

# Welcome to OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH

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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, 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2023 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

### First Reading

[Is 8:23 - 9:3](#)

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

*In the Galilean country, the people have seen a great light.*

In days past the Lord humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in days to come he will confer glory on the Way of the Sea on the far side of Jordan, province of the nations. The people that walked in darkness has seen a great light; on those who live in a land of deep shadow a light has shone. You have made their gladness greater, you have made their joy increase, they rejoice in your presence as men rejoice at harvest time, as men are happy when they are dividing the spoils. For the yoke that was weighing on him, the bar across his shoulders, the rod of his oppressor, these you break as on the day of Midian.

### Responsorial Psalm

[Ps 26:1. 4. 13-14. R. v.1](#)

(R.) The Lord is my light and salvation.

1. The Lord is my light and my help; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; Before whom shall I shrink? (R)

2. There is one thing I ask of the Lord, for this I long, to live in the house of the Lord, all the days of my life, to savour the sweetness of the Lord, to behold his temple. (R.)

3. I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living. Hope in him, hold firm and take heart. Hope in the Lord! (R.)

### Second Reading

[1 Cor 1:10-13, 17](#)

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

*I appeal to you, my brothers and sisters, make up the differences between you.*

I appeal to you, brothers, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, to make up the differences between you, and instead of disagreeing among yourselves, to be united again in your belief and practice. From what Chloe's people have been telling me, my dear brothers, it is clear that there are serious differences among you. What I mean are all these slogans that you have, like: 'I am for Paul', 'I am for Apollos', 'I am for Cephas', 'I am for Christ'. Has Christ been parcelled out? Was it Paul that was crucified for you? Were you baptised in the name of Paul?

For Christ did not send me to baptise, but to preach the Good News, and not to preach that in the terms of philosophy in which the crucifixion of Christ cannot be expressed.

### Gospel Acclamation

[Mt 4:23](#)

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!

### Gospel

[Mt 4:12-23](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

*He went to Capernaum, that the prophecy of Isaiah be fulfilled.*

Hearing that John had been arrested Jesus went back to Galilee, and leaving Nazareth he went and settled in Capernaum, a lakeside town on the borders of Zebulun and Naphtali. In this way the prophecy of Isaiah was to be fulfilled: Land of Zebulun! Land of Naphtali! Way of the sea on the far side of Jordan, Galilee of the nations! The people that lived in darkness has seen a great light; on those who dwell in the land and shadow of death a light has dawned. From that moment Jesus began his preaching with the message, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee he saw two brothers, Simon, who was called Peter, and his brother Andrew; they were making a cast in the lake with their net, for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.' And they left their nets at once and followed him. Going on from there he saw another pair of brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they were in their boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. At once, leaving the boat and their father, they followed him. He went round the whole of Galilee teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the Good News of the kingdom and curing all kinds of diseases and sickness among the people.

Next Week's Readings (28<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup> January 2023) - Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
1st Reading: [Zep 2:3, 3:12-13](#) 2nd Reading: [1 Cor 1:26-31](#) Gospel: [Mt 5:1-12](#)

## Parish Activities

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** - Friday afternoons in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel from 1:00pm - 5:30pm.

**ANAM CARA** - Wednesday 9.00am 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 10:30am in the quiet room at the church.

**ECUMENISM GROUP** - meet the 4th 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 1st 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 2nd and 4th 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/>

## Historical Context

### Repent

Throughout the Old Testament, the people of Israel repeated a cycle of behaviour. When their relationship with God was strong, they upheld the covenant and they prospered. They would forget that their prosperity lay in being in right relationship with one another and with God and so they would neglect those relationships. They would turn so far away that some tragedy or oppression would befall them. Out of their despair they would recognise their need for God and they would 'repent' and re-establish their relationship with God. Jesus' call to repent is a call to looking at the relationship with God in a whole new way.

