



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, 10th January 2021 Baptism of the Lord

First Reading

[Is 55:1-11](#)

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Come to the water; listen to my words and you shall have life

Oh, come to the water all you who are thirsty; though you have no money, come! Buy corn without money, and eat, and, at no cost, wine and milk.

Why spend money on what is not bread, your wages on what fails to satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and you will have good things to eat and rich food to enjoy. Pay attention, come to me; listen, and your soul will live.

With you I will make an everlasting covenant out of the favours promised to David. See, I have made of you a witness to the peoples, a leader and a master of the nations. See, you will summon a nation you never knew, those unknown will come hurrying to you, for the sake of the Lord your God, of the Holy One of Israel who will glorify you.

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found, call to him while he is still near. Let the wicked man abandon his way, the evil man his thoughts.

Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him, to our God who is rich in forgiving; for my thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways not your ways - it is the Lord who speaks. Yes, the heavens are as high above earth as my ways are above your ways, my thoughts above your thoughts.

Yes, as the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth,

making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.

Responsorial Psalm

[Is 12:2-6. R. v.6](#)

(R) You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.

1. Truly, God is my salvation,
I trust, I shall not fear.
For the Lord is my strength, my song,
he became my saviour.
With joy you will draw water
from the wells of salvation. (R.)
2. Give thanks to the Lord, give praise
to his name!
Make his mighty deeds known to
the peoples!
Declare the greatness of his
name. (R.)
3. Sing a psalm to the Lord
for he has done glorious deeds,
make them known to all the earth!
People of Zion, sing and shout for joy
for great in your midst is the Holy
One of Israel. (R.)

Second Reading

[Acts 10:34-38](#)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

God anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power.

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him. 'It is true, God sent his word to the people of Israel, and it was to them that the good news of peace was

brought by Jesus Christ - but Jesus Christ is Lord of all men. You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil.'

Gospel Acclamation

[Mk 9:8](#)

Alleluia, alleluia!

The heavens were opened and the Father's voice was heard:
this is my beloved Son, hear him.
Alleluia!

Gospel

[Mk 1:7-11](#)

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark

You are my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased..

In the course of his preaching John the Baptist said, 'Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.'

It was at this time that Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptised in the Jordan by John. No sooner had he come up out of the water than he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit, like a dove, descending on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.'

Next Week's Readings (17th January 2021) - 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

1st Reading: 1 Sam 3:3-10, 19 2nd Reading: 1 Cor 6:13-15, 17-20 Gospel: Jn 1:35-42

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.

gospel focus

A matter of fact approach

Unlike the other synoptic gospels of Matthew and Luke, the gospel of Mark includes no infancy narrative or genealogy of Jesus. It begins with John the Baptist proclaiming the coming of Jesus and the baptism scene takes place in just the ninth verse of the gospel. The gospel of Mark is something of a no-nonsense gospel. It is the shortest of the four and moves very swiftly through the events in Jesus' life. Just as Jesus emerged from the crowd to be baptised by John in an unremarkable manner, so too, the approach of the gospel throughout is very matter of fact.

Reflection...

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With this feast, the Christmas cycle comes to a close. It expands the universality of God's presence proclaimed on the Epiphany and locates it in the messianic mission of Jesus established at his baptism. It might be seen as the summary of the entire liturgical cycle: the one born among us is the servant of God who brings to all the nations a universal promise of justice and the fulfilment of hope.

Jesus is mysterious servant through whom God's saving action is accomplished. He is the light that guides those in darkness. He has been given to the nations as the promise of liberation and the hope of the age to come. His mission is directed to all peoples. Since God's voice spoke over creation and over the head of Jesus as he emerged from the waters of the Jordan, God's regeneration of nature is accomplished in and through him.

Anointed by the Spirit, Jesus is commissioned to begin his prophetic work and ministry, a work of inclusivity and the relinquishment of bondage and fear. As the heavens opened, Jesus was identified as the beloved one of God. Now the community of believers is identified with Jesus the servant of God. Through Baptism, Christians share in his prophetic and divine ministry. They too receive at baptism a commission to commit themselves to the service of the poor and to the cause of compassion. The feast of the Baptism of Jesus is a reminder of the call to Christian service.



Have you thought? Baptism

Whilst today we celebrate the feast of the Baptism of the Lord, it is also a reminder and celebration of our own Baptism. Today's gospel is a reminder that we are baptised with the Holy Spirit not merely with water. To be baptised with the Holy Spirit means that we are drawn into communion with God and we are also empowered by that communion to make a difference in the world - to reach out a helping hand to those in need and to proclaim the good news of Jesus through our actions and our words.

