL THOSE AROUND US WHO, IN THE MIDST OF FEAR, RESPONDED BY PUTTING THEIR LIVES ON THE LINE. WE BEGAN TO REALISE THAT OUR LIVES ARE INTERWOVEN WITH AND SUSTAINED BY ORDINARY PEOPLE VALIANTLY SHAPING THE DECISIVE EVENTS OF OUR SHARED HISTORY."

FRATELLI TUTTI
www.catholic.org.au/fratellitutti

Please Pray For...

Recently Deceased: Dorothy Moyle

Anniversaries: Ivan Mahoney, Leo Anderson, Roslyn Kruger, Ellen Williamson, Kath Wynne, Helena McIlwain, Brian Sharpe, Patrick Cleary.

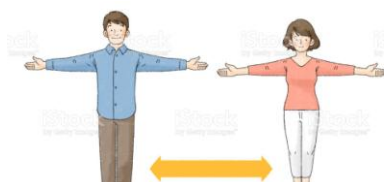
Those Who Are Sick: Charles Shann, Ron Blades, Fr Don Murray, John & Jill Donnalay, Sr Maureen Hickling MSS, Judy Reardon, Carol Griffiths, Delima Faigl, Ava Bateman, Marlene Green, Peggy Thies, Lillian Roberts, Colleen Lynch, Don Gallaway, Patricia Lucas, David Martin, Vince Nugent, Cathy Smith, Maureen Butler, Damian Laurence, Patty Ryan, Valarie Reibelt, John Axtell, Ted Schulz, Noel O'Mara, Mick O'Mara, Patricia & Patrick Wright, Barbara Jimmieson, Tanya Prince.

October Birthdays: Fr John Quinlan, Matt Stower, Annette Bishop, Brian Bowe, Jenny Packer, Anne Suhr, Dorothy, O'Connor, Margaret Barrie, Gerardine Borger, Jenny Packer, Bernadette Smith, Sr Pat Quinn, Isabella Dwan, Angus Dwan and Carol Rawlinson.

Parish Notices...

New Mass Plan – What you need to know

- The New Mass Plan commences on the weekend of 17th/18th Oct
- On-line bookings open Monday 12th Oct at 10am and close at 4pm on Saturday.
- Those people on Mass Ministries will be pre-booked prior to the bookings opening
- Please contact the Parish Staff for support with your on-line bookings
- You do not need to print or bring your ticket
- Our COVID Safe Plan is still in effect
- You must have your name checked off the attendance list as you arrive and hand sanitise
- The current seating plan ceases after this weekend
- Seating choice now becomes your responsibility
- Social distancing regulations are still mandatory
- Please respect other people's right to social distancing. If you and a person from a different household can touch with outstretched arms, you are too close



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Online Booking Workshops

There will be two more workshops this week to learn how to navigate the online booking system so please come along to learn the process and become familiar with how easy it is. They will be held in the church on:

- Monday 12th October at 10am
- Tuesday 13th October following the 10am Mass

Saint Mary Mackillop Rosary Beads

The Saint Mary of the Cross Mackillop Rosary Beads to commemorate her canonisation on 17th October 2010 have now arrived. Those parishioners who ordered a set can call into the Parish Office to collect. Cost is \$33 per set including GST. If you'd like a set but didn't order them, contact the office as we have a few spares.

Daily Mass Books 2021

For anyone wanting to order a Daily Mass Book for next year, please notify the office. \$24.50 each

Date Claimers:

- 27th Oct – Anointing Mass 10am
- 1st Nov – All Saints Day
- 2nd Nov – All Souls Day

Anointing Mass 10am Tues 27th Oct 2020

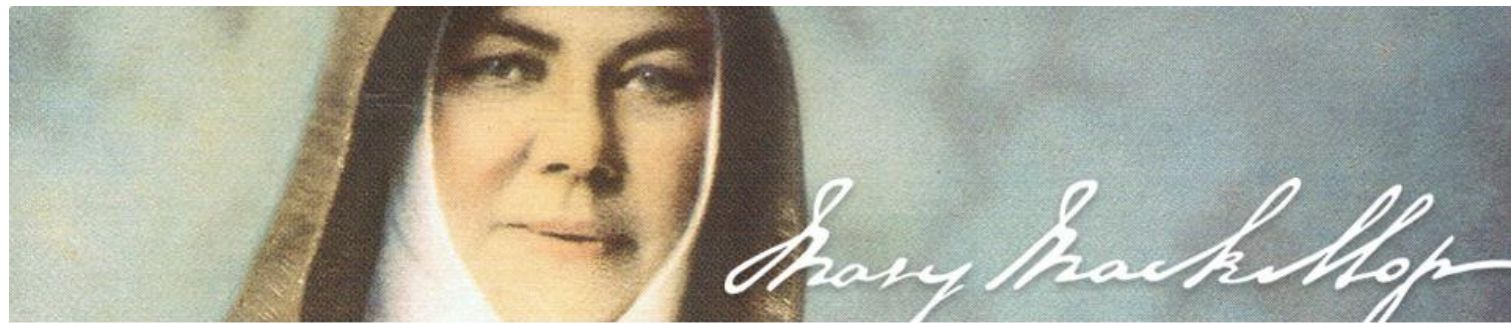
Please phone the office to book in for this Mass. We sometimes get around 80 people to an anointing Mass so please register your intent to attend so you don't miss out. If you require transport to the Anointing Mass or if you are able to provide transport please contact the Parish Office on 4634 1453.