## Sunday Reflection...

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Discipleship is not something that we take upon ourselves. We are called to it. Some people are very conscious of this call. They are aware of it in their aspirations and dreams; they recognise it in the events of their lives. They hear the call as clearly as Simon, Andrew, James and John heard the voice of Jesus. For others, the call to discipleship is not so clear. They may experience an undefined restlessness, a dissatisfaction with their lives. People can respond to the call in one of two ways. They can consider the mere suggestion of discipleship an intrusion into their plans, or they can drop what they are doing, leave their former concerns behind and follow Jesus. There is a misunderstanding about being called and leaving everything behind. Although the gospel says that the four men left their occupation of fishing in order to follow Jesus, this kind of 'leaving behind' was not, and still is not, required of all, for it is in the ordinary events of life that our salvation unfolds. For most people, this is precisely where they are to function as disciples. Still, disciples of Jesus are called to leave behind certain ways of living as they follow him. They are called away from lives of pettiness and division. They are called away from the kind of factionalism that seems to have threatened the unity of the Corinthian community. They are called away from narrow-mindedness and mean-spirited competition. It is much easier to leave nets than to leave the web of one's prejudices.



## Have you thought? People in darkness

The passage from Isaiah that is quoted in the gospel, speaks of the people who dwell in darkness. The passage is addressed to the Jewish tribes of Zebulun and Naphtali - two of the twelve tribes. These two tribes lived in the northernmost part of Palestine and their lands were surrounded by Gentiles. Any non-Jew was regarded as living in darkness because they did not have the light of 'truth', but these two tribes also dwelt in darkness because they were surrounded by it. Regardless, the passage asserts that all who dwell in darkness (Gentile and Jew alike) will receive a great light.

## From the perspective

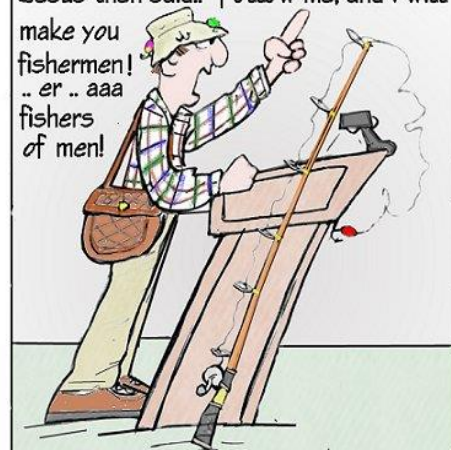
### the first called

What must it have been like for those first four disciples Jesus called? The fact that they were fishing means that they had not been chosen to continue studying the Torah beyond childhood and had not been chosen by a rabbi to be his followers. Even as young men, these four were has-beens and had no hope of a rabbi asking them to be his disciples. Suddenly, Jesus appears and calls them to follow him. A life that had passed them by suddenly opened up before them! Of course they dropped everything and followed.

## Thought of the Day...

THE BACK PEW - Jeff Larson

Jesus then said.. "Follow me, and I will make you fishermen! .. er .. aaa fishers of men!"



Pastor Dick's passion for fishing at times awkwardly flowed over in his sermons.

<http://thebackpew.com>

## Please Pray For...

**Recent Deaths:** Carmel Burns

**Anniversaries:** Jim Kerlin, Brenda Curr, Edith Sweeney, Michael Drew, Anna Rebl, Shirley Schad, Fr William Behm

**Those Who Are Sick:** Hazel Soriano, Tim & Olivia Zvirblis, Damian Laurence, Fiona Heneghan, Audrey Bentley, Jan Sullivan, Bella Liddy-Morrow, Yvonne Oliveiro, Gregory and Genia Casey, 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

**January Birthdays:** Faye Kroh, Desley O'Connell, Margaret White, Chloe Soriano, Molly Ferguson, Karlie Ward, Lily Ward

