



Welcome to **OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH**

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We acknowledge and respect the living culture of the Gialal and Jarowair peoples, past, present and emerging, the traditional custodians of the land on which we meet.

Sunday, 26th June 2022

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

First Reading

[1 Kgs 19:16, 19-21](#)

A reading from the first book of the Kings

Elisha rose and followed Elijah and became his servant.

The Lord said to Elijah: 'Go, you are to anoint Elisha son of Shaphat, of Abel Meholah, as prophet to succeed you.' Leaving there, Elijah came on Elisha son of Shaphat as he was ploughing behind twelve yoke of oxen, he himself being with the twelfth. Elijah passed near to him and threw his cloak over him. Elisha left his oxen and ran after Elijah. 'Let me kiss my father and mother, then I will follow you' he said. Elijah answered, 'Go, go back; for have I done anything to you?' Elisha turned away, took the pair of oxen and slaughtered them. He used the plough for cooking the oxen, then gave to his men, who ate. He then rose, and followed Elijah and became his servant.

Responsorial Psalm

[Ps 15:1-2 5, 7-11. R. cf v.5](#)

(R.) You are my inheritance, O Lord.
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1. Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you. I say to the Lord: 'You are my God.' O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup; it is you yourself who are my prize.
2. I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel, who even at night directs my heart. I keep the Lord ever in my sight: since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. **(R.)**

3. And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad; even my body shall rest in safety. For you will not leave my soul among the dead, nor let your beloved know decay

4. You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, at your right hand happiness for ever. **(R.)**

Second Reading

[Gal 5:1, 13-18](#)

A reading from the letter of the St Paul to the Galatians

My brothers, you were called to freedom

When Christ freed us, he meant us to remain free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to the yoke of slavery.

My brothers, you were called, as you know, to liberty; but be careful, or this liberty will provide an opening for self-indulgence. Serve one another, rather, in works of love, since the whole of the Law is summarised in a single command: Love your neighbour as yourself. If you go snapping at each other and tearing each other to pieces, you had better watch or you will destroy the whole community.

Let me put it like this: if you are guided by the Spirit you will be in no danger of yielding to self-indulgence, since self-indulgence is the opposite of the Spirit, the Spirit is totally against such a thing, and it is precisely because the two are so opposed that you do not always carry out your good intentions. If you are led by the Spirit, no law can touch you.

Gospel

[Lk 9:51-62](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus resolutely set his face towards Jerusalem. I will follow you wherever you will go.

As the time drew near for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely took the road for Jerusalem and sent messengers ahead of him. These set out, and they went into a Samaritan village to make preparations for him, but the people would not receive him because he was making for Jerusalem. Seeing this, the disciples James and John said, 'Lord, do you want us to call down fire from heaven to burn them up?' But he turned and rebuked them, and they went off to another village.

As they travelled along they met a man on the road who said to him, 'I will follow you wherever you go.' Jesus answered, 'Foxes have holes and the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.'

Another to whom he said, 'Follow me,' replied, 'Let me go and bury my father first.' But he answered, 'Leave the dead to bury their dead; your duty is to go and spread the news of the kingdom of God.'

Another said, 'I will follow you, sir, but first let me go and say good-bye to my people at home.' Jesus said to him, 'Once the hand is laid on the plough, no one who looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.'

Next Week's Readings (2nd/3rd July 2022) – Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C
1st Reading: s 66:10-14. 2nd Reading: Gal 6:14-18 Gospel: Lk 10:1-12 17-20

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/>

SCRIPTURAL CONTEXT

Hard sayings

Today's gospel can be seen as falling into a category of gospel passages that are often referred to as the 'hard sayings' of Jesus. These hard sayings are often confronting and even offensive to the audience – particularly a modern one. The harshness of the language and sentiment seems to jar with our image of the compassionate Jesus. Yet, these challenging teachings remind us of the hard edge that is contained within Christian beliefs and teachings. They call for strength in the face of overwhelming odds and commitment even in the face of custom and family loyalties.

Sunday Reflection...

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Today we consider some of the personal difficulties we might have to face as disciples. First, there is no part-time discipleship. Our commitment must be wholehearted and complete. We must have a willing attitude that frees us interiorly from all other concerns so that we might be able to follow Christ regardless of our state in life or our occupation. This attitude of commitment comes not merely from our own generosity of heart but from our having been transformed into Christ through faith and baptism. We may face conflicts when our various allegiances seem to clash. We may have family responsibilities. There are children to raise, elderly parents or infirm relatives to care for. What does discipleship require of us? We all must earn a living. Are we expected to leave our employment to follow Jesus? And if so, what then will we do? All disciples must face the interior struggle caused by the conflict of legitimate responsibilities. The freedom of which Paul speaks comes with genuine love. If, out of love, we can negotiate successfully these conflicts caused by competing responsibilities, without compromising our total commitment to Christ, we will find a new kind freedom. This is the freedom that enables us to be faithful to both sets of responsibilities according to the proper priority. We will see that commitment to Christ is primary and the circumstances of our lives with the accompanying responsibilities set the parameters within which we live out our commitment. It is not in opposition with these responsibilities or despite them, but by means of or through them that we live out our discipleship.

