

Welcome to OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH

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Mass times: Saturday: 6:00pm Vigil | Sunday: 9.30am & 5.30pm

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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, 2nd June 2024

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ - Year B

First Reading

[Exodus 24:3-8](#)

A reading from the book of Exodus

This is the blood of the Covenant that the Lord has made with you.

Moses went and told the people all the commands of the Lord and all the ordinances. In answer, all the people said with one voice, 'We will observe all the commands that the Lord has decreed.' Moses put all the commands of the Lord into writing, and early next morning he built an altar at the foot of the mountain, with twelve standing-stones for the twelve tribes of Israel. Then he directed certain young Israelites to offer holocausts and to immolate bullocks to the Lord as communion sacrifices. Half of the blood Moses took up and put into basins, the other half he cast on the altar. And taking the Book of the Covenant he read it to the listening people, and they said, 'We will observe all that the Lord has decreed; we will obey.' Then Moses took the blood and cast it towards the people. 'This' he said 'is the blood of the Covenant that the Lord has made with you, containing all these rules.'

Responsorial Psalm

[Ps 115:12-13, 15-18. R. v.13](#)

(R). I will take the cup of salvation, and call on the name of the Lord.

1. How can I repay the Lord for his goodness to me? The cup of salvation I will raise; I will call on the Lord's name. (R.)

2. O precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his faithful. Your servant, Lord, your servant am I; you have loosened my bonds. (R.)

3. A thanksgiving sacrifice I make: I will call on the Lord's name. My vows to the Lord I will fulfil before all his people. (R)

Second Reading

[Hebrews 9:11-15](#)

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

The blood of Christ will purify our inner selves.

Now Christ has come, as the high priest of all the blessings which were to come. He has passed through the greater, the more perfect tent, which is better than one made by men's hands because it is not of this created order; and he has entered the sanctuary once and for all, taking with him not the blood of goats and bull calves, but his own blood, having won an eternal redemption for us. The blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer are sprinkled on those who have incurred defilement and they restore the holiness of their outward lives; how much more effectively the blood of Christ, who offered himself as the perfect sacrifice to God through the eternal Spirit, can purify our inner self from dead actions so that we do our service to the living God.

He brings a new covenant, as the mediator, only so that the people who were called to an eternal inheritance may actually receive what was promised: his death took place to cancel the sins that infringed the earlier covenant.

Gospel Acclamation

[John 6:51-52](#)

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will love for ever.

Alleluia!

Gospel

[Mark 14:12-16, 22-26](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

This is my body. This is my blood.

On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb was sacrificed, his disciples said to Jesus, 'Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the passover?' So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the city and you will meet a man carrying a pitcher of water. Follow him, and say to the owner of the house which he enters, "The Master says: Where is my dining room in which I can eat the passover with my disciples?" He will show you a large upper room furnished with couches, all prepared. Make the preparations for us there.' The disciples set out and went to the city and found everything as he had told them, and prepared the Passover. And as they were eating he took some bread, and when he had said the blessing he broke it and gave it to them. 'Take it,' he said 'this is my body.' Then he took a cup, and when he had returned thanks he gave it to them, and all drank from it, and he said to them, 'This is my blood, the blood of the covenant, which is to be poured out for many. I tell you solemnly, I shall not drink any more wine until the day I drink the new wine in the kingdom of God.' After psalms had been sung they left for the Mount of Olives.

Next Week's Readings (8th/9th June 2024) – 10th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B
1st Reading: [Genesis 3:9-15](#). 2nd Reading: [2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1](#) Gospel: [Mark 3:20-35](#)

Parish Activities

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 afternoons in the quiet room at the church at 2pm.

Parish Councillors

Cristianne Dias, Jo Johnston, Ray Johnston, Candice Poulton, Bernadette Witham, Anna Chandler, Emma Dever, Melissa McLean and Julie Whittaker.

