

# 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, 11<sup>th</sup> August 2024**

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

## First Reading

[1 Kings 19:4-8](#)

A reading from the first book of Kings

*Strengthened by the food, he walked to the mountain of the Lord.*

Elijah went into the wilderness, a day's journey, and sitting under a furze bush wished he were dead. 'Lord', he said 'I have had enough. Take my life: I am no better than my ancestors.' Then he lay down and went to sleep. But an angel touched him and said, 'Get up and eat.' He looked round, and there at his head was a scone baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank and then lay down again. But the angel of the Lord came back a second time and touched him and said, 'Get up and eat, or the journey will be too long for you.' So he got up and ate and drank, and strengthened by that food he walked for forty days and forty nights until he reached Horeb, the mountain of God.

## Responsorial Psalm

[Ps 33:2-9. R. v.9](#)

(R). Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise always on my lips; in the Lord my soul shall make its boast. The humble shall hear and be glad. (R)

2. Glorify the Lord with me. Together let us praise his name. I sought the Lord and he answered me; from all my terrors he set me free. (R)

3. Look towards him and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed. This poor man called; the Lord heard him and rescued him from all his distress. (R.)

4. The angel of the Lord is encamped around those who revere him, to rescue them. Taste and see that the Lord is good. He is happy who seeks refuge in him. (R)

## Second Reading

[Ephesians 4:30 - 5:2](#)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians.

*Walk in love, just as Christ.*

Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God who has marked you with his seal for you to be set free when the day comes. Never have grudges against others, or lose your temper, or raise your voice to anybody, or call each other names, or allow any sort of spitefulness. Be friends with one another, and kind, forgiving each other as readily as God forgave you in Christ.

Try, then, to imitate God, as children of his that he loves, and follow Christ by loving as he loved you, giving himself up in our place as a fragrant offering and a sacrifice to God.

## Gospel Acclamation

[John 6:51](#)

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

## Gospel

[John 6:41-51](#)

A Reading from the Gospel according to John

*I am the living bread come down from heaven.*

The Jews were complaining to each other about Jesus, because he had said, 'I am the bread that came down from heaven.' 'Surely this is Jesus son of Joseph' they said. 'We know his father and mother. How can he now say, "I have come down from heaven"?' Jesus said in reply, 'Stop complaining to each other. 'No one can come to me unless he is drawn by the Father who sent me, and I will raise him up at the last day. It is written in the prophets: They will all be taught by God, and to hear the teaching of the Father, and learn from it, is to come to me. Not that anybody has seen the Father, except the one who comes from God: he has seen the Father. I tell you most solemnly, everybody who believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your fathers ate the manna in the desert and they are dead; but this is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that a man may eat it and not die. I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world.'

Next Week's Readings (17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> August 2024) - 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B  
1st Reading: [Proverbs 9:1-6](#) 2nd Reading: [Ephesians 5:15-20](#) Gospel: [John 6:51-58](#)

## 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

Jo Johnston, Ray Johnston, Bernadette Witham, Emma Dever, Melissa McLean, Julie Whittaker, Peter Castles, Georgina Humphrys, Brandon Joesph, Clare Watson

## 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 (**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

### The Jews

*It might strike the reader as a little odd that this gospel passage begins with 'The Jews were complaining to each other about Jesus'. Surely, Jesus and his disciples were also Jews, so why the derogatory use of 'the Jews'? At the time that this gospel was being written (probably in the last decade of the 1st Century) the Christians were firmly at odds with the Jewish community and were in fact banned from attending Jewish synagogues. This conflict is reflected in the way the Jews are portrayed throughout the Gospel of John.*

## Sunday Reflection...

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There are times God seems to ask too much of us. We labour for others, but do not see the fruits of our labour. Our families take us for granted, and we are exploited at work. This is particularly trying when we only wanted to be of service to others, to help them wherever we could. What's the point of giving of oneself when it only seems to be futile? In this we are like Elijah. There are other times when we are challenged to change our way of thinking and to accept what seems to make extraordinary demands on us. A new way of understanding church may call us to be open to the cultural diversity within the community. Or it might claim that we have a responsibility toward the poor and homeless in our midst. New biblical insights make us question our familiar understanding of God or of Jesus or of ourselves. In this we might be like the Jews who murmured against Jesus.

We want evidence to substantiate these radical new claims. But the evidence that Jesus offered could only be accepted in faith. And so it is with us. When we ask God for some kind of sign that will assure us that this new challenge is really what God wants, the answers received must themselves be accepted and understood in faith. The only assurance we have is rooted in faith, and those who are not open in faith will not understand. God does indeed ask a great deal from us.