## Parish News...

Sat 21/1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o 4.45pm Reconciliation</li> <li>o 6pm Mass</li> </ul>
Sun 22/1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o 9.30am Mass</li> <li>o 5.30pm Mass</li> </ul>
Mon 23/1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o 7pm Liturgy Group Meeting</li> </ul>
Tue 24/1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o 10am Funeral for Carmel Burns</li> <li>o Prayer Group – after Funeral</li> </ul>
Wed 25/1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o 9.00am Anam Cara in Presbytery</li> <li>o 10am Mass</li> <li>o 6.30pm SPRED Meeting</li> </ul>
Thu 26/1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o 10am Mass for Australia Day</li> <li>o No Craft Group this week</li> </ul>
Fri 27/1	

## Confirmation and First Eucharist 2023 – Enrolments Now Open

Enrolments are now open for the Confirmation and First Eucharist program for 2023 which is available for children in Yr 4 and above and who have received the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

- Please click [here](#) for the Initial Parent Letter including program dates and full information.
- Please click [here](#) for the Registration Form. **Registrations close on the 13<sup>th</sup> February.** No enrolments will be accepted after this time.



## Australia Day Mass

Please join us for Mass to celebrate Australia Day.

**When:** Thursday 26 January, 10:00am

**Where:** Our Lady of Lourdes Church.

**Morning tea will be served after Mass.**



If you require transport please advise the Parish Office on 4634 1453.

## Lenten Program

Please indicate your interest in participating in a Lenten Program this year by adding your name to the list at the back of the church.

## Funeral Notice

It is with sadness that we advise the passing of Carmel Burns. Carmel's family wish to advise that her funeral will be held at Our Lady of Lourdes Church on Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> January at 10am. All welcome.

## Our Lady of Lourdes Feast Day and Volunteer's Mass – Morning Tea & BBQ

On the weekend of the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> of February, we would like to thank all of our wonderful volunteers with a sausage sizzle/morning tea. Please join us to celebrate our volunteers at the sausage sizzles after the 6pm and 5.30pm Masses or the morning tea after the 9.30am Mass. Please bring a plate to share for morning tea.



Time	Altar Servers	Welcomers	Commentary	Ministers of the Word	Offertory Procession	Extraordinary Ministers	I pad Operator	Piety Stall
28 <sup>th</sup> Jan at 6pm	I Whittaker J Whittaker	G Schoorl J Robertson	M Cleary	J Soriano R O'Brien	Ward Family	G Ferguson	Soriano Family	W Hoopert
29 <sup>th</sup> Jan at 9.30am	E Dwan A Dwan	Anderson Family	P Murphy	J Coman M McLean	Dias Family	M Ondrus	K Kruger	C Watson
29 <sup>th</sup> Jan at 5.30pm	E Haylock H Beutel	B & C Roberts	W Beeston	C Golightly J Michel	A Bishop K Uprichard	L Bentley	A Hickey	V Barker

## Anam Cara Come & See

Are you looking for spiritual support on your journey of faith?  
Could Anam Cara be for you?

Anam Cara is a spiritual conversation group in the Ignatian (Jesuit) tradition, focusing each gathering on a selected piece of scripture for prayerful reflection and sharing,



The OLOL Anam Cara group meets each Wednesday in the Presbytery at 9am. While you are welcome any time, you are invited to see if "Anam Cara" is for you at a

**Come and See session on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> Feb at 9am.**

Please arrive early so that prayer time can begin promptly at 9am.

For more info contact Clare Smith on 0438 691 661 or Mary Ondrus on 0499 777 784.

