

Welcome to OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH

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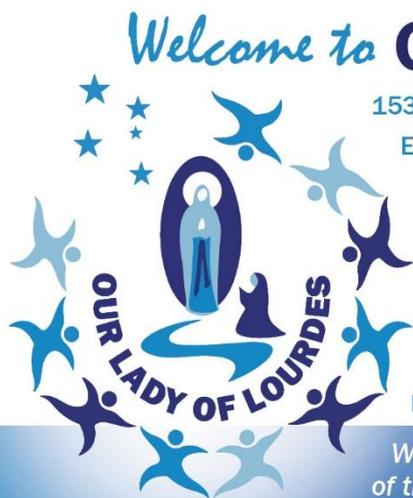
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We would like to acknowledge the Giabal and Jarowair peoples, Traditional Owners of this land and pay our respects to their Elders past and present.

Sunday, 20th November 2022

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe - Year C

First Reading

[2 Sm 5:1-3](#)

A reading from the second book of Samuel

The anointed David king of Israel

All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron. 'Look' they said 'we are your own flesh and blood. In days past when Saul was our king, it was you who led Israel in all their exploits; and the Lord said to you, "You are the man who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you shall be the leader of Israel.'" So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David made a pact with them at Hebron in the presence of the Lord, and they anointed David king of Israel.

Responsorial Psalm

[Ps 121:1-5. R. see v.2](#)

(R.) Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

1. I rejoiced when I heard them say: 'Let us go to God's house.' And now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem. (R)

2. Jerusalem is built as a city strongly compact. It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord (R.)

3. For Israel's law it is, there to praise the Lord's name. There were set the thrones of judgement of the house of David. (R.)

Second Reading

[Col 1:12-20](#)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

He has taken us into the kingdom of his beloved Son.

We give thanks to the Father who has made it possible for you to join the saints and with them to inherit the light. Because that is what he has done: he has taken us out of the power of darkness and created a place for us in the kingdom of the Son that he loves, and in him, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins. He is the image of the unseen God and the first-born of all creation, for in him were created all things in heaven and on earth: everything visible and everything invisible, Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignities, Powers - all things were created through him and for him. Before anything was created, he existed, and he holds all things in unity. Now the Church is his body, he is its head. As he is the Beginning, he was first to be born from the dead, so that he should be first in every way; because God wanted all perfection to be found in him and all things to be reconciled through him and for him, everything in heaven and everything on earth, when he made peace by his death on the cross.

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

[Lk 23:35-43](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Lord remember me when you come into your kingdom.

The people stayed there before the cross watching Jesus. As for the leaders, they jeered at him. 'He saved others,' they said, 'let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One.' The soldiers mocked him too, and when they approached to offer him vinegar they said, 'If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.' Above him there was an inscription: 'This is the King of the Jews.'

One of the criminals hanging there abused him. 'Are you not the Christ?' he said. 'Save yourself and us as well.' But the other spoke up and rebuked him. 'Have you no fear of God at all?' he said. 'You got the same sentence as he did, but in our case we deserved it: we are paying for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong. Jesus,' he said, 'remember me when you come into your kingdom.' 'Indeed, I promise you,' he replied, 'today you will be with me in paradise.'

Next Week's Readings (26th / 27th November 2022) - First Sunday of Advent - Year A

1st Reading: [Is 2:1-5](#) 2nd Reading: [Rom 13:11-14](#) Gospel: [Mt 24:37-44](#)

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

Cristianne Dias, Jon Dwan, Robie Jayawardhana, Jo Johnston, Ray Johnston, Candice Poulton, Julius Soriano, Sue Whitelegg and Bernadette Witham.

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

A kingdom of inclusion

In response to the criminal's faith, Jesus assures him, 'today you will be with me in paradise'. There is a certainty and immediacy about the response. Jesus does not tell him that some time in the future he will be rewarded for his faith. No, it is today that the criminal will join Jesus in paradise. It is an expression of the welcome and inclusion that Jesus has extended to the outsider and undervalued throughout his ministry. It is a clear indication that the Kingdom of God that Jesus has worked to bring about is a kingdom of inclusion and welcome.

Sunday Reflection...