The Year of St Joseph

On the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, Pope Francis released his Apostolic Letter "Patris corde" ("With a Father's Heart"). Pope Francis recalls the 150th anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. To mark the occasion, the Holy Father has proclaimed a "Year of Saint Joseph" from 8 Dec 2020, to 8 Dec 2021. Pope Francis describes Saint Joseph as a beloved father, a tender and loving father, an obedient father, an accepting father; a father who is creatively courageous, a working father, a father in the shadows. For more information go to:

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2020-12/pope-francis-proclaims-year-of-st-joseph.html>

Thought of the week...

WHAT DO YOU CALL A SLEEP WALKING NUN?



A ROAMIN CATHOLIC

Please Pray For...

Recently Deceased: Kay Bartkowski

Anniversaries: Bernice Kiepe, Bea Logan, Mary Eldred, Elsie Alman, Mal O'Mara, Rohan Kajewski, Simon Davidson, Patricia Collins, Jenny Horney, James Kearney and Kevin Lowien.

Those Who Are Sick: 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.

January Birthdays: Faye Kroh, Desley O'Connell, Margaret White, Molly Ferguson and Eunice Mahoney.

2021 Date Claimers:

- Funeral Kay Bartkowski 10am Tues 12th Jan
- Australia Day Mass - Mass 10am on 26th Jan.
- Word of God Sunday 7th Feb 2021
- Beginning of School Term Mass - 10am on 11th Feb (school hall).
- Ash Wednesday - 17th Feb.

Parish Office

The Parish Office will re-open Monday 11th January 2021.

New Rosters

If you are not currently on the roster and would like to be please advise the Parish Office as soon as possible as new rosters will go out towards the end of this month.

Booked for Mass but your name's not on the list?

When you make a booking for Mass please ensure you have booked for the correct Mass time, get the Transaction Successful page at the end of your booking AND you receive a confirmation email. If you do not receive an email it may be that your booking was not successful. Please phone the Parish Office if you're in doubt.

Liturgy Group Meeting

The next Liturgy Group Meeting will be held on the 18th January in the front meeting room of the Presbytery at 7pm. All welcome.

The Highways and Byways Small Grants Program is closing soon.

It is now a little over a month away until the Highways and Byways Small Grants Program closes for applications.

Our 2021 program theme is **Healing the Land - Healing Ourselves - Together.**

Funding up to \$3,000 available to community organisations in rural, regional and remote Australia for environmental projects that heal the land in holistic ways and build community through practical projects, skills acquisition and knowledge transfer.

Applications can be submitted until 6.00pm on Tuesday 9th February 2021.

To find out more, visit <https://highwaysandbyways.org.au/>.

Diocesan Enews...

WHAT'S ON AT SYCHAR

Contemplative Sharing of "Radical Amazement"

Dates: Wednesdays 10/2 to 31/3/21 (6 sessions)

Time: 3:30pm - 5:00pm

[Register for all sessions via TryBooking](#)

Sychar offers an opportunity during the first term of 2021 to participate in six sessions of a contemplative process based on "Radical Amazement" by Judy Cannato. [See flyer for further details.](#)

Eight Week Mindfulness Course, Facilitated by Jo Cosgrove

Dates: Thursdays 4/2 to 25/3/21 Time: 4:00pm - 5:00pm

[Register for all sessions via TryBooking](#)

This 8 week course teaches practical tools and meditations that helps participants learn to live in the present and appreciate the daily gifts of their lives. [See flyer for further details. PARTIAL SCHEDULE for Term1 2021](#) - the schedule will be updated as more events are added.

DATE CLAIMER: DOMESTIC & FAMILY VIOLENCE ZOOM

WORKSHOPS Dates: 25/2, 4/3 & 11/3/21 Queensland Churches Together are hosting a series of workshops designed for Church Leaders, Pastoral Carers and Laity. [See date claimer flyer for details.](#)

JOB VACANCY: PART TIME PARISH SECRETARY (HOLY NAME

TOOWOOMBA) Applications are open for the above position at Holy Name Parish, Toowoomba. The position is a part time role starting at 9 hours per week and will begin in February 2021. For additional information please email your CV to the Parish Priest at holynameparishtmba@bigpond.com The Diocese of Toowoomba has standards of conduct for employees to maintain a safe and healthy environment for children. Our commitment to these standards requires that we conduct Working with Children checks and background referencing for all persons who will engage in direct and regular involvement with children and young people (0-18 years) and /or vulnerable adults.

JOB VACANCY: CASUAL CLEANER (HOLY NAME TOOWOOMBA)

An experienced cleaner is required on a casual basis for Holy Name Parish starting immediately. For more information please phone Holy Name Parish on 46321899.

