

Welcome to OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH

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Reconciliation: Saturday 4.45pm

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

weekday masses - Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 10am

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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, 13th October 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B

First Reading

[Wisdom 7:7-11](#)

A reading from the book of Wisdom

In comparison to wisdom, I held riches as nothing.

I prayed, and understanding was given me; I entreated, and the spirit of Wisdom came to me. I esteemed her more than sceptres and thrones; compared with her, I held riches as nothing. I reckoned no priceless stone to be her peer, for compared with her, all gold is a pinch of sand, and beside her silver ranks as mud. I loved her more than health or beauty, preferred her to the light, since her radiance never sleeps. In her company all good things came to me, at her hands riches not to be numbered.

Responsorial Psalm

[Ps 127. R. v.5](#)

(R). Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy.

1. Make us know the shortness of our life that we may gain wisdom of heart. Lord, relent! Is your anger forever? Show pity to your servants. (R)
2. In the morning, fill us with your love; we shall exult and rejoice all our days. Give us joy to balance our affliction for the years when we knew misfortune. (R)
3. Show forth your work to your servants; let your glory shine on their children. Let the favour of the Lord be upon us: give success to the work of our hands. (R)

Second Reading

[Hebrews 4:12-13](#)

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

The word of God discerns the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

The word of God is something alive and active; it cuts like any double-edged sword but more finely: it can slip through the place where the soul is divided from the spirit, or joints from the marrow; it can judge the secret emotions and thoughts. No created thing can hide from him; everything is uncovered and open to the eyes of the one to whom we must give account of ourselves.

Gospel Acclamation

[Matthew 5:3](#)

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

Alleluia!

Gospel

[Mark 10:17-30](#)

A Reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Go and sell whatever you have and come follow me.

Jesus was setting out on a journey when a man ran up, knelt before him and put this question to him, 'Good master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments:

You must not kill; You must not commit adultery; You must not steal; You must not bring false witness; You must not defraud; Honour your father and mother.' And he said to him, 'Master, I have kept all these from my earliest days.' Jesus looked steadily at him and loved him, and he said, 'There is one thing you lack. Go and sell everything you own and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' But his face fell at these words and he went away sad, for he was a man of great wealth. Jesus looked round and said to his disciples, 'How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!' The disciples were astounded by these words, but Jesus insisted, 'My children,' he said to them, 'how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.' They were more astonished than ever. 'In that case' they said to one another, 'who can be saved?' Jesus gazed at them. 'For men' he said, 'it is impossible, but not for God: because everything is possible for God.' Peter took this up. 'What about us?' he asked him. 'We have left everything and followed you.' Jesus said, 'I tell you solemnly, there is no one who has left house, brothers, sisters, father, children or land for my sake and for the sake of the gospel who will not be repaid a hundred times over, houses, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and land – not without persecutions – now in this present time and, in the world to come, eternal life.'

Next Week's Readings (20th Oct 2024) – 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B

1st Reading: [Isaiah 53:10-11](#) 2nd Reading: [Hebrews 4:14-16](#) Gospel: [Mark 10:35-45](#)

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.

FRIENDSHIP & CRAFT 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 Tuesday of the month at 10.30am in the Presbytery.

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, Sue Whitelegg, Jo and Ray Johnston (**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/>

from the perspective

of the Disciples

'What about us?' Peter cried. The disciples were staggered that Jesus could turn away the rich man so easily and declare how difficult it is to enter into the kingdom of God. They suddenly see themselves in the shoes of the rich man: what more do they have to do? They've left their homes and families to traipse after Jesus, believing that this sacrifice would be enough to assure them a place in the kingdom, and suddenly they are faced with doubts. Has it all been worth it? Jesus reminds them that if they have followed him for all the right reasons then their reward is assured.

Sunday Reflection...

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This Sunday's readings confront us with the need to make choices in life, choices for God. They also remind us that no significant choice is without its price. However, if we make the right choice, we are assured that we will be richly rewarded.

