

# Welcome to OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH

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

## Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> April 2024 Second Sunday of Easter - Year B

### First Reading

[Acts of the Apostles 4:32-35](#)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

*The whole group was united, heart and soul.*

The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common. The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect. None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need.

### Responsorial Psalm

[Ps 117:2-4, 15-18, 22-24. R. V.1](#)

(R). Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

1. Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end.' Let the sons of Aaron say: 'His love has no end.' Let those who fear the Lord say: 'His love has no end. (R.)

2. The Lord's right hand has triumphed; his right hand raised me up. I shall not die, I shall live and recount his deeds. I was punished, I was punished by the Lord, but not doomed to die. (R.)

3. The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad. (R)

### Second Reading

[1 John 5:1-6](#)

A reading from the first letter of St John

*Anyone begotten by God has already overcome the world.*

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God; and whoever loves the Father that begot him loves the child whom he begets. We can be sure that we love God's children if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us; this is what loving God is - keeping his commandments; and his commandments are not difficult, because anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world; this is the victory over the world - our faith. Who can overcome the world? Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God; Jesus Christ who came by water and blood, not with water only, but with water and blood; with the Spirit as another witness - since the Spirit is the truth.

### Gospel Acclamation

[John 20:29](#)

Alleluia, alleluia!  
You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me;  
happy are those who have not seen me, but still believe!  
Alleluia!

### Gospel

[John 20:19-31](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

*After eight days, Jesus came in and stood among them.*

In the evening of that same day, 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.' Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

## 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**

#### **My Lord and my God**

*This extraordinarily clear statement of belief about the divinity of Jesus appears nowhere else in any of the four gospels. Why does the Gospel of John make this statement and not any of the other gospels? It must be remembered that the Gospel of John was the last of the four gospels to be written – at least 20 years after the Gospel of Mark and some 60 to 70 years after the death of Jesus. The early Christians had been cast out of the Jewish tradition and were making sense of how their own beliefs could stand apart from Jewish tradition. With the break from Judaism, Christians felt able to express their developing belief that Jesus was God.*

## Sunday Reflection...

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Today we consider the presence of the Risen Lord. Where is he found? Each of the readings offers an answer to this question. The Risen Christ is found in the community of believers who follow the example of Jesus. Even non-believers recognised something marvellously different about the Christian community, and they exclaimed: These Christians, see how they love one another. The Risen Christ is found in those who accept the truth of the resurrection on the word of others. The word of God preached by others has often brought us out of darkness into light, from the stranglehold of death to the birth of new life. The preaching of the disciples has been not only instructive, it has also been transformative. The Risen Christ is found in the forgiveness of sin. Jesus made the frightened disciples ministers of divine forgiveness. The Spirit reconciles sinners with God and, thereby, with the rest of the believing community. Forgiveness is a tangible sign of Christ's mystical presence. The Risen Christ is found in the physical manifestation of Christ's own wounds, the wounds that he offered to be touched. Since the community is the body of Christ, we touch the wounds of Christ when we touch the wounds of the community, when we go out to the sick and infirm, the dispossessed and the violated. As shocking as these wounds may appear, they are really glorious, because the Risen Lord has identified with them and has made them his own.

### **Scriptural Context**

#### **Not an ending?**

*The final two verses of this gospel passage (Jn 20:30-31) read like the conclusion to the whole gospel. They are a statement of finality about the purpose for writing the gospel and something of a blessing for those who read it. Yet, surprisingly, there is another whole chapter that follows this passage that deals with still more post-resurrection appearances. Most scripture scholars believe that the end of Chapter 20 was the original ending of the gospel and that Chapter 21 is a later addition – possibly added by the community for whom the gospel was originally written.*



## **Have you thought?**

#### **Those who have not seen**

*Jesus says to Thomas, 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' That's us! Jesus' words in the gospel are meant for people like us living today. We are not in the position of Thomas and the other disciples who were able to see the risen Lord face to face and so convince themselves of his rising. The gospel recognises that to believe in the resurrection without that physical, personal encounter with Jesus is to be celebrated even more. Happy are we - Blessed are we - who have not seen and yet still believe!*

