

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, 14th April 2024 Third Sunday of Easter - Year B

First Reading

[Acts of the Apostles 3:13-15, 17-19](#)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

You have killed the prince of life; God, however, raised him from the dead.

Peter said to the people: 'You are Israelites, and it is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, who has glorified his servant Jesus, the same Jesus you handed over and then disowned in the presence of Pilate, after Pilate had decided to release him. It was you who accused the Holy One, the Just One, you who demanded the reprieve of a murderer while you killed the prince of life. God, however, raised him from the dead, and to that fact we are the witnesses. 'Now I know, brothers, that neither you nor your leaders had any idea what you were really doing; this was the way God carried out what he had foretold, when he said through all his prophets that his Christ would suffer. Now you must repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out.'

Responsorial Psalm

[Ps 4:2, 4, 7, 9, R. v.7](#)

(R). Lord, let your face shine on us.

1. When I call, answer me, O God of justice; from anguish you released me, have mercy and hear me! (R.)
2. It is the Lord who grants favours to those whom he loves; the Lord hears me whenever I call him. (R.)
3. 'What can bring us happiness?' many say. Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord. (R.)

4. I will lie down in peace and sleep comes at once, for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety. (R)

Second Reading

[1 John 2:1-5](#)

A reading from the first letter of St John

Jesus Christ is the sacrifice that takes away our sins and those of the whole world.

I am writing this, my children, to stop you sinning; but if anyone should sin, we have our advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, who is just; he is the sacrifice that takes our sins away, and not only ours, but the whole world's. We can be sure that we know God only by keeping his commandments. Anyone who says, 'I know him', and does not keep his commandments, is a liar, refusing to admit the truth. But when anyone does obey what he has said, God's love comes to perfection in him.

Gospel Acclamation

[Luke 24:32](#)

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us:

make our hearts burn with love when you speak.

Alleluia!

Gospel

[Luke 24:35-48](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

It was written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead.

The disciples told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised Jesus at the breaking of bread. They were still talking about all this when Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you!' In a state of alarm and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost. But he said, 'Why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed. Touch me and see for yourselves; a ghost has no flesh and bones as you can see I have.' And as he said this he showed them his hands and feet. Their joy was so great that they could not believe it, and they stood dumbfounded; so he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' And they offered him a piece of grilled fish, which he took and ate before their eyes. Then he told them, 'This is what I meant when I said, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms, has to be fulfilled.' He then opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.'

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/>

SCRIPTURAL CONTEXT

Post-resurrection accounts

All four gospels include post-resurrection appearances of the risen Jesus. The gospel of Mark – historically, the first written – gives the briefest account of the resurrection discovery and it is only in a later addition to the gospel that a post-resurrection account appears. However, by the time the gospel of John was written, some 20-30 years later, the theological importance of the resurrection had gained more significance as it became more obvious that Jesus' return to the world was not going to happen within the foreseeable future. The gospel of John devotes two whole chapters to the post-resurrection appearances of Jesus.

Sunday Reflection...

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The first sentence of the gospel reading sets the context for the themes of today: 'Jesus was made known to them in the breaking of the bread.' Who is the Jesus that they recognised? And what does this recognition require? Jesus is the servant of the God of the early ancestors, the long awaited messiah, and the innocent sufferer portrayed in the prophetic tradition. He is the fulfilment of our deepest aspirations. When we gather around the table for the sacramental meal, we encounter the Risen Lord. There the sacred traditions of our religious heritage are opened for us and we are enabled to recognise him in the traditions and in the breaking of the bread. In order to encounter the Risen Lord in the breaking of the bread and in the breaking open of the word, we need docile hearts ready to embrace the deepest meaning of our religious heritage. We need hearts that have been purified in the love of God; hearts that have been totally transformed. The commandment of love requires nothing less. Having recognised the Risen Lord, we, like the people described in the first reading, must live reformed lives. Having recognised the Risen Lord, we, like the people addressed in the second reading, must be obedient to God's commandment of love. Having recognised the Risen Lord, we, like the disciples portrayed in the gospel, must preach the good news of God's forgiveness to all nations. Easter faith assures us that all of this is possible.

GOSPEL FOCUS

Peace be with you

When Jesus appears in the midst of the disciples, his first words to them are, "Peace be with you!" His appearance among them obviously agitated the disciples who were already hiding, in fear of their lives and devastated by the loss of their leader days earlier. Jesus' calming and reassuring words, "Peace be with you!" recognise the reality of what state the disciples are in. The words demonstrate that Jesus is meeting the disciples 'where they are' – he recognises their distress and fear and responds with words that accept what they're feeling but reassure them of his love and care. They are words that Jesus speaks to us too!

