



# 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, 21st November 2021 Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe - Year B

### First Reading

[Dn 7:13-14](#)

A reading from the prophet Daniel

*His sovereignty is eternal.*

I gazed into the visions of the night. And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven, one like a son of man. He came to the one of great age and was led into his presence.

On him was conferred sovereignty, glory and kingship, and men of all peoples, nations and languages became his servants.

His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty which shall never pass away, nor will his empire be destroyed.

### Responsorial Psalm

[Ps 92:1-2, 5, R.v.1](#)

(R.) The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.

1. The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed; the Lord has robed himself with might, he has girded himself with power. (R.)
2. The world you made firm, not to be moved; your throne has stood firm from of old. From all eternity, O Lord, you are. (R.)
3. Truly your decrees are to be trusted. Holiness is fitting to your house, O Lord, until the end of time. (R.)

### Second Reading

[Rv 1:5-8](#)

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

*The ruler of the kings of the earth ... made us a line of kings, priests to serve his God.*

Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the First-born from the dead, the Ruler of the kings of the earth. He loves us and has washed away our sins with his blood, and made us a line of kings, priests to serve his God and Father; to him, then, be glory and power for ever and ever. Amen. It is he who is coming on the clouds; everyone will see him, even those who pierced him, and all the races of the earth will mourn over him. This is the truth. Amen. 'I am the Alpha and the Omega' says the Lord God, who is, who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.

### Gospel Acclamation

[Mk 11:9, 10](#)

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our Father; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Alleluia!

### Gospel

[Jn 18:33-37](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

*You say that I am a king.*

'Are you the king of the Jews?' Pilate asked. Jesus replied, 'Do you ask this of your own accord, or have others spoken to you about me?' Pilate answered, 'Am I a Jew? It is your own people and the chief priests who have handed you over to me: what have you done?' Jesus replied, 'Mine is not a kingdom of this world; if my kingdom were of this world, my men would have fought to prevent my being surrendered to the Jews. But my kingdom is not of this kind.' 'So you are a king then?' said Pilate. 'It is you who say it' answered Jesus. 'Yes, I am a king. I was born for this, I came into the world for this: to bear witness to the truth; and all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice.'

Next Week's Readings (28th November 2021) - First Sunday of Advent - Year B  
1st Reading: Jer 33:14-16 2nd Reading: 1 Thess 3:12-4:2 Gospel: Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

## 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/>

## gospel focus

### Truth

*Jesus says to Pilate that he came into the world 'to bear witness to the truth; and all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice.' That is where today's gospel passage finishes but as the gospel continues on, Pilate famously asks Jesus 'What is truth?' and the question is left dangling; unanswered. The truth Jesus has borne witness to is the truth of his whole life - the revelation of God's love for humanity. It is for proclaiming this truth that Jesus is placed on trial and is brought before Pilate.*

## Reflection...

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Each one of the readings depicts the enthronement of Christ who is revealed as the messiah-king. Until his trial, Jesus himself refused to be identified as king. The royal messianic expectations that prevailed during his lifetime were predominantly political. If he assumed them, his followers might have instigated a rebellion against the Roman occupiers. When finally he did acknowledge his royal identity, he insisted that his rule was not like that of other kings.

Enthroned in heaven, Christ is revealed as the faithful witness to all that God has done and will continue to do. As first-born from the dead, his resurrection is the promise of our own resurrection. The dominion that he received from God is universal and exclusive and it will last forever. When he comes again on the last day, he will be revealed in all his glory.

Christ's kingdom is a kingdom of truth and life, of holiness and grace, of justice and love and peace. We need not stand at a distance from him, afraid to approach because of our human vulnerability. He is the one who loved us so much that he handed himself over to suffering and death so that we might live. He has already brought us to birth in this kingdom through Baptism and he has taught us how to live in it. Today we look to that time when his glory will be revealed, when we will all be gathered into the embrace of God, there to sing praise to that glory forever.



## Have you thought?

### The Kingdom of God

*When Jesus speaks about the Kingdom of God he never gives a particularly clear picture of what he means. He usually refers to the kingdom with metaphoric language ('the kingdom of God is like ...') and often the kingdom is defined by what it is not. The kingdom is also a real contradiction: it is here and now and yet it is still to come; it is almost impossible for some to enter the kingdom while others are assured a place; it is within us and in our hearts and yet is a great banquet to which all are invited.*

