

Welcome to OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH

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Reconciliation: Saturday 4.45pm

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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, 28th May 2023 Pentecost Sunday- Year A

First Reading

[Acts 2:1-11](#)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak different languages.

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech. Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrgia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome - Jews and proselytes alike - Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

Responsorial Psalm

[Ps 103:1. 24. 29-31. 34. R. v.30](#)

(R.) Lord, send our your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

1. Bless the Lord, my soul!
Lord God, how great you are,
How many are your works, O Lord!
The earth is full of your riches. (R)

2. You take back your spirit, they die,
returning to the dust from which they came. You send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the earth. (R)

3. May the glory of the Lord last for ever! May the Lord rejoice in his works! May my thoughts be pleasing to him. I find my joy in the Lord. (R)

Second Reading

[1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13](#)

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

In the one Spirit we were all baptised, making one body

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit. There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose. Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.
Alleluia!

Gospel

[Jn 20:19-23](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

As the Father sent me, so I send you; Receive the Holy Spirit

In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.
For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven;
for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

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 Quiet Room.

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 Quiet Room.

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

Pentecost

The word Pentecost comes from the Greek for fiftieth day. Pentecost Sunday ends the season of Easter and comes as a Sabbath day after seven weeks of seven days. In Jewish tradition the 50th day after the Passover was celebrated as a blessing of the harvest and rather than the unleavened bread of Passover it was celebrated by leavening the bread. It was for this reason that the disciples were gathered together when they experienced the Holy Spirit empowering them. In Christian tradition, Pentecost is celebrated as the arrival of the Spirit, promised by Jesus, that animated the disciples to spread the gospel of Jesus and gather believers to form what would eventually become the Church.

Sunday Reflection...

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Pentecost celebrates the fullness of the Spirit and the great gathering of nations. It brings the Easter season to its conclusion. The Risen Lord has been exalted to his rightful place next to God and he has sent his Spirit to fill the earth with God's power. The world is charged with divine energy; it needs but a spark to ignite it with life and with excitement. This vitality explodes into the extraordinary. Tongues are loosed and speech overflows its linguistic constraints; charismatic gifts flood the valleys of human habitation; barred doors are burst open and frightened hearts are calmed. The Spirit of the Lord fills the whole world. Once again we gather together for one reason, only to discover that God has gathered us for another. Through the Spirit of God, we are reconciled to each other and then together we spend ourselves for the common good. Through the Spirit of God the world is renewed, the community is revitalised, and we come to know the mysterious yet all pervasive peace of Christ. The Spirit has been poured forth and works wonders wherever human hearts are open to its promptings. The earth is renewed each time rivalries are resolved, distinctions are recognised as merely expressions of diversity, peace is restored, comfort and solace are offered, and forgiveness is granted. We are immersed in the vigour of the Spirit of God. All we have to do is open ourselves to it and the reign of God will be born in our midst.



Have you thought? The Spirit

We can sometimes regard Pentecost as the day the Holy Spirit came into the world. However, the Spirit had long been active in the world before this event. In fact, even the second verse of Genesis Chapter 1 tells us that the Spirit hovered over the waters. The Old Testament is filled with references in which 'The Spirit of God came upon (him) with power' and the Spirit was evident at Jesus' baptism and throughout the gospels. Jesus is frequently described as being 'filled with the Spirit'. So, from the very beginning of creation the Spirit has moved in the world and continues to energize it today.

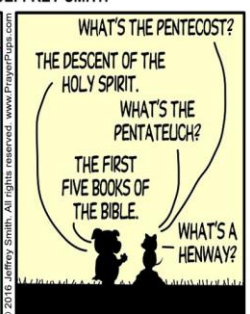
Living the gospel

Come, Holy Spirit

'Come, Holy Spirit', or its Latin, Vene Sancte Spiritus, has become the basis of countless prayers and hymns over many hundreds of years. To this day, it remains a powerful invocation that can be used in prayer or meditation. Three simple words convey a wealth of meaning. The invitation for the Spirit to 'Come' indicates recognition of the need for the Spirit's intervention and openness to accept the guidance that the Spirit brings. It is a powerful, simple prayer that can be used at the outset of any significant undertaking or whenever you find yourself in need of inspiration.