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This feast celebrates the power and authority of Christ by creating a collage of images that capture one or more characteristics of Christ's kingship. Each image reinterprets the concept of king, investing it with new meaning. Gathered together they create a kind of litany that extols the kingship of Christ. Shepherd and commander call to mind the care and protection that Christ lavishes on those who place themselves under his care. King of Israel is a sign of universal rule. Image of the Invisible God acclaims the divine origin of Christ and of the rule that he exercises over all. First born of all Creation places Christ over the entire created world. Source of all Created Things acknowledges both the sovereignty of Christ and his importance as the model after which all things were fashioned. Head of the Body, the Church underscores the intimacy and interrelationship that exist between Christ and all those who are joined to him through faith and baptism. Firstborn of the Dead not only acclaims Christ's resurrection, but it also guarantees the resurrection of those who will follow him into death. Crucified King is clearly the image that reinterprets all other images. The entire liturgical year is brought to completion in the last words of the gospel: 'Today you will be with me in Paradise.' These are the words that we all long to hear, words that are empty when coming from one who has no authority, but charged with power when spoken by the one who is king over us all.

HISTORICAL CONTEXT

Christ the King

The Feast of Christ the King was introduced to the liturgical calendar by Pope Pius XI in 1925. The establishment of the feast took place in a world that had suffered through the First World War and was unknowingly heading towards the Second World War. In this setting, the world was experiencing a dramatic growth in secularism and an even more dramatic growth in dictators who were rising to power in various states. The introduction of the feast was a call back from the secular and a call to remember Christ as having authority above and beyond any earthly leader.

SCRIPTURAL CONTEXT

Shepherds and Criminals

The gospel of Luke is underlined by a message of hope for those who are afflicted, outcast and poor. In this gospel, the message and ministry of Jesus are directed specifically to these lowly ones. The significance of the role played by the poor is highlighted by the framing of the whole narrative in this gospel: the birth of Jesus is celebrated by shepherds and his death is accompanied by criminals. Shepherds and criminals – two classes of people on the absolute fringe of society; not dignitaries or wise men from afar – are witness to the birth and death of Jesus.

Thought of the Day...

The kids keep laughing about my memory. They won't be laughing at Christmas when there's no eggs under the tree!

Please Pray For...

Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries: Kathleen Humphrey, Fr Peter Murphy, Lilian McCormack, Ellen Davies, Delphine Cailcott, Lois Rose Moran, Ven A/Deacon Leo Hayes, Fr Francis Leonard, Fr John Dowd,

Those Who Are Sick: Trish Betros, Noel Lipp, Michael (Micky) Lynch, Kevin Boland, George Streidl, Ros Kettle, Frank Kenneally, Carmel & Ron O'Brien, Lillian Roberts, Brian Thomson, Fr Don Murray, Judy Reardon, Peggy Thies, John Axtell, Ted Schulz, Noel O'Mara, Mick O'Mara, Patrick Wright,

November Birthdays: Cristianne Dias, Helen Stein, Cathy Morris, Marg Roessler, Kev Roberts, Margaret McNab, Jenny McDonald, Frank Jones, Fr Kerry Costigan

Parish News...

Sat 19/11/22	Mass 6.00pm
Sun 20/11/22	Mass 9.30am Mass 5.30pm
Mon 21/11/22	
Tue 22/11/22	Mass 10am Prayer Group 10.30am
Wed 23/11/22	Anam Cara 9.30am in the Presbytery
Thu 24/11/22	St Vincent De Paul Meeting 8am Craft Group 10am
Fri 25/11/22	

Weekday Mass Changes

Commencing the week of the 28th November, there will be three weekday Masses each week. Mass will now be held every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 10am. If Father Quinlan is unavailable, a Liturgy of the Word will be held instead.

2022 Date Claimers:

- 27th Nov – 1st Sunday of Advent
- 28th Nov – BUPA Liturgy of the Word with Communion
- 29th Nov – Seniors' Christmas Party after 10am Mass
- 11th Dec – Christmas Carols and Pizza 6.30pm
- 19th Dec – 2nd Rite of Reconciliation. 6.00pm

Christmas Mass Times

- 24th Dec - Christmas Vigil 6pm at Salo Centre
- 25th Dec – Christmas Day 8am at Our Lady of Lourdes.

Working Bee – Saturday 3rd December

From 8am to do a few little odd jobs. Morning Tea provided.

1. Disability signs to be moved
2. Wheel stops to be painted
3. Clean laundry
4. Mary MacKillop picture to be hung in church



Notice board and Message board

There are some envelopes to be collected from the message board. Please check to see if there is an envelope there for you. Sister Cecila has written a note to all Lourdes parishioners. Please find the card on the notice board.