We all want to be happy in life. We just don't always know which doors to open, and how far to enter them. We need wisdom for that. The more options that are open to us, the more difficult it is to choose, but choose we must. To choose one option is to relinquish the others. The young man in the gospel wanted eternal life. Surely there is nothing more worthy than that. However, the price he was asked to pay was more than he had expected, and he went away saddened. To choose is to face the consequences of the word of God, and sometimes this is as sharp as a two-edged sword. One of the mysteries of faith is the incomprehensible generosity of God. We choose wisdom instead of all of the good things of the world, and we receive these good things along with wisdom itself. We are asked to relinquish all of the things that we value, and we get them back a hundredfold. We are invited to take a step into the unknown. We are told that we will not fall. However, we are never sure of this until we take the step and discover that we have not fallen. God demands so much, but gives so much more.

gospel focus

Sacrifice

Sacrifice is a term that gets used quite a lot in religion and yet it's a term with which modern society is very uncomfortable. We're not really 'into' sacrifice. We're much more into feeling good about ourselves and comfortable in our existence. Jesus called on the rich man to make a sacrifice – to let go of what he really loved and valued. What Jesus really called the man to do was to place his trust in Jesus and not in material wealth – that was the sacrifice he was called to make. Ultimately, the man couldn't do that! He couldn't let go of certainty and security and entrust his life and soul to Jesus.



Have you thought?

The Gospel of Prosperity

There are those within the ranks of Christianity who preach what is sometimes referred to as a 'gospel of prosperity'. They claim that wealth is a sign of favor, or approval, from God. They feel that if a Christian person is wealthy then they must be living a 'good' life that God is rewarding through material possession. They use this as justification for further accumulation of wealth. We can see from today's gospel that Jesus would have something to say about such an interpretation! Jesus reminds us that our reward is not in this world in the form of wealth and material possessions, but in eternal life.

Thought of the day.....



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"Hear that? People in heaven have ever-laughing life."

Please Pray For...

Recent Deaths: Elsie Carlin

Anniversaries: Roslyn Kruger, Ellen Williamson, Kath Wynne, Helena McIlwain, Brian Sharpe, Patrick Cleary, Vince Stephens, Walter Williams, Marg Coorey, Colleen Lynch, Fr Michael Mahon

Those Who Are Sick: Pat Duff, Brian Reardon, Jan Sullivan, Van Vu, Bev Brown, Eileen Reedy, Robert McLean, Kevin Arnott, 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

October Birthdays: Fr Quinlan, Annette Bishop, Dorothy O'Connor, Bernadette Smith, Sr Pat Quinn, Larry Ryan, Isabella Dwan, Candice Poulton, Anne Suhr, Angus Dwan, Carol Rawlinson.

Parish News...

Sat 12/10	o NO 6pm Mass tonight
Sun 13/10	o 9.30am Family Mass – No Children's Liturgy o NO 5.30pm Mass tonight
Mon 14/10	
Tue 15/10	o 10am Anointing Mass o 10.30am Prayer Group in Quiet Room
Wed 16/10	o 9am Anam Cara in the Presbytery o 10am Liturgy of the Word o 11am Jubilee Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral o SPRED 6.30pm
Thu 17/10	o 10am Mass o 10.30am Friendship & Craft Group in Quiet Room
Fri 18/10	

Date Claimers

19th/20th October – World Mission Sunday

21st October – BUPA Anointing at 10am

1st November – All Saints Day Mass at 10am

29th November – Seniors' Christmas Party

Transport to Anointing Mass

If you would like transport to the Anointing Mass on the 15th October at 10am, please contact the Parish Office on 4634 1453 as soon as possible.

Happy Birthday Wishes

Wishing Bernadette Smith a Very Happy 80th Birthday for the 14th October! Congratulations and many happy returns!



Annual Parish Family Mass – This Sunday

Please join us to celebrate our Parish Family on Sunday morning at 9.30am. Followed by Morning Tea, facepainting and balloon twisting in the school hall. Come and join in the fun! Set up will be at 8.00am in the school hall and the church. **Please come along and lend a hand.**

Please bring a plate to share for morning tea.

Please note: There will be no other Masses this weekend. The latest update from Parish Council regarding Fr Quinlan's retirement will be announced at this Mass.



Music & Choir Practice for Family Mass

A practice for the Family Mass will be held on Saturday 12th October from 10am – 11am. All musicians and singers are welcome!!

Seniors' Christmas Party

You're invited to Our Lady of Lourdes Senior's Christmas Party which is being held on Friday, 29th November. Commencing with 10am Mass. Morning Tea and Lunch will follow in the McMorrow Centre (school hall). Entertainment will be provided by the school children. Please RSVP on the form at the church entrance or by email to lol.parish@bigpond.com. There is no charge to attend this event.