## Aid to the Church in Need Australia

Aid to the Church in Need is asking for support to aid sisters in Kenya in building a new mother house and formation centre for their local community. Hunger, illiteracy, and lack of medical provision, combined with desperately poor roads and a lack of clean drinking water make life incredibly difficult for many people in Kenya. The diocesan congregation of the "Visitation Daughters of the Immaculate Heart" were established in order to help this needy population - but to continue their work they need your help! The sisters' work includes caring for expectant mothers, acting as midwives, providing counselling, caring for the sick and looking after the elderly and orphans who are frequently abandoned by society. Your support will help these sisters to continue their mission by providing them with a permanent convent. To make an offering and learn more visit <https://aidtochurch.org/monthlyproject>

## Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for January For educators

We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.

Pope Francis says "Education is an act of love that illuminates the path for us to recover a sense of fraternity, so we will not ignore those who are most vulnerable"

Please click [here](#) for a short video appeal released by the Vatican on January 10<sup>th</sup>.

## Children's Liturgy recommences 29<sup>th</sup> Jan

Children's Liturgy is held on Sunday mornings during school terms at the 9.30am Mass. The aim is to gather children between Prep and Year 4 in a separate space to celebrate Liturgy in a way that is more appropriate to their level of understanding. Activities include hearing the scripture and celebrating it through craft, drawing, drama and song. If you would like to support our Children's Liturgy leaders as a helper/assistant please advise the Parish Office. No experience or active participation is necessary. The Parish Office can assist with obtaining a Blue Card.

## What's on at Sychar

### Evening Prayer in the style of TAIZE

Seven Monday sessions 6 February to 20 March

6.00 pm - 7.00 pm (approx)

[See flyer for details](#)

[Book now via Try Booking](#)

### Encountering the Christ of the Gospels

Eight sessions 7 February - 28 March

9.30 am - 12.00 pm

[See flyer for details](#)

[Book now via Try booking](#)

### Christian Meditation (WCCM)

Weekly Tuesday Meditation at 4.00 pm during school term

[See flyer for details](#)

### Contemplative (Centering) Prayer

11.00 am - 12.00 pm Thursdays

beginning 9 February

[See flyer for details](#)

[Book now via Try Booking](#)

### Men Seeking Wisdom

Weekly Thursday sessions

7.00 pm to 8.30 pm

For information contact one of the following:

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Jason Obst [job70644@bigpond.net.au](mailto:job70644@bigpond.net.au)

Peter Nolan [nolan8@bigpond.com](mailto:nolan8@bigpond.com)

### Anam Cara (Spiritual Conversation in the Ignatian tradition)

Weekly Friday sessions 1.00pm - 2.00 pm (approx)

Come and See Sessions 10 & 24 March [Flyer](#)

For further information contact Clare Smith or Mary Allen at [clare\\_james1@bigpond.com](mailto:clare_james1@bigpond.com) or [maryallen@inet.net.au](mailto:maryallen@inet.net.au)

## World Day of Prayer 2023 - 3<sup>rd</sup> March '23

The World Day of Prayer is an international ecumenical Christian laywomen's initiative. It is run under the motto "Informed Prayer and Prayerful Action," and is celebrated annually in over 170 countries on the first Friday in March. The movement aims to bring together women of various races, cultures and traditions in a yearly common Day of Prayer, as well as in closer fellowship, understanding and action throughout the year. Planning will begin shortly and more information will be available closer to the date or by clicking [here](#).

## Looking through the Lens of Laudato Si'

7 Questions to Ask Measuring Integral Ecology in Our Lives

### Week 2:

**Am I responding in a way that is listening to the cry of the poor?** Am I considering how my choices will affect all forms of life, especially those who are most vulnerable? E.g. Am I doing all I can to help the vulnerable groups in my community? In purchasing product am I attentive to the knowledge, customs and rights of Indigenous Peoples? In building here, are we attentive to the knowledge and customs of Indigenous Peoples?

The Response to the Cry of the Poor is a call to promote eco-justice, aware that we are called to defend human life from conception to death, and all forms of life on Earth. Actions could include projects to promote solidarity, with special attention given to vulnerable groups such as indigenous communities, refugees, migrants, and children at risk, analysis and improvement of social systems, and social service programmes.