Safeguarding Children, Young People and Adults at risk:

In Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, we commit ourselves to ensuring the safety and well-being of children, young people and adults at risk in our Parish community. The best interests of the child, young person or adult at risk come first.

Our Parish takes a zero tolerance approach to all forms of abuse. Concerns about the safety of children, young people and adults at risk 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. You are encouraged to provide feedback on Safeguarding policies and procedures.

Toowoomba Diocese Safeguarding Resources can be found at <https://www.twb.catholic.org.au/safeguarding-policy-resources/>

HISTORICAL CONTEXT

Covenant

Covenant is a recurring element throughout the Old Testament writings. A covenant is a formal agreement between two or more parties. In the Biblical context, covenants were made between God and God's people. The first covenant, although not described as such, is the covenant between God and Adam – each promising certain things. After the failure of this covenant, God renewed the covenant promise to Noah and symbolised it with the rainbow. Later covenants were again struck with Abraham, Moses and David – each time initiated by God to give the people another chance to be faithful to their relationship.

Sunday Reflection...

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The readings, which reflect some aspect of the feast, feature three prominent themes: the importance of blood in the ratification of the covenant; the atoning actions of Christ; the attitude of thanksgiving.

Most people today would probably be repelled by the ritual use of blood. Yet birth blood is not subject to the same revulsion, nor is blood transfusion frowned upon. Blood is recognised as a life force, and blood relationships are cherished. In a sense this ritual makes us blood sisters and brothers of God and of each other. It seals our fate and it entitles us to the family inheritance.

This feast celebrates the incomparable love of Christ. He offered himself for the expiation of our sins; he spread a banquet table for us at which we are able to eat the bread of companionship and share the blood of the new covenant.

How shall we make a return to the Lord for all the good that we have received? The only appropriate response to God's graciousness is thanksgiving (*eucharistia*). We have been chosen; we have been delivered; we have a witness in heaven; and now we have been given the bread of eternal life and the blood of salvation. What return can we give? A life of gratitude lived in the presence of God; a life of union with all those who eat the same bread and drink from the same cup; a life of faithful expectation, waiting for the coming of the reign of God in all its fullness.



Have you thought?

You are what you eat

Many religious traditions have rules about what can or cannot be eaten or in what manner certain foods should be eaten. The two with which we tend to be most familiar are the Jewish kosher and Islamic halal restrictions. Both share common requirements about the way in which meat is to be slaughtered and drained of blood. Kosher food laws also separate the cooking and eating of meat and dairy products. Certain foods are regarded as being 'unclean' and consequently are forbidden; pork and shellfish are both forbidden to Jews. Prohibitions on foods are a statement about relationship with God and relationship with the world. They often have basic health standards as their basis but have taken on religious significance.

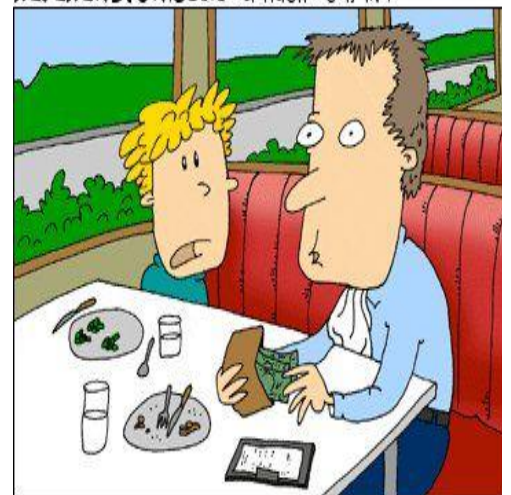
GOSPEL FOCUS

Words of Institution

The words of the gospel passage in which Jesus takes bread and wine and blesses them will be familiar. They are the words used at the consecration of the bread and wine during the Mass. The words and actions of Jesus at the Last Supper are regarded as instituting the celebration of the Eucharist. Jesus took an act that was familiar to the Passover meal and gave it a new meaning and a new significance for his followers. What had been a memory of escape from slavery in Egypt became an ongoing reminder of Christ's continued presence in the Eucharist and in the Eucharistic community.

