



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

Tuesdays at 10am

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

Sunday, 1st May 2021 Fifth Sunday of Easter - Yr B

First Reading

[Acts 9:26-31](#)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

He explained how the Lord appeared to Saul and spoke to him on his journey.

When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him: they could not believe he was really a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge of him, introduced him to the apostles, and explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his journey, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. Saul now started to go round with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hellenists, and argued with them, they became determined to kill him. When the brothers knew, they took him to Caesarea, and sent him off from there to Tarsus.

The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord, and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

Responsorial Psalm

[Ps 21:26-28, 30-32. R. v.26](#)

(R.) I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

1. My vows I will pay before those who fear him. The poor shall eat and shall have their fill. They shall praise the Lord, those who seek him. May their hearts live for ever and ever! (R.)

2. All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord, all families of the nations worship before him. They shall worship him, all the mighty of the earth; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust. (R.)

3. And my soul shall live for him, my children serve him. They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come, declare his faithfulness to peoples yet unborn: 'These things the Lord has done.' (R.)

Second Reading

[1 Jn 3:18-24](#)

A reading from the first letter of St John

His commandments are these: that we believe and that we love one another.

My children, our love is not to be just words or mere talk, but something real and active; only by this can we be certain that we are the children of the truth and be able to quieten our conscience in his presence, whatever accusations it may raise against us, because God is greater than our conscience and he knows everything.

My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask him, we shall receive, because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants. His commandments are these: that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to. Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him. We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.

Gospel Acclamation

[Jn 15:4-5](#)

Alleluia, alleluia!

Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit.

Alleluia!

Gospel

[Jn 15:1-8](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

All who live in me, and I in them, bear much fruit.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that bears no fruit he cuts away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes to make it bear even more. You are pruned already, by means of the word that I have spoken to you. Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself, but must remain part of the vine, neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty; for cut off from me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me is like a branch that has been thrown away – he withers; these branches are collected and thrown on the fire, and they are burnt. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask what you will and you shall get it. It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit, and then you will be my disciples.'

Next Week's Readings (9th May 2021) - Sixth Sunday of Easter - Year B

1st Reading: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48 2nd Reading: 1 Jn 4:7-10 Gospel: Jn 15:9-17

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.

Living ^{the} gospel

Bearing fruit

The vinedresser of this passage cuts away the dead branches and prunes back those that are not bearing fruit. In what way do we bear fruit? When we strive to reach our fullest potential in whatever we do, we bear fruit. When we act out of motivation for the other person rather than ourselves, we bear fruit. When we strive to bring about the reign of God in our small part of the world, we bear fruit. Sometimes we too need to have some of our thoughts and actions pruned so that we might better bear the fruit that we are truly capable of producing.

Reflection...

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Today we reflect on the way salvation brings an ecclesial community into being. This community is joined to Jesus as branches are part of the vine. It is a multi-faceted community, devoted to good works and to prayer.

The image of the vine and the branches is an intimate characterisation of the community of believers who share the same divine life. This community thrives on Christ's resurrected life that surges through all of its members. The early church was a multi-ethnic community. It included inhabitants from Jerusalem, Judea, Galilee, Samaria and even Damascus. Some of these people were firmly rooted in Jewish customs, others were more Greek in their culture. It was the fulfilment of the promises made so often in the past, that the saving power of God would reach the whole world.

Our own ecclesial community of believers is also multi-ethnic. Where formerly parishes or liturgical assemblies might be made up of people of only one ethnic identity or economic status, today there is much greater diversity and rapid change of character. Like the early Christians, we too are often suspicious of newcomers. In the face of all of this variety, we are called to open our hearts to the various manifestations of God's power and to fashion a community that gives glory to God. Today's readings remind us that we demonstrate our love for God and for each other in the way we live. Joined to Christ as branches are part of the vine, we too are enlivened and thereby bear fruit in abundance.

Historical context

The 'True' vine

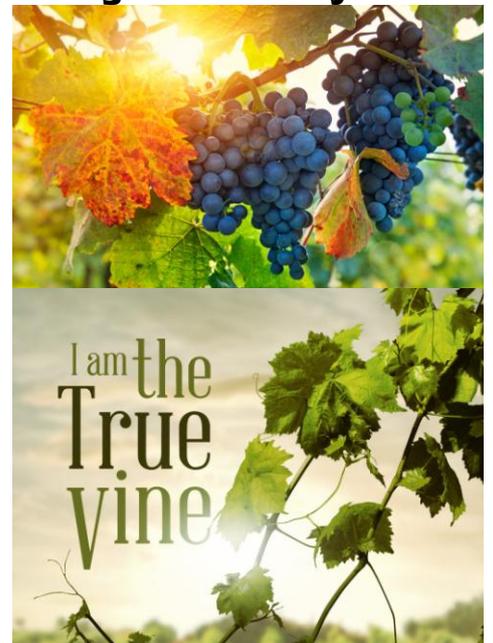
The image of the vine has its origins in Psalm 80 where the nation of Israel is likened to a vine: 'You brought a vine out of Egypt; you drove out the nations and planted it. You cleared the ground for it; it took deep root and filled the land.' (Ps 80:8-9) However, the people of Israel have forgotten who they are and who it was that planted them in their country - it is like the rootstock of a grafted plant has taken over and gone wild. Jesus' presence as the 'true vine' reminds them of what they are called to be.

