



Welcome to OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH

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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, 12th September 2021

Safeguarding Sunday 24th Sunday Ordinary Time - Year B

First Reading

[Is 50:5-9](#)

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

I gave my body to those who struck me.

The Lord has opened my ear.

For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle.

The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

My vindicator is here at hand. Does anyone start proceedings against me? Then let us go to court together. Who thinks he has a case against me? Let him approach me. The Lord is coming to my help, who dare condemn me?

Responsorial Psalm

[Ps 114:1-6. 8-9. R. v.9](#)

(R.) I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.

1. I love the Lord for he has heard the cry of my appeal; for he turned his ear to me in the day when I called him. (R.)
2. They surrounded me, the snares of death, with anguish of the tomb; they caught me, sorrow and distress. I called on the Lord's name. O Lord my God, deliver me! (R.)

3. How gracious is the Lord, and just; our God has compassion. The Lord protects the simple hearts; I was helpless so he saved me. (R.)

4. He has kept my soul from death, my eyes from tears and my feet from stumbling. I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living. (R.)

Second Reading

[Jas 2:14-18](#)

A reading from the letter of St James

Faith without good works is dead.

Take the case, my brothers, of someone who has never done a single good act but claims that he has faith. Will that faith save him? If one of the brothers or one of the sisters is in need of clothes and has not enough food to live on, and one of you says to them, 'I wish you well; keep yourself warm and eat plenty,' without giving them these bare necessities of life, then what good is that? Faith is like that: if good works do not go with it, it is quite dead.

This is the way to talk to people of that kind: 'You say you have faith and I have good deeds; I will prove to you that I have faith by showing you my good deeds - now you prove to me that you have faith without any good deeds to show.'

Gospel Acclamation

[Gal 6:14](#)

Alleluia, alleluia!

My only glory is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, which crucifies the world to me and me to the world.

Alleluia!

Gospel

[Mk 8:27-35](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

You are the Christ ... the Son of Man was destined to suffer much.

Jesus and his disciples left for the villages round Caesarea Philippi. On the way he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say I am?' And they told him. 'John the Baptist,' they said, 'others Elijah; others again, one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he asked, 'who do you say I am?' Peter spoke up and said to him, 'You are the Christ.' And he gave them strict orders not to tell anyone about him.

And he began to teach them that the Son of Man was destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and to be put to death, and after three days to rise again; and he said all this quite openly. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. But, turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said to him, 'Get behind me, Satan! Because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

He called the people and his disciples to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.'

Next Week's Readings (19th September 2021) - Twenty-Fifth Sunday Ordinary Time- Year B

1st Reading: Wis 2:12, 17-20 2nd Reading: James 3:16-4:3 Gospel: Mk 9:30-37

Parish Activities

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

ANAM CARA - Wednesday 9.30am in the Presbytery

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

CHILDREN'S LITURGY - 9.30AM Mass (except school holidays) for children in Prep - Yr 4.

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.

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

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

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL - meet the first Monday of each month at 6.30pm in the Presbytery.

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

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

Parish Councillors

Sue Whitelegg, Robie Jayawardhana, Jon Dwan, Leisa Fanning, Julius Soriano, Brian Roberts, Cristianne Dias and Candice Poulton.

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.

Toowoomba Diocese Safeguarding Resources can be found at <https://www.twb.catholic.org.au/professional-standards-safeguarding-children-the-vulnerable-policy/>

SCRIPTURAL CONTEXT

A Turning Point

This passage forms a crucial turning point in the Gospel of Mark. It occurs at the very mid-point of the gospel - the end of chapter 8 in a 16 chapter gospel. From this point on the gospel takes a greater focus on what it means to be a disciple and Jesus' movement towards Jerusalem. This passage in which Peter processes his faith in Jesus as the Messiah is immediately followed by the account of the Transfiguration. From this point onwards, the gospel writer reveals the growing understanding of Jesus' identity that until now has been wrapped in secrecy.

Reflection...