Thought of the day.....

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HOW COME THE WAITRESS GETS 15% AND GOD ONLY GETS 10%?

Please Pray For...

Recent Deaths: Riek Van Dongen, Judy Reardon, Dorothea Morrison

Anniversaries: Maureen Stower, Brian Jones, Thelma Kenneally, Ivy Toomey, Terence Cosgrove, William Elson-Green, Deborah Dunemann, Nancy Erbacher, John Sutherland, Jack Schriek, Patrick Stewart, Fr John McGlone, Francis O'Neil, Francis "Frosty" O'Neill, Clive Butler, Fr Joseph McKey, Fr Kevin Noble

Those Who Are Sick: Bev Brown, Eileen Reedy, Robert McLean, Kevin Arnott, Con Sullivan, Carmel Green, Ernie Kupfer, Jasmine Fletcher, Margaret Conrick, Hazel Soriano, Tim & Olivia Zvirblis, Audrey Bentley, Yvonne Oliveiro, Gregory and Genia Casey, Noel Lipp, Michael (Micky) Lynch, Kevin Boland, Frank Kenneally, Carmel & Ron O'Brien, Lillian Roberts, Brian Thomson, Peggy Thies, John Axtell, Noel O'Mara, Mick O'Mara, Patrick Wright

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

Parish News...

Sat 1/6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o 4.45pm Reconciliation o 6.00pm Mass
Sun 2/6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o 9.30am Mass o 4.30pm JAM Session o 5.30pm Mass
Mon 3/6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o 6.30pm Parish Council Changeover Meeting
Tue 4/6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o 10am Liturgy of the Word o 10.30am Prayer Group in Quiet Room
Wed 5/6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o 9am Anam Cara in the Presbytery o 10am Liturgy of the Word o 6.30pm SPRED
Thu 6/6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o 10am Liturgy of the Word o 10.30am Friendship & Craft Group in Quiet Room
Fri 7/6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o 9.30am Funeral Mass Judy Reardon

First Reconciliation Registration:

Enrolments are now open for the First Reconciliation Program for 2024. Please click [here](#) for the Initial Information Letter which includes a link to the registration form. Registrations close on the 14th June. Please contact the office if you have any queries.

Parish Working Bee

Saturday 8th June from 8.00am to 10.00am followed by morning tea. BYO wheelbarrows, shovels etc. Your help would be very much appreciated.



Would your child like to be an Altar Server?

If your child would like to be an Altar Server, please contact the parish office to register your interest. Fr Quinlan will hold a training session in July for anyone interested. More details will be provided in due course.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to the children who made their First Communion on Sunday. We thank Father Quinlan for making the celebration so special and the Sacramental Team and families for preparing the children so well.



Parish Planned Giving Program

It's that time of year again where we ask you to complete a Planned Giving form and pledge your annual contribution amount. 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.



Time	Altar Servers	Welcomers	Commentary	Ministers of the Word	Offertory Procession	Extraordinary Ministers	I pad Operator	Piety Stall
8th June at 6pm	E Ward T Kelly	Ward Family	J Soriano	B Witham C Ferguson	P & E Castles	H. L Walsh W. G Ferguson W. K Walsh	J Ferguson	D Clark
9th June at 9.30am	E Dwan J Poulton	P McDonnell A Mullins	C Hudson	T Ryan M Cash	T Ryan Family	H. M Ondrus W. M McLean W. C Anderson	K Kruger	R Coonan
9th June at 5.30pm	E Haylock M Beutel	A & R Thompson	J Johnston	M Whitelegg J Michel	Hickey Family	H. G Doherty W. J Axtell W. B Stark	Desley Salty	V Barker

Vinnies Winter Appeal

Every day at Vinnies, we see that ordinary people are able to make an extraordinary difference in their local communities. We are inspired by the joy of the Gospels and our Catholic social teachings to do things that matter. The spirit to feel, heal, shelter, nurture and inspire – the power to change lives – is in everyone. As we enter this winter, your commitment to helping those experiencing disadvantage, poverty, loneliness and homelessness is still very much needed and appreciated. If you are able to make a contribution to the Vinnies Winter Appeal please click [here](#) to donate online or use the envelopes on the pews and on the tables at the entrances to the church. Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible. Please help us to help others. Thank you.