Scriptural context

In context

The imagery that Jesus used in his parables and in extended metaphors such as the one used in this week's gospel sometimes seems a little foreign to a 21st Century audience. However, the world in which Jesus lived and taught was dominated by small scale farmers and producers in an agrarian economy. His use of images such as 'shepherd', 'vine', 'tenants', 'farmers' and 'wineskins' would all have been immediately recognisable to his audience. They would also have appreciated much more than we do the subtlety of Jesus' use of such images when he twists them in an unexpected way.

Thought of the Day...



Please Pray For...

Recent Deaths: Michael Lacey and Bonifacio Yagonia

Anniversaries: James Ryan, Peter Murphy, Mavis Gesch, Mona Boyce, Lucy Jannusch, Norma Cullen, Kaylene Bauer, Leanne Sleba, Mary Stephen, Allistair Leahy, Steve Kruger, Len Morrison, Melinda Melville, Dennis Walton, Bernard Canning, Lil Cronin, Bill Collins, Flo Maguire, Michael McKenzie, Francis Lynch, Joan Ross, Alex Morrison, Mario Frattin, Irene McDonnell, William Sims.

Those Who Are Sick: Ron O'Brien, Patricia Langan, Barbara Jimmieson, Finn Heneghan, Brian Morcom, Jeni Bonell, Noela Vonhoff, Charles Shann, Fr Don Murray, Sr Maureen Hickling MSS, Judy Reardon, Carol Griffiths, Delima Faigl, Ava Bateman, Marlene Green, Peggy Thies, Lillian Roberts, David Martin, Damian Laurence, Patty Ryan, Valarie Reibelt, John Axtell, Ted Schulz, Noel O'Mara, Mick O'Mara, Patrick Wright, Tanya Prince, Tim Zvirblis and Olivia Zvirblis.

May Birthdays: Tanya Appleby, John Trueman, Libby Ferguson, Janice Moore, Abby School, Brian Reardon, Marie Logan, Emily Dwan, Mark Whitelegg, Jodie Lobwein, Charlie School and Mary-Kate Thomson.

Date Claimers

- **Mother's Day Mass** - Wed 5th May School Hall 10am
- **Mother's Day** - 9th May
- **Parish Council Info Night** - Wed 12th May 7pm
- **Sacrament of Confirmation** - Wed 19th May 5.30 & 7pm
- **Commissioning of Delegates to plenary Council** - Sunday 23rd May 9am St Patrick's Cathedral
- **Parish Council Elections** - 29th/30th May
- **Sacrament of First Eucharist** - 30 May & 6 June 11am

OLOL Plant Stall Donations Needed

A small group of children are learning about growing plants, dealing with money and giving change. We would be very grateful for any donations of small plastic pots, small tins, succulents or cuttings from your garden that we can propagate with the students.



Thank you in advance, Jo Broderick & Sarah Kelly.

Piety Stall - Confirmation/First Communion

Looking for a gift for children making their sacraments? The piety stall has various items. Open before and after Masses or contact the office weekdays 9am-1pm.

* Cards * Frames * Rosary Beads * chains/Bracelets



"They were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other Apostles, Brothers - what then must we do?" Acts 2:37

The National Catholic Men's Gathering for 2021 will be launched online on Saturday 31st July.

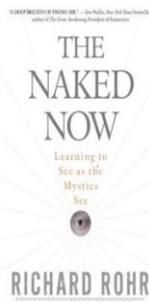
Join a diocesan group with your Bishop, or with your Men's Ministry/Parish group or individually. Three sessions will be provided online, along with reflection questions for group discussion or individual reflection.

Aim: To inspire and encourage all Catholic men with a vision for personal discipleship, service and mission in the family, parish/diocese and the world.

Cost: FREE

Registration: www.catholicmensgathering.com.au

Program: Available from Saturday 31st July 2021



Reflective Process based on The Naked Now: Flyer on Noticeboard.

There is the possibility of offering The Reflective Process based on THE NAKED NOW via ZOOM (on a separate evening from the one held at Sychar), if there are enough participants to make this a meaningful group experience. All participants of the Thursday night sessions would participate via ZOOM.