HISTORICAL CONTEXT

Q

The three short sayings that make up the second half of today's gospel also appear in the gospel of Matthew and in the non-canonical gospel of Thomas. All three of these texts used a collection of sayings of Jesus as a source for their writing. This source is known simply by the German word for source, Quelle, or more commonly by the letter Q. The existence of the sayings gospel of Q has been deduced by use of source criticism, which seeks to better understand a text by understanding the sources used in its construction.



Have you thought? No looking back

'Once the hand is laid on the plough, no one who looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.' This seemingly uncompromising position by Jesus is a call to set our eyes clearly on the establishment of the Kingdom. If we look back – if we have doubts and want to return to the world of comfort and injustice – then we are not yet ready for the difficulties of bringing about the Kingdom of God. It reminds us that although God invites us all to enter into the Kingdom, we have to make ourselves ready in our own hearts and minds to want to be part of the Kingdom.

Thought of the Day...

A parishioner offered the priest some bottles of cherry brandy as long as the priest placed an acknowledgment in the bulletin. The next week's bulletin duly read: "Thank you to the kind parishioner for the gift of fruit and the spirit in which it was given."



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Please Pray For...

Recent Deaths: Bob Butler, Jared Schneider

Anniversaries: Fr Thomas McCormack, Jennifer Gabbett, Stanley Patrick Collins, Helen Phelan, Tony Drew, Terry Tewes, Daphne Pobar, June Maree Davis, Sheila Strickland, Desley Mary Byrne, Nell Meara, John Burke, Michael Ruinlan, June Hurst, John McDonnell, Eileen Gertrude Davis

Those Who Are Sick: George Streidl, Ros Kettle, Frank Kenneally, Christene and Neil Fanning, Joan Shearer, Carmel & Ron O'Brien, Margaret Munroe, Lillian Roberts, 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.

June Birthdays: Cassie Soriano, Ben Saunders, Helen McQuillan, June Burke, Joyce Smith, Sr Nancy Doyle, Kevin Boland, Jose Dias, Margaret Graham, Gen Schoorl, Agnes Hale, Patrick Kelly, Trish Shepherd, Rosie Glassey, Clare Ferguson

Parish News...

2022 Date Claimers:

- 25th June – Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary
- 25th June – Ordination of Nathan Webb and Brian Redondo
- 29th June – Feast of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles.
- 2nd/3rd July – Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday. Morning Tea following the 9.30am Mass.
- 23rd/24th July – World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly
- 31st July – Teacher and Staff Thank You Mass 9.30am with Morning Tea to follow.

Praying for the Plenary Council

The 2nd Assembly of The Plenary Council begins on Sunday 3rd July and is an important event for the future of the Catholic Church in Australia. The entire Toowoomba Diocesan community is warmly invited and encouraged to attend a Plenary Prayer celebration to pray for guidance and wisdom from the Holy Spirit in this important time for our Church as we discern where God is calling us to be.

Pope Francis expresses his hope *“that all communities will devote the necessary effort of advancing along the path of a pastoral and missionary conversion which cannot leave things as they presently are”*.

Date: Thurs 30th June 2022

Where: Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

Time: 5.30pm



Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday – 3rd July

Every year on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday, Catholics from across Australia come together to acknowledge and celebrate the gifts of Australia's First Peoples. This year the theme challenges us all into action. ***“The Harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few. Get up! Stand up! Show up!”*** If you identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander and would like to participate in this celebration please contact the Parish Office as soon as possible. Morning tea will follow the 9.30am Mass. Please bring a plate to share.



World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly Sunday 24th July 2022



**WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY
SUNDAY 24 JULY 2022**

THEME: 'IN OLD AGE THEY WILL STILL BEAR FRUIT (PS 92:15)

Working Bee - Rose Garden

Saturday 9th July from 8.30am. Your help with pruning, weeding, fertilising, mulching and watering the rose garden will be very much appreciated. Morning tea will be provided.



