



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

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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, 21st February 2021 First Sunday in Lent - Yr B

First Reading

[Gen 9:8-15](#)

A reading from the book of Genesis

I will recall the covenant between myself and you... the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh.

God spoke to Noah and his sons, 'See, I establish my Covenant with you, and with your descendants after you; also with every living creature to be found with you, birds, cattle and every wild beast with you: everything that came out of the ark, everything that lives on the earth. I establish my Covenant with you: no thing of flesh shall be swept away again by the waters of the flood. There shall be no flood to destroy the earth again.'

God said, 'Here is the sign of the Covenant I make between myself and you and every living creature with you for all generations: I set my bow in the clouds and it shall be a sign of the Covenant between me and the earth. When I gather the clouds over the earth and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the Covenant between myself and you and every living creature of every kind. And so the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all things of flesh.'

Responsorial Psalm

[Ps 24:4-9. R. see v.10](#)

(R.) Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

1. Lord, make me know your ways.

Lord, teach me your paths.

Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: for you are God my saviour. (R.)

2. Remember your mercy, Lord, and the love you have shown from of old. In your love remember me, because of your goodness, O Lord. (R.)

3. The Lord is good and upright. He shows the path to those who stray, he guides the humble in the right path; he teaches his way to the poor. (R.)

Second Reading

[1 Pt 3:18-22](#)

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

The water of the flood is a type of the baptism which saves you now.

Christ himself, innocent though he was, died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life, and, in the spirit, he went to preach to the spirits in prison. Now it was long ago, when Noah was still building that ark which saved only a small group of eight people 'by water', and when God was still waiting patiently, that these spirits refused to believe. That water is a type of the baptism which saves you now, and which is not the washing off of physical dirt but a pledge made to God from a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has entered heaven and is at God's right hand, now that he has made the angels and Dominations and Powers his subjects.

Gospel Acclamation

[Mt 4:4](#)

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel

[Mk 1:12-15](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

He was tempted by Satan, and the angels looked after him.

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness and he remained there for forty days, and was tempted by Satan. He was with the wild beasts, and the angels looked after him.

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

Next Week's Readings (28th February 2021) - Second Sunday of Lent - Year B
1st Reading: Gen 22: 1-2. 9-13. 15-18 2nd Reading: Rom 8: 31-34 Gospel: Mk 9: 2-10

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? Temptation?

When we adopt a view of Jesus as the Son of God, it is hard to imagine him even facing temptation, let alone the possibility of him giving in to it. However, when we see Jesus as also being fully human, we realise that he was just as likely to face temptation as we are. But what might have tempted Jesus? Was he tempted to simply go back to his life in Joseph's carpentry business and not respond to God's call? Was he tempted to display his power in flashy demonstrations for all to see? Was he tempted to despair at what lay ahead of him?

Reflection...

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Today's readings show us that Lent is a time for us to receive God's grace. We are not the ones who, through our penance, are meant to accomplish great things. Rather, it is God who acts; it is God who makes the sacrifice; it is God who accomplishes great things for us.

Each reading describes a different kind of conflict within which we might find ourselves: a world-wrenching upheaval, such as happens during social discord, war or natural disaster; the struggle between right and wrong, between fidelity and disobedience; the struggle with temptation. In the midst of the conflicts of life, God initiates a covenant with us. God saves the world from the chaos into which it was thrown, makes a covenant with all living things and with the earth, and sets a bow in the heavens as a perpetual reminder of the covenant. Christ dies for sinners, and offers them baptism that will save them from the chaos of their lives. The Spirit drives Jesus into the desert, there to be tested, but to emerge triumphant. His victory is not for him alone, but for all who will heed his words and follow his example.

The bow in the sky is a sign of the good news of the covenant; baptism is both the good news of salvation for us and our pledge of fidelity to God; Jesus' proclamation is that the reign of God is at hand. With the psalmist we praise God for inviting us into this covenant relationship.