## **Thought of the day.....**



**Please Pray For...**

**Recent Deaths:**

**Anniversaries:** James McConachy, Dulcie & Mick Long, Kevin Stower, Gwen Nissen, Elizabeth Sims, Christopher Nugent, Msgr Leslie Schuhkraft

**Those Who Are Sick:** Eileen Reedy, Robert McLean, Kevin Arnott, Con Sullivan, Carmel Green, Ernie Kupfer, Jasmine Fletcher, Margaret Conrick, Hazel Soriano, Tim & Olivia Zvirblis, Damian Laurence, 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, Judy Reardon, Peggy Thies, John Axtell, Noel O'Mara, Mick O'Mara, Patrick Wright

**April Birthdays:** Christina Dever, Veronica O'Connell, Thomas Kelly, Monica Thompson, Pat MacGinley, Joe Kelly, Catherine Dyson

**Parish News...**

Sat 6/4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o 4.45pm Reconciliation</li> <li>o <b>6.00pm Mass</b></li> </ul>
Sun 7/4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o <b>9.30am Mass</b></li> <li>o 10.30am Social Justice Meeting</li> <li>o 4.30pm JAM Session</li> <li>o <b>5.30pm Mass</b></li> </ul>
Mon 8/4	
Tue 9/4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o <b>10.00am LOW</b></li> <li>o 10.00am Glenvale Villas LOW</li> <li>o 10.30am Prayer Group in Quiet Room</li> </ul>
Wed 10/4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o 9.00am Anam Cara in the Presbytery</li> <li>o <b>10.00am LOW</b></li> </ul>
Thu 11/4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o <b>10.00am LOW</b></li> <li>o 10.30am Friendship &amp; Craft Group in Quiet Room</li> </ul>
Fri 12/4	

**Date Claimers:**

- 19<sup>th</sup> April – Office closed for Show Holiday
- 21<sup>st</sup> April – World Day of Prayer for Vocations
- 21<sup>st</sup> April – Good Shepherd Sunday
- 21<sup>st</sup> April – JAM Session
- 25<sup>th</sup> April – ANZAC Day Mass 10am
- 28<sup>th</sup> April – Sacramental Workshop at 10.30am

**No Jam Session this weekend**

Unfortunately the Jam Session scheduled for this weekend has been cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances. Next session due on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April at 4.30pm.

**Additional Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion needed**

If you are able to assist with this ministry please contact the parish office on 4634 1453. Many thanks.

**Reintroduction of Holy Water**

The water blessed at the Easter Vigil this year has been placed in the Holy Water fonts at the entrances to the church. Holy Water is a reminder of our Baptism since the Rite of Baptism served as our initiation into the Church.

**Easter is not just a weekend.**

Easter is not just a weekend, it's a whole season! It begins on Easter Sunday and runs through to Pentecost, seven weeks in duration. The colour gold or white is used during this time to signify the glory of the Lord and our joy in the resurrection. It is a time when we, as a Church, focus on the promises of Jesus to save us from evil and be with us in our lives.

**With much gratitude**

A very special thanks is extended to the Liturgy Group, musicians, choir, all those in Ministry and all those who volunteered countless hours to help prepare our beautiful liturgical celebrations for Easter. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

**LOL Easter Raffle**

The Parish Youth Group thanks you for supporting this year's Easter Raffle with \$668 raised for Project Compassion. We are pleased to announce the 1<sup>st</sup> prize winner was Jo Michel and 2<sup>nd</sup> prize winner was Kathy Pasterfield.

**Many thanks**

The family of Brian McGrath wish to extend a very special thank you to the parish community for their thoughts and prayers following his death. Your kindness and support have been a great source of comfort.

**Project Compassion Envelopes**

Please don't forget to return any Project Compassion envelopes you may still have at home as we will be finalising the collection in the next couple of weeks.

