

# 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, 7<sup>th</sup> July 2024

14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

## First Reading

[Ezekiel 2:2-5](#)

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

*The people are rebellious; they shall know there will be a prophet in their midst.*

The spirit came into me and made me stand up, and I heard the Lord speaking to me. He said, 'Son of man, I am sending you up to the Israelites, to the rebels who have turned against me. Till now they and their ancestors have been in revolt against me. The sons are defiant and obstinate; I am sending you to them, to say, "The Lord says this." Whether they listen or not, this set of rebels shall know there is a prophet among them.'

## Responsorial Psalm

[Ps 122. R. v.2](#)

(R). Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.

1. To you have I lifted up my eyes, you who dwell in the heavens: my eyes, like the eyes of slaves on the hand of their lords. (R.)
2. Like the eyes of a servant on the hand of his mistress, so our eyes are on the Lord our God till he shows us his mercy. (R.)
3. Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy. We are filled with contempt. Indeed all too full is our soul with the scorn of the rich, with the proud man's disdain. (R)

## Second Reading

[2 Corinthians 12:7-10](#)

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

*I will glory in my infirmities so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.*

In view of the extraordinary nature of these revelations, to stop me from getting too proud I was given a thorn in the flesh, an angel of Satan to beat me and stop me from getting too proud! About this thing, I have pleaded with the Lord three times for it to leave me, but he has said, 'My grace is enough for you: my power is at its best in weakness.' So I shall be very happy to make my weaknesses my special boast so that the power of Christ may stay over me, and that is why I am quite content with my weaknesses, and with insults, hardships, persecutions, and the agonies I go through for Christ's sake. For it is when I am weak that I am strong.

## Gospel Acclamation

[See Luke 4:18](#)

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.

Alleluia!

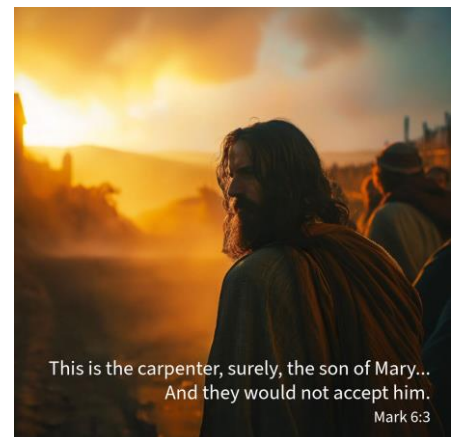
## Gospel

[Mark 6:1-6](#)

A Reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

*A prophet is despised only in his own country.*

Jesus went to his home town and his disciples accompanied him. With the coming of the sabbath he began teaching in the synagogue and most of them were astonished when they heard him. They said, "Where did the man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been granted him, and these miracles that are worked through him? This is the carpenter, surely, the son of Mary, the brother of James and Joset and Jude and Simon? His sisters, too, are they not here with us?" And they would not accept him. And Jesus said to them, 'A prophet is only despised in his own country among his own relations and in his own house', and he could work no miracle there, though he cured a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.



This is the carpenter, surely, the son of Mary...  
And they would not accept him.

Mark 6:3

Next Week's Readings (13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> July 2024) – 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B  
1st Reading: [Amos 7:12-15](#) 2nd Reading: [Ephesians 1:3-14](#) Gospel: [Mark 6:7-13](#)

## 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 1:00pm 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/>

## Living the gospel

### Acknowledging the close at hand

Today's gospel reminds us that we can fail to see the value of those with whom we are very familiar. Although we proclaim that we seek the face of Christ in the face of those we meet it may not at times occur to us to look on our family and close friends in the same way. It may seem unlikely that God might come to us in the guise of a family member. Perhaps next time we are irritated by a brother or sister or the overly protective actions of a parent we should remind ourselves that we are looking into the face of God.