Historical Context

The Wilderness

The Jordan Valley was a relatively fertile area. However, Jesus would not have had to travel too great a distance to find himself in very arid, desert-like wilderness. Crossing the River Jordan and climbing out of the Jordan Valley to the east, Jesus would have emerged onto the northern part of the TransJordan Plateau and the edge of the Syrian Desert. The area was not only geographically rough but it was also full of bandits and rebels. It was a dangerous place to be. However, the desert wilderness holds great significance in the Bible as a place of preparation for a new stage of life or a new relationship with God.

Living the Gospel

Change of heart

Jesus' proclamation of the kingdom of God is a call to live out God's transformative dream of right relationship with one another and with our world. To accept this call requires a change of heart and mind (a metanoia) and the adoption of a new orientation, a new worldview based on living the kingdom of God. This is a challenge to be counter-cultural - to go 'against the flow' of the majority attitudes at times. It is certainly not an 'easy option' that we are called to live. Jesus' call to 'repent and believe' is a very appropriate call to begin the Lenten season.

Thought of the week...

God's Guaranteed
Grace



Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.
Hebrews 4:16

Please Pray For...

Anniversaries: Dean Morrison, Patricia Vanderwal, Rebecca Betros, Catherine Dunkin, Marion Rodgers, Leo Glennon, Ellen MacGinley, Jeanette Dennis.

Those Who Are Sick: 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, 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, Patrick Wright, Barbara Jimmieson, Tanya Prince, Tim Zvirblis and Olivia Zvirblis. **February Birthdays:** Margaret Greer, Colleen Redinger, Pat McDonnell, Bryan Carlin, Laura Bentley, Michael Kelly, Vic White, Lyn Stephens.

2021 Date Claimers:

- World Day of Prayer - 10am Fri 5th March at OLOL.
- Anointing Mass - Tues 16th Mar at 10am
- Communal Rite of Reconciliation for Easter - Mon 22nd March at 10am & 7.30pm.

Please arrive on time

The role of the Mass Coordinator is made particularly difficult and stressful if those on ministry are arriving just prior to the start of Mass or late. We ask that when you are rostered on for ministry you make a special effort to arrive 10-15 mins prior to the start of Mass and you check-in with the Mass Coordinator. This enables the Mass Coordinator to fulfil their ministry and allow them time to prepare themselves for the celebration of Mass. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Reverse Parking

For student safety reasons the school has displayed signs for reverse parking in the church car park. They kindly ask parishioners to also reverse park (during school hours) in the best interests of child safety.

REMINDER!

Building Community Surveys due now

Please return your completed reflection questions by the end of this weekend. Responses are due in the Bishop's Office by Thursday 25th February.

Carpentry Tools Wanted

Anyone with spare/unwanted carpentry tools, please consider donating them for St Joseph's Carpentry, Maliana in Timor Leste. For more information contact Brendan Ryan on 0429 332 842. Tools can be brought to the Parish Office.

Confirmation and First Eucharist

Children who have been baptised, made their First Reconciliation and are in Year 4, or above, are eligible to receive these sacraments. There is a note at the back of the church that needs to be returned by the 22nd February 2012.

World Day of Prayer Fri 5th March 10am

Book at www.trybooking.com/BOHTS

Facts about Vanuatu

Vanuatu, in the South Pacific Ocean, is made up of over 80 islands of which about 65 are inhabited today. Its land mass is only about one fifth the size of Tasmania. The population of Vanuatu is 230, 000 (Vanuatu Daily Post, 18 July 2020). Together the islands form an archipelago of volcanic origin, 800 kms long. To the north lie the Solomon Islands, east is Fiji, south is New Caledonia and west is Australia. There are 14 main islands; the largest is Espiritu Santo. The capital city, Port Vila, is on the island of Efate. The islands experience many earthquakes, cyclones (8-10 per year) and volcanic eruptions.

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If you open a window, close it and if you turn a fan on turn it off again when you leave.

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Next Week's Roster...