Time	Altar Servers	Welcomers	Commentary	Ministers of the Word	Offertory Procession	Extraordinary Ministers	I pad Operator	Piety Stall
19th Oct at 6pm	E Ward L Ward	P & J O'Sullivan	L Borger	S Kelly B Smith	N & D Clark	H. R O'Brien W. K Walsh W. L Walsh	M Cushway	K Ward
20th Oct at 9.30am	J Poulton S Dias	Anderson Family	C Hudson	M McLean P Murphy		H. Cristianne Dias W. C Anderson W. M McLean	S Connolly	P Town
20th Oct at 5.30pm		Hickey Family	T Haylock	J Ryan J Johnston	K Langdale A Bishop	H. A Jessen W. J Sullivan W. M Whitelegg	A Hickey	S Whitelegg

Volunteers Needed at Lourdes Home

St Vincent's Care Services (Lourdes Home), 227 Spring Street, Toowoomba, is looking for volunteers to help in the following areas:

- Communion ministry Tuesday mornings & Rosary Groups Tues, Wed & Thu (contact Pastoral Care on 0447 720 604)
- Assist residents to play Bingo on a Thursday morning or 1-on-1 Social visits Monday to Friday (contact Rod, Lifestyle, on 4592 6900)

If anyone has a couple of hours to spare, it would be greatly appreciated.

Queensland Bishops Election Statement

The Catholic Bishops of Queensland have released a statement on the upcoming Queensland election on the 26th October and have urged voters to stand for truth and dignity. To read the full text of the statement, please click [here](#).

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for Oct '24.



POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION | OCTOBER 2024

For a shared mission

Let us pray that the Church continue to sustain a synodal lifestyle in every way, as a sign of co-responsibility, promoting the participation, communion and mission shared by priests, religious and laity.



Madonna Magazine

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ENEWS UPDATE

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

2024 WALK OF HOPE

Date: 28/10/24 Monday

Time: 7:45am start walk

Where: Walk starts at Frogs Hollow, Queens Park to Town Hall

All are welcome to join this year's Walk for Hope, honouring and remembering everyone touched by breast cancer. Those unable to join the walk are welcome to attend the ceremony at Town Hall at 8:00am. Wear pink. [Flyer/notice for newsletters](#).

ST PATRICK'S PARISH FETE

Date: 2/11/24 Saturday

Time: 4:00pm-Midnight

Where: Balonne St, St George

Fun for the whole family, including live music, stalls, yabbie races, jumping castle, multidraw, BBQ and much more! Free entry. [Flyer/newsletter notice](#).

ABRAHAMIC FAITHS GATHERING

Date: 6/11/24 Wednesday

Time: 5:45pm

Where: St Anthony's Community Centre, Memory St Tmba
The evening will begin with a short presentation by each faith group on: "The concept of God". A light dinner will follow the presentation. All welcome to attend.

[See flyer for details](#).

Come for High Tea at St Anthony's!

St Anthony's Catholic Parish's Annual Melbourne Cup Fundraiser is being held again this year on the 3rd November 2024. Come for High Tea between 2pm and 4.30pm at the Parish Centre at 3 Memory Street. All money raised will go to support the Dignity Project, which helps refugees and asylum seekers living in the Toowoomba area. There will be Trivia, Multi-draw Raffle, Phantom Call, Sweep, High Tea Provided and Bar to purchase drinks. For catering purposes, please RSVP to justice@twb.catholic.org.au or 4636 1737 by 29th October. Entry by donation. Bring your friends.



GO AND INVITE EVERYONE
to the banquet

In Mongolia, Chuluunbaatar suffered a life-altering injury while trying to rescue a submerged vehicle, leaving him unable to work and reliant on scarce support services for basic needs. Without shelter and food, Chuluunbaatar faces the real risk of freezing to death.

Resources are limited, but the Church in Mongolia is working hard to provide essential services to people in need.

This World Mission Month, we invite you to extend your generosity to help enhance these vital services. Your support can make a significant difference to the lives of many, offering hope and tangible assistance to individuals like Chuluunbaatar.

World Mission Sunday 19th/20th October 2024



Freecall: 1800 257 296
catholicmission.org.au/mongolia

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