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There are several messianic traditions, each one characterising the anointed one of the future in a unique way. Do we expect a prophetic figure who will enter our world and reform the structures of society, or a strong leader who will overturn these structures and establish a new order? Are we waiting for a teacher who will transform our minds and hearts, or a judge who will punish us for our infidelities? Are we expecting someone who will renew the face of the earth, or someone who will come in fire and brimstone to destroy it? What kind of a messiah do we expect? For what kind of a change are we preparing ourselves?

Jesus seems to overturn our expectations. We look for one who will save us from the predicaments in which we find ourselves, and he comes to us as one who seems to be a victim of his own predicament. God's thinking seems to be the reverse of ours: Those who save their lives, lose them; those who lose their lives, save them; the seed must die before it can bear fruit; Jesus will be killed, but will then be raised from the dead.

Can we claim to understand Jesus? Or are we more like the people in James' community: people who profess faith in Jesus, but who do not live it out; people who speak pleasant words to others, who say the right things, but who do not back up their words with good works? Is our faith really living?

SCRIPTURAL CONTEXT

Sandwich technique

The Gospel of Mark is famous for a technique of 'sandwiching' stories or sections between two related events to bring what is sandwiched into greater focus. This gospel passage falls within a significant sandwich that runs from 8:22 (the healing of a blind man at Bethsaida) to 10:52 (the healing of blind Bartimaeus). The healings of blindness that surround the sandwich reflect the lack of 'sight' that the disciples have. The 'meat' of the sandwich is all about the disciples not really understanding Jesus' mission and what it means to truly be a disciple. Read the whole section from 8:22 - 10:52 and see how it works.

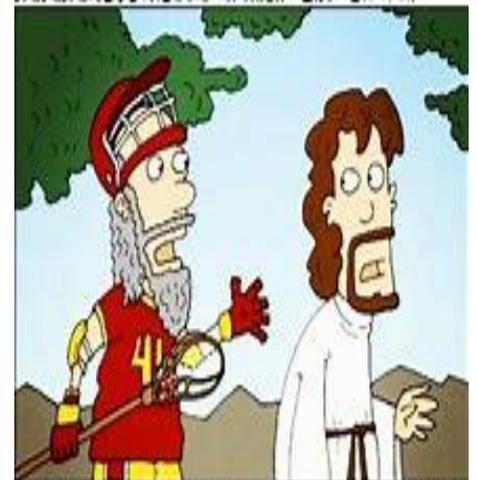
GOSPEL FOCUS

Peter's insight

When Peter answers Jesus' question he demonstrates the disciples' dawning awareness of Jesus' true identity. It is the first occasion that the disciples are called to own what they think about Jesus. However, when Jesus begins to spell out what being the Messiah really means - persecution and death - Peter tries to convince Jesus that he doesn't need to go down that path. Jesus turns on Peter and snaps, "Get behind me, Satan!" It is a reminder of the desert temptation Jesus had to face at the start of his ministry when he wrestled with what sort of messiah he was called to be.

Thought of the day...

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Thanks to David Lundahl (See Mark 10:71) 09-19-2006
YOU SAID TAKE UP LACROSSE AND FOLLOW YOU
... NOW WHAT?

Please Pray For...

Recent Deaths: Ron Caldwell. **Anniversaries:** Russell Kirwin, Rosalie Newmann, David Fraser, Clem Walsh, Teresa Dwyer, Zoe Axtell, Jeremiah Lalor, Thomas MacGinley, John Reardon, Peter Davis, Margaret MacGinley.

Those Who Are Sick: Lillian Roberts, Pearl Morrow, Rachel Salisbury, Brian Thomson, Francis Swinson, Maree Rauchle, Patricia Ashford, Hazel Machin, Ron O'Brien, Barbara Jimmieson, Fiona Heneghan, Brian Morcom, Noela Vonhoff, Charles Shann, Fr Don Murray, Sr Maureen Hickling MSS, Judy Reardon, Delima Faigl, Ava Bateman, Marlene Green, Peggy Thies, 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. **September Birthdays:** Kathy Dangerfield, Sandra Sullivan, Helen Kupfer, Val Bowe, Brian Thomson, Jo Michel, Max Jones, Pat Lynch, Jenny Ferguson, Scotty Park, Chris Golightly, Dave Morrow, Clyde Hudson.