## Sunday Reflection...

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This week's gospel sees Jesus returning to his home town of Nazareth. He is well and truly into his public ministry at this point in the gospel and his reputation is obviously growing as a healer and teacher. When he goes to Nazareth the locals are quick to 'put him in his place'. They remember the boy, the teenager, the young man apprenticed to his father's craft. He's a nobody as far as they are concerned; just young Yeshua (Jesus) who grew up here. It is much the same within families and local communities today. No matter how successful and authoritative a young woman or man may have become, a trip home will quickly remind them that in the eyes of those they grew up with nothing has changed. In the gospel passage they even say, that's Jesus – he's just James' brother; no one special! Why would they think they had anything to learn from a brat who grew up in their own town? What could he possibly tell them? They try to force Jesus back into the mould of the person with whom they were previously familiar and comfortable.

We do this to one another all the time. We have certain expectations about the way a friend normally acts or thinks and when they behave differently we react in a way that lets them know that they are not 'being themselves'. In doing this, we are looking to maintain our own comfort zone. We take away the freedom of the other person to grow and change. Many people seem to enter into relationships thinking that neither of them will ever change. This, of course, is an unsustainable assumption. Surely, if we want the best for those we love and care for, we want them to be constantly growing and becoming all that they can be?

## Scriptural context

### Lack of faith

The final sentence of today's gospel tells us that Jesus was amazed at the lack of faith displayed by his home town. It is a feature of the Gospel of Mark that the accomplishment of miracles is associated with the faith of those involved. The section of the gospel that surrounds this passage deals with the lack of faith and understanding displayed by the disciples. The home town experience is a lesson to the disciples that in the absence of faith, the ministry of Jesus and those who follow him will falter. Only those who truly believe can participate in this ministry and share in the miraculous works of Jesus.



## Have you thought?

### Brothers of Jesus

The reference to the brothers of Jesus has caused a lot of controversy in the past and continues to do so. One opinion, now regarded as heresy, was that these brothers were the younger children of Mary and Joseph. Another argument, grounded in the apocryphal gospels of Peter and James, maintains that they were Joseph's sons by an earlier marriage. The view generally held is that they were actually cousins of Jesus. The problem appears to arise because of a problem in translation from one language to another. The original Aramaic word was translated into a Greek word for brothers, or brethren.

## Thought of the day.....



**Please Pray For...**

**Recent Deaths:** Anthony (Tony) Tabita

**Anniversaries:** Edna O'Rourke, Barbara Murphy, Terry O'Connell, Ron Klease, Alan Taylor, Lorna Trueman, Mary Burke, Mark McIvor, Fr William Moran, Moira Cronin, Ross Harms, Bernadette McLennan, Lester Rodgers, Michael Hanna, Ray Clark, James Murphy, Percy Thompson. Fr Simon O'Dea, Fr Ralph Underwood, Fr John Clancy.

**Those Who Are Sick:** Van Vu, 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

**July Birthdays:** Cleber Dias, Margaret Naismith, Anne Mullins, Mary Ondrus, Eloise & Jemima Khoo, Elin Thomson, Kathleen Mahoney, Lachlan See, Julie See, Glyn Ferguson, Sr Cecilia Bailey, Barry Coonan, Carmel O'Brien

**Parish News...**

Sat 6/7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o 4.45pm Reconciliation</li> <li>o 6.00pm Mass</li> </ul>
Sun 7/7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o 9.30am Mass – NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY</li> <li>o 5.30pm Mass</li> </ul>
Mon 8/7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o 6.30pm Parish Pastoral Council Meeting in Quiet Room</li> </ul>
Tue 9/7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o 10am Mass</li> <li>o 10.30am Prayer Group in Quiet Room</li> </ul>
Wed 10/7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o 9am Anam Cara in the Presbytery</li> <li>o</li> </ul>
Thu 11/7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o 10am Mass</li> <li>o 10.30am Friendship &amp; Craft Group in Quiet Room</li> <li>o 2pm St Vincent de Paul Meeting Quiet Room</li> </ul>
Fri 12/7	

**Date Claimers:**

14<sup>th</sup> July – 10.30am Workshop 1 for Sacrament of Reconciliation

20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> July – Sea Sunday

21<sup>st</sup> July – 9.30am Teacher and Staff Thank You Mass

24<sup>th</sup> July – 9am OLOL School Grandparents Prayer Celebration followed by morning tea. All welcome.