Parish Bulletin

Additional copies of the Parish Bulletin are available from the front of the Presbytery after 2pm each Friday.

Next Week's Roster...

Time	Welcomers	Commentator	Ministers of the Word	Extraordinary Minister	Ipad Operator	Sanitising Squad	Piety Stall
17 th Oct 6.00pm	L Stephens K Roberts	L Borger	Sr M Cleary J Soriano	K Roberts	J Soriano	Soriano family	D Clark
18 th Oct 8am	Poulton Family	L Bentley	J Coonan K Kruger	J Coman	S Connolly	Coman Family	---
18 th Oct 9.30am	Dwan family	M Ondrus	C Rawlinson S Kelly	J Kelly	C & J Anderson	Conrick family	C Dias
18 th Oct 5.30pm	Stark family	C Golightly	M Whitelegg L Hammond	J Axtell	K Langdale	Stark family	V Barker



Australia's first Saint.

"Let us try to keep God with us by charity of thought, word and act."

10th anniversary of the canonisation of Australia's first saint, St Mary of the Cross MacKillop.

As Australia's first Saint we reflect anew on this woman close to our hearts who demonstrated a passion for justice, a respect for human dignity, the courage of her convictions and feminist leadership, our own Mary MacKillop. She set hearts of the young women who flocked to join her on fire; she was true to her values and unwaveringly acted accordingly. She knew hardship, illness and concerns about the congregation and her family. Her life was anchored in the love of the God she trusted and in providential care she placed her life. As her followers we applaud her place in society, and in the church. We appreciate the example that she has given us to live by. May this celebration of the ten years since canonisation grant us a deeper understanding of her greatness and holiness and inspire us by her courage and faithfulness. Let us celebrate this wonderful woman and ask God's blessings that we have the strength and inspiration to live the best life we possibly can.

<https://www.sosj.org.au/our-inspirational-saint-mary-of-the-cross/>

Diocesan eNews...

ENCYCLICAL LETTER FRATELLI TUTTI

Pope Francis has released the third encyclical letter of his pontificate: *Fratelli Tutti* (*Brothers and Sisters All*). The document focuses on the ideas of friendship and human solidarity, and is seen as particularly relevant during the time of COVID-19. [The full encyclical letter can be found here.](#) A number of images have been created for social media and other online contexts, highlighting some of the Pope's messages from the encyclical. [Download images here.](#) You'll note there is a URL at the bottom of the images to this [page on the Bishops Conference website.](#) You'll find the resources, a link to the encyclical and the Bishops Conference's media release on that page.

BISHOP MICHAEL PUTNEY MEMORIAL LECTURE - PATHWAYS TO PEACE: Ecumenical Formation in a Conflict-Ridden World

Date: 20/10/20 Tuesday

Time: 7:30pm (AEST)

QLD Churches Together and the Brisbane Roman Catholic Council for Ecumenism and Inter-Religious Relations invite you to the Bishop Putney Memorial Lecture via Zoom. This lecture will be presented by Dr Sara Gehlin, Faculty of Theology, University of Helsinki. [See flyer for details.](#)

GIVE AWAY: ROPES

The Diocesan Archives is currently having a clean up. There are 4 containers full of sturdy ropes for anyone who might have a need. Would be good for anything - from games and activities to securing items ([see photos for example](#)). Contact the Diocesan Archives on dioarch@twb.catholic.org.au or 46327484 if interested.

Reminder: Upcoming Dates

Sychar: Journal Writing Workshop with Sr Pat Quinn: Saturday 7/11/20 [See flyer for further details.](#)



On **October 10/11, 2020** our parish/diocese will be holding the annual **Catholic Mission Church Appeal**. This year we are invited to partner with the Church in Cambodia.

Still today, landmine accidents are prevalent in Cambodia, a cruel reminder of the country's troubled past, even for those who were not yet born during the tumultuous years of the Khmer Rouge. Catholic Mission is reaching out to those affected by landmine accidents and by disability and giving them hope and support to live a fulfilling life.

You have the opportunity to support Catholic Mission through the following ways, as it continues this essential work.

Text to Give option: Please Text GIVE to 048 885 4436 and follow the prompts (enter your parish name in the notes)

Donate online: catholicmission.org.au/Cambodia

Appeal Envelope: Available in the Church



Freecall: 1800 257 296
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