## SCRIPTURAL CONTEXT

### Who is Jesus?

*One of the great concerns of the Gospel of John is to convey an understanding of who Jesus is. This powerful message is conveyed through a number of significant discourses – with Nicodemus, with the Samaritan woman, with the Jews etc. The gospel contains some of the 'great' images that we have for Jesus: living water; living bread; light for the world; the good shepherd; the way, the truth and the life. As opposed to the more narrative synoptic gospels, this gospel can be seen as a gospel rich in imagery and theological perceptions.*

## GOSPEL FOCUS

### Living Bread

*There is an obvious connection between this week's reading and the sacramental celebration of Eucharist. Jesus describes himself as living bread and then says whoever eats this living bread will live forever. These words capture the essence of the Church teaching about the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. Jesus is present in several ways at the celebration of Eucharist, particularly present in the bread and wine that become his body and blood. Through our celebration of the Eucharist, Jesus offers us his continuing, enduring presence.*

## Thought of the day.....



**"The good news is you'll stay here.  
The bad news is your luggage has gone to hell."**

## Please Pray For...

**Recent Deaths:** Kevin Boland

**Anniversaries:** Neville Reedy, Charles Head, Agnes Campbell, Brian Graham, Nell Storey, Maureen McGrath, Bill Garrett, Molly Connolly, Fr Joe O'Mara S.J., Del Garrett, Alan Teys, Willam Brown, Leona (Dolly) Bambosek, Kath Thomson, Barry Freier, Pat Rohde, Ellen Waldron, Estelle Edge, Audrey Davies, Fr John Ryan, Fr Patrick Kelly

**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, Frank Kenneally, Carmel & Ron O'Brien, Lillian Roberts, Brian Thomson, Peggy Thies, John Axtell, Noel O'Mara, Mick O'Mara, Patrick Wright

**August Birthdays:** Maria Morcom, Ashley Coonan, Sr Mary Cleary, Joan MacGinley, Terry McGovern, Ros Coonan, Pat O'Sullivan, Abbie Jones, Simon Ferguson, Sarah Kelly, Carlos De Silva

## Parish News...

Sat 10/8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o 4.45pm Reconciliation</li> <li>o <b>6.00pm Mass</b></li> </ul>
Sun 11/8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o <b>9.30am Mass including Children's Liturgy</b></li> <li>o 10.30am Sacramental Workshop</li> <li>o <b>5.30pm Mass</b></li> </ul>
Mon 12/8	
Tue 13/8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o <b>10am Mass</b></li> <li>o 10.30am Prayer Group in Quiet Room</li> <li>o Glenvale Villas Visitation</li> </ul>
Wed 14/8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o 9am Anam Cara in the Presbytery</li> <li>o <b>10am Mass</b></li> <li>o 6.30pm SPRED</li> </ul>
Thu 15/8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o <b>10am Mass (The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary) – school children to attend</b></li> <li>o 10.30am Friendship &amp; Craft Group in Quiet Room</li> </ul>
Fri 16/8	

## Date Claimers

17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> August – Flick and Tick  
 24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup> August – Social Justice Sunday  
 25<sup>th</sup> August – Sacramental Workshop 3  
 31<sup>st</sup> August/1<sup>st</sup> September – Father's Day and Retired Priests Appeal Weekend  
 1<sup>st</sup> September – Mary of the Southern Cross Feast  
 3<sup>rd</sup> September – First Reconciliation 7pm

## Birthday Wishes

Wishing Terry McGovern a very Happy 91<sup>st</sup> Birthday for the 9<sup>th</sup> August! Many happy returns and best wishes for the year ahead!



## Weekly Spotlight on our Parish Groups and Mass Ministries

### Liturgy Part 2

#### Consolation Group

Consolation Group members provide support to bereaved families and assist them to plan the funeral Mass or Liturgy for their deceased loved one. The team assists the family to select prayers, hymns, readings and attends the funeral to assist the celebrant and family as required.

#### Decorator for Sacred Space

Creating a sacred space through the use of a cross, bible, candle, flowers, banners, art and symbols assists us in prayer. These ministers are supported by the Liturgy Group and draw inspiration from knowledge of the Church's liturgical year to create this sacred space.

#### Liturgy Group

The work of the Liturgy Group encompasses all ministries in the sacramental life of the Parish to collectively prepare Prayers, Hymns, Responses, Welcome Message and Church decorations to support and enhance the Liturgical celebration.

#### Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion Leaders for Weekdays

Using the guidelines set out by the Diocesan Liturgical Commission, these leaders provide Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion on weekdays when a priest is not available.