27<sup>th</sup> July – Peter Kearney Concert 4pm. Dinner to follow

27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> July – World Day for Grandparents & the Elderly

**Seeking Volunteers**

We are seeking 2 or 3 volunteers to distribute Communion to residents at BUPA Glenvale. For those who are ill, in hospitals or nursing homes, the reception of communion is not only a privilege but also a sign of the support and concern of their parish community. If you can commit an hour of your time once a month please contact the Parish Office on 4634 1453. All the material you need to Minister to the residents will be provided.

**ATSI Sunday - NATSICC Liturgy Team Welcome**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, welcome to this special celebration of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday. On this day, we gather as one community to honour and celebrate the rich cultural heritage and contributions of our First Nations Peoples to our Australian Catholic Church. The Gospel Reading for today, tells the story of Jesus returning to His hometown, only to be met with scepticism and disbelief. Despite His teachings and miracles, those who knew Him best failed to recognise His divine wisdom and power. This passage resonates deeply with our own experiences as First Australians, as we can often find that our voices go unheard and our contributions not embraced. The recent Voice referendum highlighted the ongoing journey toward recognition and reconciliation. While the outcome was not what many hoped for, it has strengthened our resolve and commitment to working together for a better Australia for everyone. Like Jesus, who persevered in His mission despite the obstacles, we too remain committed to our Culture, our Land, our Church, and our communities with unwavering hope and determination. As we gather on this sacred land, we acknowledge the Traditional Custodians and honour our Elders past and present, and our young people. Our connection to the land, waters, and skies is deeply rooted in our identity and spirituality. We invite you to join us in respecting and cherishing this connection, as it is vital to our shared journey of faith. Thank you for joining us in this celebration. May the Holy Spirit guide and bless each of us as we journey together in faith, hope, and love.



Time	Altar Servers	Welcomers	Commentary	Ministers of the Word	Offertory Procession	Extraordinary Ministers	I pad Operator	Piety Stall
13 <sup>th</sup> July at 6pm	E Ward L Ward G Hoopert	Hoopert Family	J Wilson	C Ferguson B Witham	M & J Wells	H. R O'Brien W. G Ferguson W. M Cushway	C Juillerat	G Schoorl
14 <sup>th</sup> July at 9.30am	S Dias J Dias E Young	T Ryan A Suhr	J Coman	M Conrick C Rawlinson	Watson Family	H. M McLean W. P Murphy W. A Courname	Dias Family	P Town
14 <sup>th</sup> July at 5.30pm		A & R Thompson	W Beeston	R Johnston V O'Connell	J Johnston C Crown	H. M Whitelegg W. J Axtell W. R Johnston	T Haylock	M Stark

## Weekly Spotlight on our Parish Groups and Mass Ministries

### Family Engagement Part 1

#### Casserole Club

Members of the Casserole Club cook meals and bake goods to be delivered to families or individuals who are recently bereaved or ill or in other times of need. Volunteers are always welcome.

#### Catering & Hospitality Committee

The role of this group is to provide hospitality at parish events and liturgies throughout the year such as morning teas and sausage sizzles. Tasks may include purchasing, setting up tables and chairs, serving, cleaning up. On these occasions "Many hands make light work". This is a great opportunity to meet Parishioners you may not already know.

#### Communion to the Sick and Housebound

This group provides visitation and Holy Communion for those within our community who are sick or lonely and for the frail and elderly who are no longer able to attend Mass, helping to maintain contact with the church community and promoting a strong sense of belonging.

#### Friendship and Craft Group

This group meets every Thursday morning in the Quiet Room making rugs, beanies and scarves for Eva's place, premmie babies and the homeless. They also make Baptism bibs and stoles and support the Hospice, St Vincent de Paul, Retired Priests, Caritas and Qld Cancer. All sorts of craft are welcome and there is always someone to help if you'd like to learn. You don't even have to be doing craft, just come along for the friendship, a cuppa and a biscuit.