If you would like to participate in this programme, Sr Elaine would be grateful if you could respond as soon as possible so that a decision can be made whether it will go ahead. If so, there are a number of other matters to be clarified. It may require a preliminary ZOOM meeting just to make sure everyone is clear about what is happening.

Time	Welcomers	Commentary	Ministers of the Word	Extraordinary Ministers	I pad Operator	Sanitising Squad	Piety Stall
8th of May 6.00pm	Wells Family	Lasserre Family	S Rassmussen J Soriano	K Roberts	J Soriano	B Witham R Jayawardhana	R Fallon
9th of May 9:30am	A & A Webb	Consie Hudson	C Dias C Dias	C Anderson	J Cash	M & A Webb	M Webb
9th of May 5:30pm	C & J Sullivan	B Bambosek	V O'Connell J Michel	B Reardon	J See	Bambosek Family	G Doherty

WELCOME

Welcome to Our Lady of Lourdes Parish. If you are new to the area or have recently started attending Church services at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, please fill out the following details so that we can place you on our Parish Register.

TITLE.....

NAME.....

ADDRESS.....POSTCODE.....

PHONE NUMBER.....MOBILE.....

EMAIL ADDRESS.....

Privacy Statement: Our Lady of Lourdes respects the privacy rights of all individuals associated with parish community life. We seek your permission to use the information collected to fulfil the Parish commitment. Yes No

Feast of St Joseph the Worker 1st May



As we approach the Feast of St Joseph the Worker on Saturday 1st May, you may wish to check out some evocative images of St Joseph via this website

<https://www.piercedhands.com/15-images-st-joseph-tug-heartstrings/>

In the image above St Joseph is depicted as a man of integrity, strength, love and profound tenderness.

Majellan Magazine

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The magazine is also available as digital versions [online](#) and as an app for [Apple](#) and [Android](#).



There are magazines available on the table at the back of the church for those interested in reading this wonderful magazine. Please take a copy home and sample for yourself the content. They are there to read and to benefit our parishioners so please feel free to take a copy.

Diocesan Enews...

REMINDER: LOCAL UPCOMING EVENTS

Reflective Process Based on "The Naked Now" By Richard Rohr: Starting 4/5/21, 7:00pm @ Sychar. Reserve your spot through TryBooking.

TOOWOOMBA CATHOLIC SCHOOLS EXCELLENCE AWARDS 2021

Nominations close 9/5/21 Visit the TCS website to find out more and to make your nomination.

HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS

Date: 6/5/21 Thursday

Time: 6:00pm

Where: St Joseph's Church, 142 Cunningham St, Dalby
The Vocations Office and St Joseph's Parish Dalby will host a Holy Hour for Vocations in our Diocese. All are welcome to come and join in prayer.

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK

Date: 17-23/5/21

National Volunteer Week (NVW) is Australia's largest annual celebration of volunteers. NVW celebrates the significant contribution of Australia's almost six million volunteers and the nearly 600 million hours they spend in the service of others. The volunteers in our diocese's various ministries, churches and schools are a vital part of the way we, as a church, minister and serve the community.

Parishes, ministries and schools might like to take this opportunity to draw special attention to your volunteers to thank and show appreciation for their work and dedication. More resources on the [National Volunteer Week website](#) or [Volunteering Queensland website](#).

SOULCOLLAGE WORKSHOP

Date: 5/6/21 Saturday

Time: 9:00am for 9:30am start - 3:30pm

Where: Sychar, 69 Margaret Street, Toowoomba

Cost: \$10 towards materials provided on the day

Registration: [TryBooking](#)

Please join Sharyn Murfett for a day of self-discovery using SoulCollage. [See flyer for further details.](#)

DOWNS AND TOOWOOMBA CHURCHES TOGETHER ECUMENICAL SEMINAR

Date: 11-13/6/21 Saturday

Where: James Byrne Centre, 60 James Byrne Rd, Highfields

Cost: See Registration Form

Registration: [Via Registration Form \(COVID declaration form for James Byrne Centre\)](#)

The seminar will look at "Growing together to present Jesus Christ to the Community" and "Why isn't Ecumenism on the everyday agenda?". Presenters include Bishop Jonathan Holland and Bishop Bill Morris. See [seminar poster](#) or [seminar timetable](#) for further details.

Noticeboard... Please see the noticeboard for further details

- **Diocesan ENews** 28/4/21
- **Connected** - Diocese of Tmba Catholic Schools Bulletin
- **LOLO School Newsletter**
- **St Ursula's College Newsletter**
- **SPRED Express** - latest edition.
- **Online public lecture "Liturgy & the Sacraments in a COVID World: Renewal not Restoration** - 17th May
- **Sychar Second Term Schedule**