Next Week's Roster...

Time	Welcomers	Commentator	Ministers of the Word	Extraordinary Minister	Ipad Operator	Sanitising Squad	Piety Stall
16th Jan 6.00pm	R & K Dangerfield	M Morcom	Z Lasserre S Lasserre	J Robertson	Joseph Family	Soriano Family	G Schoorl
17th Jan 8am	M & B Denny	N Ryan	L Bentley C Rawlinson	G Collins	C Collins	S Connolly	
17th Jan 9.30am	Dias Family	C Hudson	G Birth M Conrick	M Ondrus	Kelly Family	K Pasterfield M Conrick	R Coonan
17th Jan 5.30pm	See Family	K Langdale	M Whitelegg L Hammond	J Smith	D Stark	Whitelegg Family	M Stark

YEAR of SAINT JOSEPH

"Show yourself a father, and guide us in the path of life"

REFLECTION - JANUARY 2021

The Gospels of Matthew and Luke both have genealogies of Jesus Christ. They are not identical, in part because each seeks to make a different theological point. Each in its different way traces the lineage of Joseph.

The reasons for this are more Christological than biological. The fundamental promise of the Old Testament is the promise to Abraham and his descendants – a promise of life bigger than death, symbolised by offspring and patrimonial land, which were the symbols of life beyond death in the cultures that produced the Bible.

The question through time was: How is this blessing to be mediated in the life of the People of God? Different answers were given at different times. The God-given institutions were seen as mediating the Abrahamic blessing – the monarchy, the prophetic movement, the priesthood – depending upon which was in the ascendant at any given time.

Ancient Israel begins as a loose tribal federation with no centralised government. That changes once Israel faces the new kind of military threat represented by the Philistines. They were a formidable foe, culturally more advanced and with the latest in high-tech weaponry; and they seemed to have the tribes of Israel surrounded. The new peril demanded a new kind of military and political unity; and that's when you first hear in the Bible the cry for a king.



The decision to have an anointed king, a Messiah, came at the end of a slow and painful process, as we see in 1 Samuel 8-12. The theological problem was that God was supposed to be the only king of Israel; and any king on earth would seem to rival or reject the kingship of God.

A compromise was eventually reached to satisfy everyone militarily, politically and theologically. There would be a king – but a different kind of king. He would be as much subject to God's law as anyone else in the community. Unlike the rulers of Egypt or Mesopotamia, he would be one of his brothers and sisters, like them a slave set free.

The first king, Saul, was deposed by the prophet Samuel because he had disobeyed God. He was succeeded by David, chosen by Samuel at a young age. David came to the throne in about 1000 BC and reigned for something like 40 years. It was a time when, unusually, both the Egyptian and Mesopotamian empires were weak at the same time. Usually one was strong and the other weak, with the strong becoming the dominant power in the region.

David took advantage of the situation to carve out a mini-empire. His military success was seen as a potent sign of God's blessing upon him and the people, as was his success in uniting the 12 tribes in a single kingdom with its united capital in Jerusalem. Eventually there came through the prophet Nathan a divine promise that the House of David would last forever. In other words, the Abrahamic blessing would be mediated eternally through the Davidic dynasty.

This was fine until the Babylonian Exile in 587 BC, when the Davidic dynasty disappeared into the black hole of history because – the prophets said – the kings had disobeyed God's law. What then of God's promise of an eternal dynasty? Was God perhaps powerless or unreliable?

In order to save their faith in God's absolute fidelity to the promise, ancient Israel gave the promise to David and his descendants an eschatological twist. In the End-Time, they said, an ideal Davidic king, a Messiah, would appear to usher in the reign of God. He would finally mediate to the People of God the fullness of the blessing promised to Abraham and his descendants. This is what Judaism meant when it said that the Messiah would come from the House of David.

Christianity came to see in Jesus crucified and risen the ideal Davidic king mediating a life bigger than death, most especially through his resurrection from the dead. He was the long-awaited Messiah, mediating the fullness of God's blessing as priest, prophet and king.

The Gospels, therefore, are keen to stress Jesus' connection to David in order to make that point. They recognise that Joseph wasn't the biological father of Jesus, which is why in later tradition Davidic descent was often attributed to Mary as well as Joseph.

The New Testament says nothing of this – though it's not impossible, given the custom of bridegrooms choosing a bride from within their own tribe. But again the point is less biological than Christological. It is more about who Jesus is than who Joseph is, more about what God does through Jesus than what God does through Joseph.

It is often said that Mariology is a form of Christology, and the same is true of Josephology.

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