Thought of the day.....

PRAYER PUPS BY JEFFREY SMITH



Please Pray For...

Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries: Jack Costello, Irene Dunne, Catherine Keating, Sr Joan Shannon MSS, Josephine Paddison, Betty "Joan" Kirwin, George Elliott. Maureen Stower, Brian Jones, Thelma Kenneally, Ivy Toomey, Fr Joseph McKey

Those Who Are Sick: Beverley Brown, Jasmine Fletcher, Margaret Conrick, Hazel Soriano, Tim & Olivia Zvirblis, Damian Laurence, Audrey Bentley, 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

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

Parish News...

Sat 27/5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o 9.30am Ecumenism Group Meeting o 4.45pm Reconciliation o 6pm Mass
Sun 28/5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o 9.30am Mass including Children's Liturgy o 5.30pm Mass
Mon 29/5	
Tue 30/5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o 10am Mass o 10.30am Prayer Group
Wed 31/5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o 9.00am Anam Cara in Presbytery o 10am Mass o SPRED 6.30pm
Thu 1/6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o 10am Mass o 10.30am Craft Group
Fri 2/6	

Date Claimers:

4th June - The Most Holy Trinity

7th June - SPRED Mass 6.30pm

11th June - The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Parish Planned Giving Program

Many thanks to those who have already completed a form. Your regular support of our Planned Giving Program helps us plan and budget for everyday expenses, repairs and maintenance of our parish facilities and meet our Diocesan and Parish commitments. Contributions can be made through Direct Debit or Planned Giving envelopes. Click [here](#) to access the Online Form or **paper copies are available at the back of the church.** If you would like additional information, please contact the Parish Office. Thank you for your generous contributions.

THANK YOU

Sacramental Program News

Congratulations to the children who made their First Holy Communion last Sunday. It was a joyful celebration. Once again, a big 'Thank You' goes to the Sacramental Team, parents and teachers who assisted the children in their preparation.

Now that the Confirmation and First Communion program has finished for the year, we begin preparations for the **First Reconciliation program.** Children who have been Baptised and are in Year 3 or above are eligible to receive this Sacrament. Children do not have to attend OLOL Primary School to be a part of this program so please feel free to spread the word to other families you may know.

Registration is now open until Friday, 16th June. Please click [here](#) for the Initial Information Letter which includes all the applicable dates and a [link](#) to the registration form. Alternatively, there are paper copies at the back of the church.



Golden Wedding Anniversary

Congratulations to Stan and Colleen Redinger who were married on the 26th May 1973 and celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary this year.



Time	Altar Servers	Welcomers	Commentary	Ministers of the Word	Offertory Procession	Extraordinary Ministers	I pad Operator	Piety Stall
3 rd June at 6pm	I Whittaker J Whittaker	M Cushway M Greer	M Cleary	S Kelly N Doyle	M & J Wells	E Castles	J Ferguson	G Schoolr
4 th June at 9.30am	J Newman	Dias Family	P Murphy S Dias	M Ondrus M Conrick	Coonan Family	C Watson	K Kruger	M Webb
4 th June at 5.30pm	E Haylock H Beutel	A & R Thompson	K Langdale	L Bentley B Reardon		W Beeston	K Tague	V Barker

Pentecost Sunday Reflection

'Peace be with you!' With these words the Risen Lord stood among his fear-filled followers (Gospel). He breathed the Holy Spirit upon them. With their hearts filled with joy, Jesus sent them out to bring the fire of his love to all.

With the Holy Spirit transforming their lives, the disciples began speaking in many different languages (First Reading). Christ was calling them to share the Gospel to the whole world. We too are baptised in this same Spirit.