#### Gardening Group

The gardens in the church are maintained by a dedicated group of volunteers. Members of the group "adopt" a garden bed to care for and then come together on occasions for a working bee. There is always work to be done keeping the gardens looking their best so more green thumbs are always welcome.

### Catholic Education Week Staff Thank You Mass – 21<sup>st</sup> July 2024

You are invited to help recognise and celebrate the dedication of all those involved in Education within the diocese especially those members of our school and parish community. A special Staff Thank You Mass will be held on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> July at 9.30am. **Please bring a plate for a shared morning tea following Mass.**



## ENEWS UPDATE

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

### IN CONVERSATION WITH MICHAEL MCGIRR

**Date:** 16/7/24 Tuesday **Time:** 7:00pm

**Where:** Online via Zoom, register [here](#).

Michael McGirr is a bestselling author, commentator, presenter, educator, and an entertaining and inspiring speaker. The event will also be an opportunity to celebrate the release of Michael's latest book, [Every Day is New: Prayers & Reflections for Ordinary Time](#). In his book, Michael invites readers to put aside a little time on the weekdays during Ordinary Time to read the Gospel of the Day, to reflect on a picture of graffiti or street art, and to ponder where God might be at work, and at play, in the ordinary experiences that soak up our time. For more information or to register please click [here](#)

### EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST: PILGRIMAGE

Holy Name Parish is looking at leading a pilgrimage at the end of the year with Fr Darrell. The "Great Saints of Italy" tour follows the path of holy men and women from Rome to Venice over 11 days from Rome to Venice. Masses included. If interested in this amazing opportunity contact the parish office on 46321899 [holynameparishtmba@bigpond.com](mailto:holynameparishtmba@bigpond.com)

### SOCIAL JUSTICE AWARDS

For 20 years, the Social Justice Commission of the Diocese of Toowoomba has been recognising individuals, groups, and businesses that have been making a difference in their community with the Social Justice Awards. Nominations are now open for this year's awards. See the [letter and nomination form for details](#). If you have any questions regarding nominations or the award please contact Dr David Tutty on 0428 130 895 or email [dtutty@twb.catholic.org.au](mailto:dtutty@twb.catholic.org.au) Nominations are open until 2/8/24.

### SYNOD OF BISHOPS UPDATE FROM NATIONAL CENTRE FOR PASTORAL RESEARCH

From February to April 2024, a two-tiered consultation process was undertaken to unpack synodal processes in greater depth, based on the chapters of the Synthesis Report from the First Assembly of the Synod of Bishops. The results of those consultations were gathered into the Australian Summary, which was sent to the General Secretariat of the Synod on 15 May 2024 and made available on the Synod website shortly after. The Australian Summary and companion document, the Australian Diocesan Testimonies, are available from the Synod website at [XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops \(catholic.au\)](#)

### WOMEN'S RETREAT: IN CONVERSATION WITH JESUS

**Date:** 6-8/9/24 **COST:** Live in \$450, Live out \$250

**Where:** Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, 267 Wellington St, Ormiston

This retreat is a unique opportunity to step away from the demands of everyday life and immerse yourself in the presence of God. Surrounded by the serene beauty of Santa Teresa, you'll find the perfect setting to rejuvenate your spirit and deepen your faith. In our fast-paced lives, it is crucial to carve out moments of stillness to hear the whispers of God. Join other women for a rejuvenating weekend accompanied by Evangelisation Brisbane's Adult Formation Team.

[To find out more and book your spot click here.](#)

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### Peter Kearney Concert – Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> July 4-5pm At Our Lady of Lourdes Church

A warm invitation is extended to all to join us at 4pm on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> July for a concert with Peter Kearney. Peter's prayerful and inspirational music has been enriching people all over the world for many, many years. A light supper will be served after the concert followed by 6pm Mass. Please RSVP for catering purposes on the form at the church entrance.