Parish News...

Fr Quinlan's Holidays...

Whilst Fr Quinlan is away on leave until the end of September, we welcome Fr Costigan who will say Masses in his absence.

Date Claimers...

- 25th/26th Sept Migrant & Refugee Sunday
- 3rd – 10th Oct First Plenary Council Assembly
- 9th/10th Oct Family Masses 6pm, 9.30am & 5.30pm

Migrant and Refugee Sunday 26th Sept

The theme of 107th World Day of Migrants and Refugees is *Towards an ever wider "we"*.

The Liturgy Group would like to highlight the diversity and the cultural and ethnic richness of the members of our parish community by displaying flags from various nations throughout the world.

If you are from a country other than Australia or have family or friends residing in another country and would like to have a flag displayed please email the Parish Office lol.parish@bigpond.com or phone on 4634 1453.

Pope Francis writes: *"Today's migration movements offer an opportunity for us to overcome our fears and let ourselves be enriched by the diversity of each person's gifts. Then, if we so desire, we can transform borders into privileged places of encounter, where the miracle of an ever wider "we" can come about"*.

2022 Daily Mass Books & Ordos

Anyone wanting to order a Daily Mass book for next year or an Ordo, please write your name on the list at the church entrance.

Safeguarding

We will be kept safe by ADULTS who...

CARE

for us as we are a precious gift from God



Safeguarding Sunday

This weekend, the Catholic Church in Australia marks Safeguarding Sunday (formally Child Protection Sunday). Our Parish is committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and adults at risk in our community. We uphold that child protection and the dignity of every person is the responsibility of every adult. Prayers and resources can be found at www.catholic.org.au/childprotectionsunday

SAFEGUARDING PRAYER

Gracious God,
you love and care for all of your children,
especially the smallest and most
vulnerable.

We entrust to you the lives of children
and adults at risk
who have been sexually abused,
and whose trust and innocence have
been destroyed.

Help us to hear their cries of pain
and to take responsibility for those
whose lives have been broken.

Help us to recognise the hurt felt by
those wounded by abuse,
and the failure to be heard.

We pray that with the help of your grace
communities and families will find
understanding and support,
so that now and in the future
their wounds may be healed
and they may find lasting peace.

Let your grace and love fall gently now
upon our children and adults at risk,
giving them the inner strength, peace
and resilience

to seek out assistance when required.
We ask this prayer through our Lord
Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God
forever and ever.

Amen.

Time	Altar Servers	Welcomers	Commentary	Ministers of the Word	Extraordinary Ministers	I pad Operator	Sanitising Squad	Piety Stall
18th of Sept 6.00pm	E Ward I Whittaker	Lasserre Family	G Borger	J Wilson L Walsh	B Witham	C Juillerat Check In App Jones Family	M & M Quinn	J Roberston
19th of Sept 9:30am	E Dwan S Dias	P McDonnell R Cleary	T O'Mara	M Conrick C Rawlinson	P Murphy	C & J Anderson Check In App T Ryan	Humphrys Family	K Ward
19th of Sept 5:30pm	N Morcom M Morcom	Stark Family	J See	B Bambosek C Smith	J Axtell	K Tague Check In App S Whitelegg	Sullivan Family	M Stark

Christians United for Afghanistan

This is a loud and urgent call from Christians across all walks of life and perspectives, united in concern for the wellbeing of the Afghan community. The campaign will provide the list of signatories to the federal government to show the strong Christian support for immediate action. Visit <https://www.unitedforafghanistan.com/> to join the campaign.

Prayer Campaign for the Plenary Council

You are invited to join other Toowoomba Parishes for a Prayer Campaign to pray for the Church of Australia as we continue the preparations for the Plenary Council.

