



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 Giabal and Jarowair peoples, past, present and emerging, the traditional custodians of the land on which we meet.

Sunday, 15th May 2022 Fifth Sunday of Easter - Year C

First Reading

[Acts 14:21-27](#)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

They assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them.

Paul and Barnabas went back through Lystra and Iconium to Antioch. They put fresh heart into the disciples, encouraging them to persevere in the faith. 'We all have to experience many hardships' they said 'before we enter the kingdom of God.' In each of these churches they appointed elders, and with prayer and fasting they commended them to the Lord in whom they had come to believe.

They passed through Pisidia and reached Pamphylia. Then after proclaiming the word at Perga they went down to Attalia and from there sailed for Antioch, where they had originally been commended to the grace of God for the work they had now completed.

On their arrival they assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith to the pagans.

Responsorial Psalm

[Ps 144:8-13, R. cf. v.1](#)

(R.) I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

1. The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love. How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures. **(R.)**
2. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, and your friends shall repeat their blessing. They shall speak of the glory of your reign and declare your might, O God, to make known to men your mighty deeds and the glorious splendour of your reign. **(R.)**
3. Yours is an everlasting kingdom; your rule lasts from age to age. **(R.)**

Second Reading

[Rv 21:1-5](#)

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

He will wipe away all the tears from their eyes.

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; the first heaven and the first earth had disappeared now, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the holy city, and the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, as beautiful as a bride all dressed for her husband.

Then I heard a loud voice call from the throne, 'You see this city? Here God lives among men. He will make his home among them; they shall be his people, and he will be their God; his name is God-with-them. He will wipe away all tears from their eyes; there will be no more death, and no more mourning or sadness. The world of the past has gone.'

Then the One sitting on the throne spoke: 'Now I am making the whole of creation new.'

Gospel

[Jn 13:31-35](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

I give you a new commandment: love one another.

When Judas had gone Jesus said:

'Now has the Son of Man been glorified, and in him God has been glorified. If God has been glorified in him, God will in turn glorify him in himself, and will glorify him very soon. My little children, I shall not be with you much longer. I give you a new commandment: love one another; just as I have loved you, you also must love one another.

By this love you have for one another, everyone will know that you are my disciples.'

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/>



Have you thought? Love

I love my dog! I love your hair! I love that new song! I absolutely love chocolate! We throw around the word 'love' so casually today that it has almost lost its meaning. The decision whether or not to say "I love you" in a relationship has become a major dilemma – or alternatively, just the formula that has to be said to get what you want! Jesus did not use the word so casually or so inappropriately. He spoke of love very deliberately and very specifically. Jesus calls us to share in the selfless love that he modelled and to follow his example.

Sunday Reflection...

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Everything is new! There is a new law of love, a new heaven and earth that is established in the church, a new depth of communion there, and a new glory of God that shines forth from its members.

The new commandment that Jesus announces is more than tolerance or mutual respect. It requires self-sacrificing love. Perhaps the greatest obstacle to this love is the diversity discussed last Sunday. It is hard enough to love those who are like us; how can we possibly love those who are different? And how can we love those who do not love us? It is no wonder that the commandment is called new. It calls for something completely different.

The new commandment is the law of the new heaven and the new earth that are established in the new Jerusalem. Standards are entirely different there. The greater ones serve; the meek possess the earth; happy are the poor; woe to those who laugh. This is clearly a city that comes down from heaven, not one made by human hands. It is a city that embraces all who come to it. God dwells in the midst of this city, in the heart of this people. God dwells with them and they dwell with God.

Through this new love, this new heaven and new earth, this new depth of communion, the glory of God is manifested in a new way. The eschatological future is anticipated in the present. The age of fulfilment has dawned.

GOSPEL FOCUS

God's Love

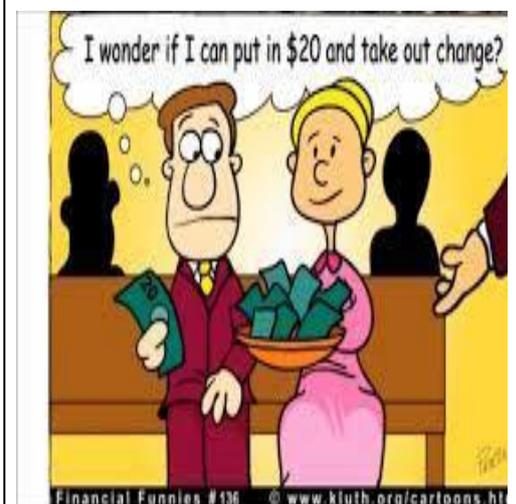
What does it mean to love as Jesus loved? The love Jesus poured out to all was an expression of God's love that has been poured out to all creation since the very beginning and continues to be poured out today. God's love doesn't keep score. When humankind turned its back on God, God's love continued to call them back to faithful relationship. God's love is not conditional – whatever we do, God continues to love us. There is no barrier that we can construct that God's love cannot get around. It is this sort of love that the new commandment demands of us.