Time	Altar Servers	Welcomers	Commentary	Ministers of the Word	Extraordinary Ministers	I pad Operator	Piety Stall
2 nd July at 6pm	E Ward	R Campbell K Roberts	C Ferguson	M Cleary L Borger	Mark Moore	M Connell	K Ward
3 rd July at 9.30am	E Dwan S Dias A Dwan	Dwan Family	Consie Hudson	S Connolly Cristianne Dias	S Kelly	Dwan Family	M Webb
3 rd July at 5.30pm	N Morcom M Morcom E Haylock	J Michel B Bambosek	V O'Connell	J Axtell C Smith	L Bentley	K Tague	V Barker

There's Nothing Ordinary About Ordinary Time

This weekend is a turning point in the liturgical year. The Easter Season and major feast day commemorations of the Ascension, Trinity Sunday and Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ are over and we are now in 'Ordinary Time', one of the most misunderstood concepts regarding the Church's [liturgical year](#). We tend to think of certain seasons of the Church year as special: Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter. These seasons are indeed special. However, Ordinary Time is not referring to a season in which nothing special is happening.

In fact, the Scripture readings teach us that there is nothing ordinary about Ordinary Time. Aware of God's presence and continuing love, the Church does not let a day go by without counting it as belonging to God. Because we count our Sundays in this way, we call them *Ordinary*, as in the word *ordinal*, meaning "numbered." Because we encounter, day by day and Sunday after Sunday, the deeds of the Lord proclaimed in Scripture, we are reminded regularly that this moment and indeed every moment belongs to God. In fact, at the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday, which is the centerpiece of the Church year, the priest prays these words as he blesses the Easter candle: "Christ yesterday and today, the beginning and the end, Alpha and Omega; all time belongs to him, and all the ages; to him be glory and power through every age for ever."

For Catholics, time takes on a unique sense in the context of liturgy and worship. When we enter liturgy, the time that we mark with clocks and watches, *kronos*, is suspended. At that point, *kairos*—eternal time or "heaven's time"—overshadows our time and invites us to enter God's "eternal now." This eternal now is experienced by the Church through the Church's liturgical year. This means that, for Catholics, every day of the year has a connection to Jesus.

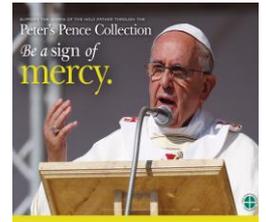
In this temporal cycle, we identify, first of all, the [Sundays of the year](#), as in the 23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time. As for weekdays, they are also identified in relation to the previous Sunday, for example, Tuesday of the 18th Week in Ordinary Time.

Because time is something that belongs to God, we are called to be stewards of God's time. In fact, stewardship is the recognition of our responsibility to care for and share what God has entrusted to us: time, talent, and treasure. Ordinary Time reminds us that all time belongs to God, and we are stewards of this wonderfully generous gift.



Peter's Pence Collection- 26th June 2022

Peter's Pence is the name given to the financial support offered by the faithful to the Holy Father as a sign of their sharing in the concern of the Successor of Peter for the many different needs of the Universal Church and for the relief of those most in need.



The Peter's Pence Collection is traditionally taken up on 29th June, the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, or on the Sunday closest to this Solemnity. The proceeds enable Pope Francis to assist the most disadvantaged in emergency situations including victims of war, oppression and disasters.

Please find donation envelopes at the back of the church.



What is Sychar about?

Sychar welcomes all who thirst for inner growth and spiritual nourishment; who seek to discover their authentic self and awaken to the Mystery of God in whom they live and move and have their being. They will be encouraged to journey to the heart, to experience more deeply the indwelling presence of Christ and their oneness with all creation. Accessing the unfailing wellsprings of God's creative Spirit will enable those who thirst to be transformed by the fire of God's love and inspired to embrace God's mission with passion and creativity.

Below is an extract from the Term 3 Schedule (11 July to 15 September 2022). Click [here](#) for the full schedule.

Monday	CLOSED Except for 7.00-8.00pm Poetry and Scripture: Listening to the Divine in the Midst of Life - weekly 1/8/22 to 5/9/22
Tuesday	9.30am to 12.30pm Librarians generally present 4pm Christian Meditation
Wednesday	2.30-4.00pm Chrysalis group commencing 27 July
Thursday	7.00-8.30pm - Men Seeking Wisdom
Friday	1.00-2.30pm weekly Anam Cara (a spiritual conversation group in the Ignatian tradition)
Saturday	Walking the Labyrinth - A Prayerful Pilgrimage to Inner Being - 3 September

Flyers for *Poetry and Scripture* and *Walking the Labyrinth* are available on the notice board at the back of the church. To register for events or for further information about Sychar, House of Prayer and Spirituality, please click [here](#).

WELCOME VISITORS AND NEW PARISHIONERS

If you are new to the area or have recently started attending Church services at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish and would like to be added to our Parish register to receive our weekly bulletin and/or other parish information please complete the following details.

TITLE: NAME.....
 ADDRESS.....POSTCODE.....
 PHONE NUMBER.....EMAIL ADDRESS.....

Please add me to your Parish Register: Yes No

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