Celebrations will be held at 5.30pm

Thurs 16th Sept - St Theresa's Parish

Thurs 23rd Sept - St Thomas More's

Thurs 30th Sept - St Anthony's Parish

Thurs 7th Oct - Sacred Heart



Note: Sacred Heart will start at 4.30pm & conclude at 6pm

Celebrating Saint Joseph

As you would be aware this year is dedicated to the life of St Joseph and his important place in the life of Jesus. You are invited to spend some time in prayer and adoration at St. Patrick's Cathedral. The day will begin with 7.00am Mass using the Votive Mass for St. Joseph. This is followed by each hour beginning with a reflection and prayers for St. Joseph, finishing at 1.00pm. Adoration will occur throughout. Come for whatever amount of time you are able to commit to. Please put the 16th October in your calendar now to celebrate this Year of St. Joseph.



WHADDUP YOUTH PROGRAM

Celebrating young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander youth and strengthen their connection to country.

Whaddup is a youth program held every Friday night during the school term in Toowoomba for Aboriginal and Torres Strait islander youth aged 10-17 years. Whaddup focuses on reinforcing healthy lifestyle choices and deterring youth from risk taking behaviours.

Whaddup operates within a drug and alcohol-free environment and provides an awesome safe space for youths to be themselves, to celebrate and strengthen connection to country. We provide pick up to and from the venue for all participants.

Elders, parents and volunteers promote social connectedness and play a valuable role in helping shape relationships with each other and build a strong community for the future. Volunteers are vital to this program's success. Whaddup relies heavily on the support of parents, volunteers and the community.

Would you like more detail? Go to <https://www.catholiccare.services/uploads/documents/CCS-1905117-Whaddup-Brochure-Edits-Final.pdf>

Diocesan E-news...

ACTION ON VAD DEBATE

The Queensland Parliament, in the next few weeks, will be debating and voting on controversial laws to make euthanasia and assisted suicide legal in the state. Vulnerable sick and elderly people in Queensland need your help to ensure these lethal laws are not passed in this state.

There are 2 steps you can take today to voice your opinion: First, you can sign this petition to the Queensland Parliament, asking them to reject these euthanasia and assisted suicide laws. The petition is sponsored by HOPE, a single-issue coalition of groups who oppose euthanasia and assisted suicide.

https://www.no euthanasia.org.au/peition_2108_qld_toowoomba

Second, you can email your Queensland State Member of Parliament and urge them to oppose the introduction of these laws.

https://www.no euthanasia.org.au/petition_2105_ocp_qld

SOUNDS ORGAN-IC: A FESTIVAL OF ORGAN MUSIC

Date: 11/9/21 Saturday

Time: 10:30am

Where: Starting at St Patrick's Cathedral, Toowoomba The Organ Society of QLD Inc., in association with St Patrick's Cathedral, St Luke's Anglican Church and Lifeworks Uniting Church, present of a day of organ recitals across the garden city. Starting at St Patrick's Cathedral at 10:30am, the festival of heavenly music will continue at St Luke's at 2:00pm and Lifeworks 3:45pm. All are welcome to enjoy the day. [See flyer for further details.](#)

WORLD DAY OF MIGRANT AND REFUGEES

Date: 26/9/21 Sunday

Pope Francis has chosen the theme, *Towards An Ever Wider "We"*, for the 107th World Day of Migrant and Refugees, commemorated in Australia on 26/9/21.

The [Australian Catholic Migrant and Refugee Office](#) has [produced a resource kit](#) which includes the Pope's message, stories from local communities, reflections and Prayers of the Faithful to assist parishes, schools, families and other Church communities in celebrating this important event. [Kit is available to download.](#)

NEW ISSUE OF HORIZONS ON THE WAY

Issue 62 of Horizons is on it's way! Physical copies are in transit this week to schools, parishes and ministries and will hopefully arrive by the end of the week.

A digital copy will be available at www.twb.catholic.org.au/horizons/ shortly.

REMINDER: LOCAL UPCOMING EVENTS

Celebrating St Joseph (Votive Mass for St Joseph, prayers and adoration): 16/10/21 From 7:00am, St Patrick's Cathedral Toowoomba.

Holy Name Church Centenary: 7/11/21 From 10:00am, RSVP for lunch (12:00pm). Enquiries Peter Lynch 0428716455.