Time	Altar Servers	Welcomers	Commentary	Ministers of the Word	Offertory Procession	Extraordinary Ministers	I pad Operator	Piety Stall
13 <sup>th</sup> Apr at 6pm	E Ward T Kelly	Ward Family	L Borger	N Doyle B Smith	N & D Clark	R O'Brien	J Ferguson	G School
14 <sup>th</sup> Apr at 9.30am	S Dias J Dias	P & J Gleeson	T O'Mara	S Connolly T Ryan	O'Mara Family	M McLean	T Ryan	P Town
14 <sup>th</sup> Apr at 5.30pm	H Ryan H Beutel	M & J Ryan	J Johnston	R Johnston V O'Connell	Hickey Family	G Doherty	Desley Salty	J Sullivan

## Pope's Month Intention – April 2024

### For the role of women

We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

## Thank You!

Caritas Australia would like to THANK YOU for supporting Project Compassion 2024. If you still have your Project Compassion box or set of envelopes at home, please bring them back next week or visit [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion) and donate online. Your generosity will empower the world's most vulnerable communities to grow stronger and lift themselves out of poverty. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow, for all future generations. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion) or by calling 1800 024 413



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

## SURVEY TIME! WHAT DO YOU THINK OF ENEWS?

Can you spare a few seconds to answer three simple questions? If so, [click here to answer a short survey](#) to help improve what we share with you via eNews. THANK YOU!

## THANK YOU: PROJECT COMPASSION

Project Compassion 2024 has come to an end following six weeks of parishes, schools, organisations and individuals donating and taking part in hundreds of events across the country. Around 1,700 schools take part each year, with the Caritas Australia team also having spoken at 350 Masses across Lent. With that in mind, Caritas Australia extends a heartfelt thank you to all staff, volunteers, and community members involved in making Project Compassion a success.

## RETIREMENT CELEBRATION: FR JACK MACGINLEY

**Date:** 28/4/24 Sunday **Time:** 10:00am

**Where:** St Mary of the Angels Church, Tara

All are welcome to come celebrate with Fr Jack MacGinley as he retires from Tara Parish and active ministry. The community are thankful for Fr Jack's service to Tara and surrounds for over 39 years. Fr Jack will celebrate his final Mass at Tara which will be followed by refreshments at the undercover basketball area at the school (please bring a plate of finger food to share).

## WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2024

**Date:** 12-19/5/24

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in Australia will be observed in the week between Ascension and Pentecost. This year's theme is "You shall love the Lord your God ...and your neighbour as yourself..." (Luke 10:27)

The [National Council of Churches in Australia have compiled resources](#) to promote and reflect during the week.

## MISSIONARY SISTERS OF SERVICE (MSS) 80 YEARS SINCE FOUNDATION

**Date:** 14/7/24 Sunday **Time:** 2:00pm

**Where:** St Anthony's Church, Memory St Tmba

It is with great joy that the MSS Sisters commemorate the 80th anniversary of their foundation in 2024. All are welcome to join the Sisters in the Toowoomba Diocese for Mass, followed by afternoon tea.

To find out more about celebrations across the country and keep up to date with the MSS Sisters, [see their latest newsletter and subscribe.](#)

## CAUTION: SCAMS

Unfortunately, scams have become a part of modern life. This is just a friendly reminder to be vigilant.

## SCAM FOCUS: Free Piano


Sample message: *I am looking to give away my late husband's Yamaha grand piano to a passionate instrument lover, Organization, music department, individual, Church Or local schools in needs.*

The scammer claims to be giving away a Yamaha grand piano that belonged to their deceased father, husband, or wife and asks the interested party to contact a moving company for delivery. Payment is then requested for the shipping fee. However, the piano never arrives.

Be wary of freebies or giveaways with a catch and/or from a source you don't recognise.

## RESOURCE FOCUS: The Little Black Book of Scams

This resource is from the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC). [The Little Black Book of Scams is available free to download as a PDF](#), with accessibility options and translations.



On Anzac Day, the OLOL Youth Group aims to pay tribute to the individuals within our Parish community who have served or are presently serving in the Australian Defence Forces.

As part of the ANZAC Day Mass, a photo tribute will be presented, and we warmly welcome you to contribute a photo for this occasion.

Please send a copy of your photo to the Parish Office by 10 April 2024.

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LEST WE FORGET

## Anzac Day Tuesday 25th April 2024

Our Parish Youth extend a very warm invitation to all parishioners to join them for 10am Mass on Anzac Day, followed by a cuppa and an Anzac Biscuit.