You're invited to join us for Christmas CAROLS

Sunday 11th December 6.30pm – 7.30pm
Pizza and drinks provided.

For catering, please indicate your interest on the sheet at the back of the church.

The Liturgy Group is looking for young people who may be interested in singing/leading some of the Christmas Carols. We are also looking for children and parents to read through the Scripture passage. If you and/or your children are interested in any of these roles, please let us know.



You're Invited to
Our Lady of Lourdes

Seniors' Christmas Party

Tuesday 29th November
After 10 am Mass in the School Hall.

NO CHARGE

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

The Letter: Laudato Si Film – Pope Francis

For those who missed our screening of the film, The Letter, starring Pope Francis or you would like to watch the film again, please click [here](#) for the link.



Time	Altar Servers	Welcomers	Commentary	Ministers of the Word	Offertory Procession	Extra. Ministers	I pad Operator	Piety Stall
26 th Nov at 6pm	E Ward	J Robertson B Witham	M Cleary	C Ferguson R O'Brien	M & J Wells	B Witham	G Schoolr	J Wells
27 th Nov at 9.30am	S Dias	Dwan Family	J Coman	M McLean P Murphy	Dias Family	C Anderson	J Cash	C Watson
27 th Nov at 5.30pm	N Obst E Obst	M & J Ryan	C Golightly	J Axtell M Whitelegg	Ryan Family	B Stark	A Hickey	S Whitelegg

SPRED need your help...

SPRED are currently looking for new people to be faith companions for their Friends living with intellectual disabilities. They are in urgent need of more volunteers for 2023. There are a number of Friends who won't be able to attend SPRED in 2023 unless people like yourself are able and willing to offer your time and friendship. If you feel this is a way that you could serve others, please contact the SPRED Office or see or call Mark Whitelegg, who is our SPRED Parish Representative on Ph. 0408 987 902.



SPRED...

Where Faith and Friendship Meet

INFORMATION SESSION

WHEN: Wednesday, November 30, 5.30pm—6.15pm

WHERE: SPRED Centre, 34 Hume Street

(N.B. Entrance to Centre via Jellicoe Street at rear of building)

PLEASE CONTACT THE SPRED Office for more information or to confirm your attendance

Ph: 4632 8427 Email: spred@twb.catholic.org.au

Christmas Appeal for Vinnies & Tony's Kitchen

The OLOL St Vincent de Paul Conference and the OLOL Social Justice Group are seeking donations for a joint Christmas Appeal for St Vincent de Paul and Tony's Kitchen. Your generous donations of non-perishable foods, non-alcoholic drinks, toiletries, toys and books can provide urgent relief for those doing it tough this Christmas, brighten their Christmas and give them hope for a better future.



Please see the noticeboard for suggested Christmas Hamper items.

Donations can be left in the plastic tubs in the Church foyer. Alternatively, monetary donations can be placed in a clearly marked envelope in the collection basket.



Looking to Enrich your Advent Journey?

During this season of Advent, Garret Publishing are presenting a virtual series of talks by four Australian biblical scholars from Yarra Theological Union, a College of the University of Divinity. Each week this group of accomplished guides will work together to shed light on each of the readings for the coming week. This is a perfect opportunity to grow in your understanding as disciples and should not be missed.

EVENT DETAILS

WHEN: Tuesdays – November 22, 29, December 6, 13

TIME: 7.00pm – 8.00pm AEDT

WHERE: Via Zoom meeting

COST: Free

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER ONLINE](#)

Online registration is essential.* Zoom meeting details will be forwarded on Monday 21 November 2022. The presentation will be recorded. Once available, we will send an email with details on how to access the video.

***You need to be registered to receive the video link.**



Invitation to the SPRED Thanksgiving Mass

You are very warmly invited to attend the annual SPRED community Thanksgiving Mass and to share afternoon tea with us following the service.

Mass will be held at St Theresa's Parish on Sunday 20th November at 1.30pm. Please RSVP for catering purposes to SPRED 4632 8427 or spred@twb.catholic.org.au



Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for Nov '22 For Children Who Suffer

In November, we pray with Pope Francis for all children who suffer, those who are homeless, orphaned or victims of war; may they have access to education and the opportunity to experience family affection.