## Historical context

### Christ the King

*Unfortunately, political and military images of kingship have played a dominating role in the Church since very early in its history. The very earliest Christians, or followers of the Way, did not conform to social and political hierarchies of their day. But when Emperor Constantine declared Christianity to be the official religion of the Roman Empire the structure of the Church quickly adopted the political and social structures of the empire. At times in history the Pope has adopted a regal status and led huge armies into battle. Many of these structures persist today and we sometimes struggle to recapture Jesus' intention when he declared himself a king.*

## Thought of the day...





## Please Pray For...

**Recent Deaths:** Greg Gabbett

**Anniversaries:** Fr Peter Murphy, Lilian McCormack, Ellen Davies, Delphine Chilcott, Lois Moran, Dorothy Shannon, John Johnstone. **Those Who Are Sick:** Carmel & Ron O'Brien, Paul Wright, Malisa Golightly, Margaret Munroe, Lillian Roberts, Rachel Salisbury, Brian Thomson, Francis Swinson, Hazel Machin, Barbara Jimmieson, Fiona Heneghan, Brian Morcom, Noela Vonhoff, Charles Shann, Fr Don Murray, 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, Olivia Zvirblis and Alan Curr. **November Birthdays:** Fr Costigan, Sr Marie Carroll, Helen Stein, Cathy Morris, Marg Roessler, Kev Roberts, Margaret McNab, Jenny McDonald, Frank Jones.

## Parish News...

### Well Done



Thank you to all those who participated in the Synod Discussion Groups last weekend. The numbers were most encouraging. **This week's topic is Participation.** Please read and reflect on the questions beforehand (refer to your bulletin of 6th/7th Nov) If you were unable to attend last weekend you are very welcome to join a group for the remaining two sessions. *"Discerning together so that the decisions made are for the good of all".*

### Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Vigil 6pm

Christmas Day 8am

**Please note:** There will not be a 6pm Vigil Mass for the Feast of the Holy Family on Saturday 25th December.

**New Rosters...** the 2021/2022 rosters have been emailed out. For those without email, you'll find your copy on the noticeboard at the church entrance.

### Date Claimers:

- Ecumenism Group Meeting 27<sup>th</sup> Nov 9.30am
- 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> Nov
- Seniors' Christmas Party 1st December 2021.

### Month of the Holy Souls

We invite you to record the names of your family and friends who have died in the Remembrance book at the back of the church so that as a community we might remember them in our prayers.

### Working Bee Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> Nov

These are just a few of the jobs we have planned.

- General tidy of the Gardens
- Fix noticeboard and cross to wall
- Spray weeds
- Sweep & tidy laundry
- Clean front fence
- Remove moss from driveway
- Blower Vac carpark

Please bring appropriate tools, utes, trailers etc.

Morning Tea provided. **If you're not available on the 27<sup>th</sup> perhaps you'd like to "claim" a job for a time that suits you.**

## OLOL Social Justice Group

### Tony's Community Kitchen

In-kind donations for Tony's Kitchen can be left in the plastic tubs in the Church foyer. Please place monetary donations in a clearly marked envelope in the collection basket.

The OLOL Social Justice Group  
thanks you so much for your support!



## Congratulations

### Casserole Club

The OLOL Casserole Club has been operating since November 2013 and this week the Casserole Club, under the leadership of Mark Whitelegg, cooked and delivered their 200th Meal.

A very special thank you to Mark and to all those who have cooked or delivered meals to those who may be going through a challenging time. What a wonderful demonstration of faith in action.

## Global Gifts

Caritas Australia

You can make a big difference to the lives of people experiencing poverty. When you buy a Global Gift, your loved one gets a special card and you help raise much-needed funds for vulnerable communities around the world.

To purchase go to <https://www.globalgifts.org.au/gifts/>

### Ideas, Comments & Suggestions

The Parish Pastoral Council is always interested in your ideas, concerns, comments or suggestions. Please use the suggestion box at the back of the church or email the parish office.

Time	Altar Servers	Welcomers	Commentary	Ministers of the Word	Extraordinary Ministers	I pad Operator	Sanitising Squad	Piety Stall
27th of Nov 6.00pm		G Schoorl J O'Sullivan	C Ferguson	M Cleary J Soriano	K Ober	M Connell <b>Check In App</b> G Schoorl	M & J Wells	J Wells
28th of Nov 9:30am	G Ryan I Ryan J Newman	Dwan Family	J Coman	M McLean M Ondrus	P Murphy	Dwan Family <b>Check In App</b> Dwan Family	P & J Gleeson	H O'Sullivan
28th of Nov 5:30pm		A Hickey K Langdale	C Golightly	J Axtell A Jessen	M Whitelegg	J See <b>Check In App</b> J Sullivan	J & C Sullivan	V Barker

## Christmas Cent Sale

The Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver are running a Christmas Cent Sale which is being held at the Cathedral Centre 123 Neil St Toowoomba on Saturday December 4. Doors open at 1.00pm for a 1.30pm start. Great prizes are on offer as well as a raffle including a homemade Christmas cake, ham, fruit tray and more. A pre-packed afternoon tea will be provided. Entry is \$5.00 including a free sheet of tickets. Sisters can be contacted on 46321818. All proceeds go to the missionary poor.