SCRIPTURAL CONTEXT

Love is all around

Love surrounds us all the time. It is impossible to turn on a radio without hearing "love" used in one way or another. Love is the most common theme of songs, poetry, literature and art. Although we might bemoan the casual use of 'love', the fact remains that we fill our lives with the sounds and images of love. It's easier to imagine the all-pervasive nature of God's love when we recognise just how pervasive the commercial and artistic expressions of love have become. As Christian people, the challenge that faces us is to imbue these expressions with a richer, deeper notion of love.

Thought of the day...



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Please Pray For...

Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries: Fr Garret Murphy, Fr Michael Herbert, Msgn Thomas Nolan, Msgr Edward Concannon, Mary Quinlan, Leila Hanchard, Olga Prior, Francis Allport

Those Who Are Sick: Ros Kettle, Frank Kenneally, Christene and Neil Fanning, Joan Shearer, Carmel & Ron O'Brien, Margaret Munroe, Lillian Roberts, Rachel Wiggan, Brian Thomson, Francis Swinson, Hazel Machin, Fiona Heneghan, Noela Vonhoff, Charles Shann, Fr Don Murray, Judy Reardon, Delima Faigl, Ava Bateman, 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.

May Birthdays: Tanya Appleby, John Trueman, Libby Ferguson, Bernie Dever, Abigail School, Janice Moore, Brian Reardon, Marie Logan, Emily Dwan, Mark Whitelegg, Charlie School, MK Thomson

Parish News...

2022 Date Claimers:

- 29th May – Feast of the Ascension of the Lord
- 5th June – Social Justice meeting

Planned Giving

On-line Planned Giving forms were emailed on Monday 9th May. If you did not receive the email, please contact the Parish Office. Paper copies will also be available at the back of the church this weekend. Please return the forms as soon as possible.

Parish Pastoral Council Elections Update

As we had three parishioners accept their nomination to Parish Pastoral Council there is no need for an election. We warmly welcome Bernadette Witham, Jo Johnston and Ray Johnston as our new Parish Council members and Julius Soriano who will sit a further one year term. We acknowledge and thank Brian, Jasmine and Leisa for their contribution over the last three years.

Project Compassion

If you still have any Project Compassion envelopes at home, would you please return them by next weekend.

Sacramental Candidates

We wish all the Confirmation and First Eucharist candidates from the school and parish all the best for their upcoming Sacraments. Please offer up a prayer for the candidates.

100% Wool Neck Warmers

These gorgeous neck warmers have been lovingly created by two of our parishioners and are available in an assortment of colours for \$15ea at the piety stall or Parish Office. All proceeds will be donated to the OLOL SVDP Conference to help support local families.



Prayer for Confirmation Candidates

Lord, You send out Your Spirit to touch the hearts of all people, so that they may believe in You and in Jesus whom You sent. Look kindly on all candidates for Confirmation as they listen to Your voice. Open their hearts to Your Spirit and bring to fulfilment the good work that You have begun in them. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Sacramental Program Date Claimers:

- 17th May - Confirmation practice meeting 3.30pm
- 18th May – Sacrament of Confirmation 7pm
- 19th May – First Eucharist Practice for Mass 1 (22/5/22) at 3.30pm
- 22nd May – First Eucharist (Mass 1) at 11am
- 25th May - First Eucharist Practice for Mass 2 (29/5/22) at 3.30pm
- 29th May – First Eucharist (Mass 2) at 11am

Sacraments Preparation



St Ursula's College

Are you considering St Ursula's College for your daughter in 2022 or 2023? Our Twilight Tours are the perfect way to tour the College after hours and learn how St Ursula's could be the ideal place for your daughter. Register now <https://www.trybooking.com/BWBGX>



Time	Altar Servers	Welcomers	Commentary	Ministers of the Word	Extraordinary Ministers	I pad Operator	Piety Stall
21 st May at 6pm	E Ward	M Cleary J Robertson	G Ferguson	L Borger R Jayawardhana	L Walsh	G School	R Fallon
22 nd May at 9.30am	J Newman S McGovern	N Ryan V Bowe	C Hudson	C Dias S Connolly	J Coman	N Ryan	R Coonan
22 nd May at 5.30pm	M Obst N Obst	M Ryan K Tague	B Reardon	J Johnston C Golightly	J Axtell	K Langdale	J Sullivan

Mass In The Maronite Rite:

Fr Fadi Salame will be celebrating Mass in the Maronite Rite on Sunday 22nd May at 11.00am In St Anthony's Church 3 Memory Street Harristown.