Liturgy Group Meeting Time Changed

From June, the Liturgy Group will meet in the Quiet Room at the church at 1pm on the 4th Monday of each month. Please feel free to come along if that time suits you. We'd love your support.

Winter Shelter 2024

For the fourth year in a row, Winter Shelter Toowoomba will be providing accommodation and meals during the winter months for men and women experiencing homelessness. Our parish will be partnering with St. Therasas and St. Thomas More's for 6 Monday nights from June to August this year. The dates are:

- 10th June – St Theresa's
- 24th June – St Thomas More's
- 8th July – St Theresa's
- 22nd July – St Thomas More's
- 5th Aug – St Theresa's
- 19th Aug – St Thomas More's

My Impact App



In person Volunteer Opportunities

- Assist with setting up the Church (3pm – 4pm on the Monday)
- Evening meal with guests (5pm – 10pm) – welcome, serving of meal, sharing of meal with guest, wash up, fellowship
- Overnight (2 people from 10pm – 2am) and 2 people from 2am – 6am)
- Breakfast and pack-up (6am – 8am on the Tuesday)

Other Volunteer Opportunities

- Purchase of socks, small bag of lollies, toiletries to place on beds
- Cooking of a main meal, dessert
- Cooking of biscuits or slices to share on welcome and to takeaway the next day
- Washing of the linen on the Tuesday (each church has their own set so have some time to complete)



ENEWS UPDATE

A newsletter from the Catholic Diocese of Toowoomba for clergy, parishes, schools, staff and the wider community.

FAITH ECOLOGY NETWORK (FEN): TEN WAYS TO CARE WORKSHOP

Date: 2/6/24 Sunday Time: 1:45pm-4:00pm

Where: Online (in person Sydney)

[Register online](#)

Join FEN's Ten Ways to Care Workshop number 2, Listen to Wisdom from the Elders & Grow in Your Sense of Place. [Find out more here.](#)

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK

Date: 21-27/7/24

Catholic Education Week provides an opportunity for all Catholic education communities around Queensland to celebrate and promote the distinctive mission of Catholic schooling. For further information visit the [Catholic Education Week website.](#)

CARITAS PNG APPEAL

Remote communities in Papua New Guinea have been devastated by a catastrophic landslide that struck the Enga province at 3:00am on 24th May. The timing of the landslide meant most people were sleeping at the time of the disaster, with little time to escape. Caritas Australia has launched an appeal to support partners on the ground and those affected by the devastation. Donations can be made at www.caritas.org.au/PNG or by calling 1800 024 413 toll free.

NATIONAL COUNT OF ATTENDANCE AT MASS AND SUNDAY ASSEMBLIES

The latest Australian Catholic Mass Attendance Report was released this week by the National Centre for Pastoral Research. These reports are issued every five years, with the count coinciding with Census and National Church Life Survey years. The last such report used 2016 data. This report is significant in that it paints a picture of the COVID-era church and the disruptions (and opportunities) which came with the pandemic. You can [download the report here](#) and [also view previous reports.](#)

CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE - Information Session

Date: 17/6/24 Monday Time: 7:30pm

[Register online](#)

Join our online information session to learn more about study options at Catholic Theological College (CTC), and insights into student life. [See flyer for further details.](#)

[See flyer for information on Semester 2 courses, timetable, fees and enrolment.](#)

JAM SESSIONS

Musicians and Vocalists welcome

1st & 3rd Sundays

4.30pm in the Church

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