Time	Altar Servers	Welcomers	Commentary	Ministers of the Word	Offertory Procession	Extraordinary Ministers	I pad Operator	Piety Stall
17 <sup>th</sup> Aug at 6pm	T Kelly J Whittaker	P & J O'Sullivan	C Ferguson	N Doyle S Kelly	Hoopert Family	H. D Clark W. G Ferguson W. J Kelly	M Cushway	G Schoolr
18 <sup>th</sup> Aug at 9.30am	J Poulton L Anderson	P Town C Poulton	J Anderson	J Coman M McLean	Anderson Family	H. M Ondrus W. P Murphy W. A Cournane	T Ryan	M Webb
18 <sup>th</sup> Aug at 5.30pm		M & J Ryan	T Haylock	C Golightly Daniel Salty	A Brown C Brown	H. W Beeston W. J Salty W. B Stark	D Stark	S Whitelegg

## Invitation to All Parishioners

Fr Kerry Costigan wishes to invite all Our Lady of Lourdes Parishioners to a special non-concelebrated Mass of Thanksgiving at 9.30am on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October in the Oakey Cultural Centre to celebrate his 60 years of ministry as priest and deacon. Light refreshments will be served after Mass so for catering purposes, please indicate your intentions by ringing Fr Costigan on 4634 1102 or the parish office before Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September. More details are available via the flyer on the parish noticeboard. Depending on numbers, there is a possibility of a bus being provided, without charge, to cater for people with mobility problems. If you would be interested in this service, please contact the parish office at your earliest convenience.

## School News

Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School are very pleased to announce that they have been able to secure the purchase of 8A Ascot Street. This is the 1136m<sup>2</sup> house block directly behind the oval. This purchase will provide much needed land and green space for the students and will provide more options for play, sport and outside learning engagements.

## Palms: Transform Lives

Have you been considering whether an overseas professional placement with Palms is for you? Wanting to share your skills with communities in the Pacific, Asia or Africa to help develop self-reliance and sustainable solutions to poverty?

Join our Palms' [Discovery Webinar](#) online on Thursday 15 August. Meet Carolyn, currently in Timor Leste, and former Palms participants to find out more about [Assignments Aboard](#).

**Venue:** Online via Zoom- register at [palms.org.au/event/discovery-online/](https://palms.org.au/event/discovery-online/)  
**Date:** Thursday 15th August 2024  
**Time:** 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm AEST



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# E NEWS UPDATE

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

## SCAM ALERT: FAKE CATHOLICCARE LOANS

We've recently become aware of a Facebook Scam offering loans on behalf of an organisation that is pretending to be CatholicCare. Their Facebook page has used CatholicCare Sydney's videos and images to look more like their organisation. Please be aware that CatholicCare Social Services (Toowoomba) is not associated with any such organisation. They will never ask you to share your passwords, bank, superannuation, Centrelink, or other financial details via Facebook or another website. When in doubt, please call CatholicCare directly on 1300 477 433 for further information.

## YOUTH LEADERS MASTERCLASS: ENGAGING GEN Z & GEN ALPHA

Date: 17/8/24 Saturday Time: 1:00pm to 4:00pm

Where: Cathedral Precinct, Brisbane. Also live stream.

Generations Z & Alpha are our two youngest generations- those born from 1995 onwards, and together makeup 46% of the global population. Gen Alpha is on track to be the largest generation ever. They aren't just the Church of the future they are the Church of today. As those wanting to draw them into faith-filled communities, we have a responsibility to learn how best to engage with and minister to our youngest

brothers and sisters. This Masterclass is open to all and is a free event. To find out more and to register, please visit

<https://tinyurl.com/YLM-Aug24>

## PODCAST: QUESTIONS FOR THE MODERN WORLD

Common Home TV is excited to announce the launch of its new podcast, "Questions for the Modern World", your go-to source for inspiring and thought-provoking conversations at the intersection of integral ecology and an inclusive Church. This podcast delves into the profound questions facing faith communities today, exploring how we can live out our faith in harmony with the environment and in solidarity with all people.

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## ESAFETY COMMISSIONER: RESOURCES FOR DEALING WITH DISTRESSING CONTENT

Online spaces should be safe for everyone, but sometimes, they might find something distressing. To help families deal with these situations, eSafety has developed fact sheets available in English, Arabic, Assyrian, Chinese, Punjabi, Spanish and Vietnamese.

[Distressing or violent content](#) | [How to get help](#) | [eSafety Commissioner](#)

## Save The Date Mission Ambassador Training 2024

Do you want to know more about Catholic Mission and the impact and presence you can make in your home parish.

Come join us as we invite you to support this life-giving work in Mongolia.

Date: Saturday - 31st Aug 2024  
Time: 9.45 AM to 12.00 PM  
(morning tea provided)

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St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Centre  
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