A warm invitation is extended to all parishioners to attend this Mass. Please contact Gabrielle Saide on 4632 4778 if you have any queries.

Laudato Si' Week 2022

Laudato Si' Week, a celebration of Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si'* and a call to action for Catholics around the world, is being celebrated 16-24 May, 2022.

The Office for Justice, Ecology and Peace have created new resources for parishes, schools, organisations and individuals to use throughout this time.

The prayer, reflection, and action materials for Laudato Si' Week 2022 are labelled for each day from 16 to 24 May, but they can be used at any time. You may choose to use one, some or none of them and adapt them to suit your context or needs.



Nationwide Rosary

Saturday 21st May 2022

To honour OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS
Patroness of Australia

To be held at **ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL** Cnr James & Neil St. Toowoomba From 2:00pm to 4:00pm EST

This is a Church or Church ground Rosary not a public one Come on Australia let us stand together in strength and unity to pray the rosary all as one and ask our Holy Mother for protection and guidance and her intercession in these troubled times. It is all right to invite your families and friends from near and distant lands to join with us on this day, For those of you unable to attend a church you can join with us by saying the Rosary at home.



SPRED – Where Faith and Friendship Meet

Are you...

- * Looking to add meaning to your life, by making a real difference in the life of someone else
- * Interested in making new friends & developing new skills
- * Searching for a way to deepen your own faith

...then, SPRED may be for you!

SPRED is having a friend to walk beside you in the everyday happenings of life, which is exactly where God is to be found. Could you be a friend to someone in SPRED?

For more information:

- Check out the display at the back of the church
- talk to any of our Parish SPRED Volunteers
- or contact Loretta Coman at the SPRED centre on 4632 8427 or
- Email spred@twb.catholic.org.au



Diocesan E-news...



ORDINATION DATE ANNOUNCED

Our two Deacons, Nathan Webb and Brian Redondo will be ordained to the Priesthood on Saturday 25 June 2022 at St Patrick's Cathedral, Toowoomba with the ceremony commencing at 10am.

As a Diocese we rejoice at this news and pray for Brian and Nathan as they prepare for their Ordination.

BBI: DISCIPLES & LEADERS PROGRAM - Toowoomba Diocese 2022:

Discipleship and Participation

The Disciples and Leader program with BBI-Taite will continue for in May and August 2022. New participants are invited to join the Disciples and Leaders program. To register, please email your contact details to Christine Hickey, Bishop's Secretary, at bishsec@twb.catholic.org.au.

The module for May (currently underway):

Participation and worship: praying the Mass together

1. participating in the gathering;
2. participating in the Word;
3. participating in the Eucharistic rites
4. participating in the community

The module for August will be:

Participation and the life of the community: being parishioners together

- 1. The heart of the community:** what is the Christian community in the Spirit among the saints; key features of pastoral care; learning from others: lessons from the land and the people.
- 2. The mission of the community:** what do we bring, what do we become?; the social justice dimensions of the life of the church.
- 3. Leading in and from the community:** what does Christian leadership look like?; having the 'smell of the sheep'.
- 4. A church in every community and a community in every church:** the integration of our community in the larger community; the teaching of Fratelli tutti.

SYCHAR HOUSE OF PRAYER & SPIRITUALITY

69 Margaret Street Toowoomba

SYCHAR SECOND TERM SCHEDULE: 19 April – 24 June 2022:

Best times for accessing the library during term are Tuesday or Wednesday mornings or before or after an advertised Sychar event. Alternatively, you may contact 0458 020 906 to arrange for a time that is manageable for you. You are welcome to enjoy the peace and quiet of the garden at any time. A flat behind the main house offers quiet space for those wanting a personal day of reflection.

Upcoming Sessions

Seeing with New Eyes: Opening to the Wisdom of the Parables

Six weekly sessions Monday 16 May to Monday 20 June 2022 7pm to 8.30pm (approx.) For more information [Click here](#)

In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop

The Sisters of Saint Joseph have prepared an Australian Pilgrimage, "In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop" commencing in Melbourne on 18 October, journeying through Victoria and South Australia, and ending at Mary MacKillop Place, North Sydney on 29 October 2022. During the pilgrimage we visit many places associated with Mary MacKillop's life and ministry.

Please see the brochure on the notice board or [click here](#) for more information.