## St Ursula's College P&F Association - Christmas Ham Drive



St Ursula's College  
TOOWOOMBA

Order your award-winning local Christmas Ham and support the St Ursula's College P&F Association to fund new air conditioners in the St Ursula's Science classrooms.

Hams are locally sourced from Pilton Valley Park who is a 4th generation farming family from the Clifton/Pilton area, and was awarded 1st Place at the Regional Australian Meat Industry Council Awards 2021.

They have been traditionally smoked and cured by local butchers at Westridge Meats.

Orders are now open to pick up from St Ursulas on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2021.

Order today via: <https://www.holidayhamdrive.com.au/>

## Advent 2021 with Bruce Downes, The Catholic Guy

You are invited to 'Expect the Unexpected' this Advent. Join me each day for a short, free Advent Daily Devotional Video that will guide you on a life-changing journey. Starting November 28th you'll receive short inspirational videos each day from Bruce Downes, full of real life stories and practical ways to become all that God has created you to be!

Register: <https://brucedownes.org/registerforadvent/>

Email: [info@brucedownes.org](mailto:info@brucedownes.org)

## A message from Aid to the Church in Need



Aid to the  
Church in Need  
ACN AUSTRALIA

**Australia:** ACN continues to highlight the persecution of Christians through Red Wednesday which will take place on Wednesday 24 November. On this day Cathedrals throughout Australia and the world will hold Masses and prayer vigils and be lit in red to remember our brothers and sisters who are persecuted for their faith. To learn more and get involved visit [www.aidtochurch.org/redwednesday](http://www.aidtochurch.org/redwednesday)



Are you a young person or know a young person who loves Jesus and is looking for more? NET Ministries forms and sends out young people between the ages of 18-30 across Australia and New Zealand on a life changing mission. If you're passionate about sharing your faith and growing closer to Jesus yourself, email [recruiting@netministries.com.au](mailto:recruiting@netministries.com.au) or head to [netaus.org.au](http://netaus.org.au) to find out more!

## Diocesan E-news...

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Catholic Diocese of Toowoomba

A NEWSLETTER FOR PARISHIONERS,  
PARISH STAFF, CLERGY  
AND MEMBERS OF THE WIDER CHURCH COMMUNITY

### RESOURCE: LAUDATO SI ACTION PLATFORM

On the World Day of Prayer for the Poor, the Vatican's Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development launch of the next phase of the [Laudato Si' Action Platform](#). The ACBC Office for Justice, Ecology and Peace has played a key role in its development as a member of the Parishes and Dioceses working group.

The Laudato Si' Action Platform is a key Vatican initiative to empower the universal Church to achieve total sustainability in the holistic spirit of integral ecology. The human family faces increasing risks of hunger, disease, migration, and conflict due to climate change and environmental degradation, unfortunately, the most vulnerable suffer above all. The Laudato Si' Action Platform provides practical tools to address this socio-ecological crisis. By committing to creating a Laudato Si' Plan, members can access free resources to evaluate where you stand on the road to sustainability, reflect on the principles of integral ecology, and make a plan to take action.

Find out more at [www.laudatosiactionplatform.org](http://www.laudatosiactionplatform.org)

### REMINDER: LOCAL UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Centenary St Joseph's Church Dalby:** 27 & 28/11/21, [See the flyer for full schedule of events over the celebration weekend.](#)
- **Touching the Sacred:** 27/11/21, 9:00am for 9:30am start - 3:30pm @ Sychar. [Book at TryBooking](#) or [See flyer for further details and requirements for the day.](#)
- **Annual Social Justice Awards:** Nominations now open. [See letter from the Social Justice Commission for further information about the award and nomination process.](#) Nominations close 30/11/21.

## Our Lady of Lourdes School Plant Stall

The School Gardening Crew have a few pot plants to sell which will be available for sale before all of the Masses this weekend. Prices will be 50c, \$1 and \$2. If you're able, please bring small change. All proceeds go to the school.



You're Invited to  
Our Lady of Lourdes  
**Seniors' Christmas Party**  
Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December in the School Hall.  
**After 10 am Mass (yes, there will be Mass)**

NO CHARGE

Morning tea and lunch provided.  
Entertainment by the school children.  
**RSVP on the form at the church entrance.**