Each of us has been given a unique gift, so that together as a community we become the risen Christ, bringing love and goodness to all people (Second Reading). Filled with the Holy Spirit we become a new creation in the Lord. The Psalm joyfully proclaims a time of rejuvenation as the spirit of the Lord moves over the earth.

On this Pentecost Sunday, let us ask for a spirit of renewal for the whole Christian community. We pray that we may overcome any fear, doubt or differences, and be united in giving expression to the joy of Resurrection, each of us doing so in our own unique way, while rooted in the same spirit of transforming love.

Taken from Australian Catholics 18th May 2023

Ignite Conference 2023

Ignite Conference is a gathering of Catholics for four days of real-world formation, renewal of faith, great people and powerful worship. Join over 2000 high schoolers, young adults, leaders, teachers, priests and religious taking part in a life changing encounter with God and His Church. The Parish Pastoral Council is offering financial support for anyone interested in attending the Conference from 21st – 24th September. [Click here](#) to find out more or see the noticeboard. Early bird registrations close 30th June.

What if your mum, grandma or sister became homeless?

The shocking truth is, older women are becoming homeless in record numbers. They're our mothers, grandmothers and aunts. They've cared for others their whole lives and deserve to enjoy their golden years feeling safe and secure. Instead, they're being forced to sleep rough and fight to survive. This winter, women urgently need your help. Donate to the Vinnies Winter appeal and you'll help provide emergency accommodation so vulnerable older women have a safe place to sleep. You'll help give nutritious meals and warm clothing to keep them healthy and warm. And you'll help give the support they need to rebuild their life – and escape homelessness.

Click [here](#) to donate online or use the envelopes on the tables at the entrances to the church. Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible.

Become a Winter Shelter Volunteer

The OLOL Parish Pastoral Council is pleased to partner with St Theresa's to "provide warmth, shelter and food for those who need help" on Mon 19th June, 10th July, 31st July and 21st August. If you'd like to be a Winter Shelter volunteer please contact the parish office as soon as possible. There are many ways you can help.

- All volunteers must be registered via the MyImpact App. Click [here](#) for more information and to complete the Winter Shelter Toowoomba Volunteer Application form or scan the QR code.
- Allocation of shifts and jobs will be done via the App
- If Monday nights don't suit and you'd like to be part of the program you can volunteer for any sessions at any other churches.
- All guests are screened prior to their arrival.
- Anyone cooking food must complete a food safety certificate – a link will be sent after registration
- There are a number of shifts – afternoon, evening, night and morning

"Together we can provide warmth, shelter and food for those who need help. Winter Shelter Toowoomba provides more than just a place to stay. It is about providing hope, dignity and community for those experiencing homelessness".

Ecumenical Seminar - "Reflecting on the Church after Covid-19".

Click [here](#) to see the full program or see the Noticeboard.



ECUMENICAL SEMINAR

"Reflecting on the Church after Covid-19"

PRESENTERS:

Bishop Mark Vainikka
(QLD District, Lutheran Church in Australia)
Kathy Matuschka
(LCA Assistant Director of Ministry & Mission)
Dr David King
(Queensland Quakers)

5.30pm Friday 23th JUNE 2023

TO

1.00pm Sunday 25th JUNE 2023

AT

Brescia House, St Ursula's College
Corner Warra Street and Rome Street
Newtown, Toowoomba 4350

Cost: \$180 per person.

No accommodation: \$80 Per day: \$40

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New Bishop appointed to Toowoomba

Pope Francis has appointed Bishop Ken Howell the seventh Bishop of Toowoomba from July 11. Bishop Howell has served as Auxiliary Bishop of Brisbane since 2017 and a priest of the Archdiocese of Brisbane for 40 years. We warmly welcome Bishop Howell to our Diocese. Our parish community extends much gratitude to Bishop McGuckin for his leadership over the past 11 years and wish him every blessing on his retirement.