Time	Welcomers	Commentator	Ministers of the Word	Extraordinary Minister	Ipad Operator	Sanitising Squad	Piety Stall
27th Feb 6.00pm	Soriano family	G Ferguson	L Borger G Borger	L Walsh	C Juillerat	S & L Woolley	G Schoorl
28th Feb 8am	C Poulton	S Connolly	C Rawlinson L Bentley	J Coman	C Collins	Gleeson family	
28th Feb 9.30am	R Cleary M McLean	Consie Hudson	M Conrick M Ondrus	Cristianne Dias	Dwan family	Kelly family	R Coonan
28th Feb 5.30pm	K Langdale L Hammond	W Beeston	N Lipp J Axtell	B Stark	D Stark	Whitelegg family	J See

St Mary's College Toowoomba is an exciting place to be for boys! So many activities, and its fundamental teaching and learning is shaped in a way that boys learn and respond to best. St Mary's College features outstanding & professional staff, as well as a supportive community.

The overall goal at St Mary's College is to provide boys the opportunity to achieve excellence in all areas of their holistic education: spiritual, academic, sporting, cultural and social education from Years 5 to 12. At St Mary's College, we focus on and are specialists' in boys' education, providing various relevant and modern learning experiences and extra-curricular opportunities.

If you are interested in enrolling your son at St Mary's College, please visit www.stmaryscollege.com for more information.

The closing date for 2022 enrolments is **Monday 21st June 2021.**



Diocesan Enews...

JOB VACANCY: OFFICE COORDINATOR FOR CATHOLIC SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMISSION

Applications are invited for the position of Office Coordinator for the Catholic Social Justice Commission. This position's purpose is to provide administrative assistance and support to the Catholic Social Justice Commission Executive Officer and Commission members.

The role will focus on handling general inquiries, maintaining relevant records and support activities undertaken by the Catholic Social Justice Commission. The position is casual, with varying hours up to 10 hours per week. Remuneration is as per the Clerks Private Sector Award 2010.

The position description is available by contacting David Tutty on dtutty@twb.catholic.org.au

Please submit your application with:

- a cover letter
- your resume
- details of at least two referees

Applications close at 5:00 pm on Friday 5 March 2021, and should be emailed to dtutty@twb.catholic.org.au

ST ANTHONY'S PARISH AUCTION OF PROMISES

Date: 13/3/21 Saturday

Time: After Vigil Mass (approx 7:00pm)

RSVP: Chris Gwydir on 0478 132 070

Join the St Anthony's community for this enjoyable social event to help raise money for Caritas. Attend in person (limit 50) or join via Zoom. [See flyer for details.](#)

Reminder: Upcoming Dates...

Prayerful Meditation Way of the Cross: 29/3/21 @ 7:00pm, Sychar 69 Margaret St Tmba [See Flyer](#) or [Book Now](#)

Register to attend



St Ursula's College
TOOWOOMBA



Open Day

Sunday 14 March 2021

st-ursula.qld.edu.au

Register at: <https://www.trybooking.com/BORER>



First Sunday of Lent
21st February 2021



Jamila, 22, is a Rohingya woman living in the world's largest refugee camp in Bangladesh. She was forced to flee the armed conflict in Myanmar to save herself, her elderly mother and her eight-month-old baby. With the support of Caritas Australia, through Caritas Bangladesh, Jamila was able to access emergency food and shelter. She also received counselling, emotional support, and learnt sewing skills to help her earn an income. Jamila now feels less alone, with a sense of community around her. She is able to 'Be More' to her little family. "Thank you, and thanks Caritas Australia," Jamila says.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 to help mothers like Jamila be more for her family and her community.

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

Arts and Faith in Lent

From Loyola Press <https://www.loyolapress>

As Catholics around the world gather for Mass and prayer services on Ash Wednesday which marks the beginning of Lent, we are bonded by the physical and spiritual connection we share as followers of Jesus.

Enter into a visual prayer experience this Lent with *Arts & Faith: Lent*. Each week there is a video commentary about a work of art inspired by the Sunday Scriptures. Use these videos to take a new look at this season of spiritual renewal through the lens of sacred art.

Click on the Arts & Faith Button each week to watch a short video commentary on a selected painting and what it can reveal to us about Ash Wednesday and the Lenten season.

Arts & Faith: Week 1 of Lent, Cycle B
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