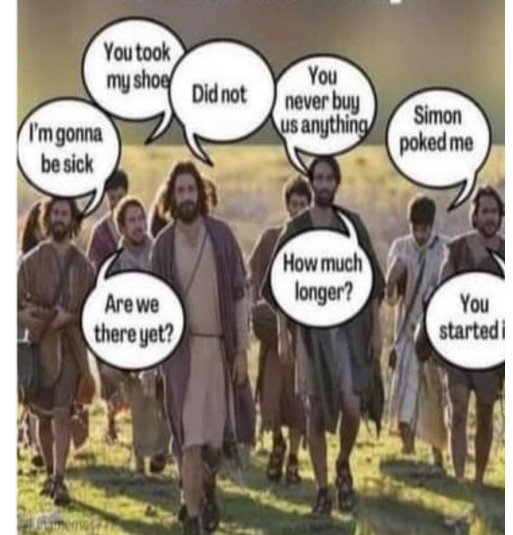


HAVE YOU THOUGHT? Is 'Literal' wrong?

Is there really something intrinsically wrong about a literal interpretation of scripture? Not at all! It is indeed an essential tool of any scriptural interpretation. It is of course important that we first and foremost understand the text as it is written – we have to have a literal understanding of the words that are used and what they mean. The problem arises when this is as far as we go. If we stop at this stage then we are shutting ourselves off from the richness of the scriptures. If we fail to dig below the surface then we are denying ourselves the opportunity of scrutinising our lives in the light of the scripture.

Thought of the day.....

The Real Reason Jesus Needed to be Alone to Pray



Please Pray For...

Recent Deaths: Anna Bazilio Ramalho

Anniversaries: Maria Gerstner, Anne Gleeson, Sr Mary McGovern, Elizabeth Hopper, Mary Backstrom, Haylee Kaarsberg, Iris Leahy, Fr John Michael, Fr Lex Herzig, Fr Anthony O'Keefe, Fr Roderick Lynch

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 13/4	o 4.45pm Reconciliation o 6.00pm Mass
Sun 14/4	o 9.30am Mass o 5.30pm Mass
Mon 15/4	o 10am BUPA Visitation o Parish Council Information Night 7pm Quiet Room
Tue 16/4	o 10.00am Mass o 10.30am Prayer Group in Quiet Room
Wed 17/4	o 9.00am Anam Cara in the Presbytery o 10.00am Mass
Thu 18/4	o 10.00am Mass o 10.30am Friendship & Craft Group in Quiet Room
Fri 19/4	Office Closed for Show Holiday

Date Claimers:

- 21st April – World Day of Prayer for Vocations
- 21st April – Good Shepherd Sunday
- 21st April – JAM Session
- 25th April – ANZAC Day Mass 10am

Reintroduction of Wine at Communion

The Parish Pastoral Council will reintroduce wine at Communion from the weekend of the 20th/21st April. Receiving wine will be at the discretion of each Communicant. The Church's teaching is that the whole Christ is received under the form of either the consecrated bread or the consecrated wine.

Project Compassion Envelopes – last week

Please return any Project Compassion envelopes you may still have at home as we will be finalising the collection this week.

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.



Planned Giving Considerations

It is almost time to order envelopes for those who currently use the envelope system for their weekly planned giving to the parish. If you are currently using envelopes and would like to change to Direct Debit for the next financial year, please advise the office as soon as possible on 4634 1453.

Welcome back to Term 2

We welcome all students and staff back to the school for the start of another new and exciting term.

Prayer for the beginning of a new term

Almighty God
We give you our school.
We give you all the teachers and staff who work here,
We give you all the children who learn here.
We pray our school will continue to be a place of great
discovery, adventure and creativity.
May it be a place where we love to learn and where we
learn to love,
A place where every one is respected and all are deeply
valued.
We ask all this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Time	Altar Servers	Welcomers	Commentary	Ministers of the Word	Offertory Procession	Extraordinary Ministers	I pad Operator	Piety Stall
20 th Apr at 6pm	I Whittaker J Whittaker	Ward Family	B Witham	J Soriano R Jayawardhana	R Campbell M Cushway	H. W Hoopert W. E Castles W. J Kelly	G & K Regan	K Ward
21 st Apr at 9.30am	E McLean L Anderson	P McDonnell A Mullins	S Connolly	J Anderson A Cournane	Dias Family	H. J Bonell W. C Watson W. C Anderson	T Ryan	P Town
21 st Apr at 5.30pm	M Denny E Obst	J & C Sullivan	V O'Connell	M Whitelegg J Michel	G Doherty K Uprichard	H. W Beeston W. B Stark W. J Sullivan	T Haylock	M Stark

Please support the Annual SPRED Fundraiser for 2024

SPRED 2024 FUNDRAISER

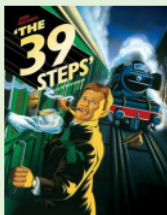
REPERTORY THEATRE FUNDRAISING EVENING

7PM WEDNESDAY 8th MAY 2024

Tickets \$25 includes welcome drink, supper and 5 raffle tickets.

Available now from the SPRED Office Mon-Thu 9.00am-3.30pm
CNR HUME & JELICOE STREETS PH: 4632 8427
spred@twb.catholic.org.au

THE 39 STEPS. (A COMEDY)



Mix a Hitchcock masterpiece with a juicy spy novel, add a dash of Monty Python, and you have a fast-paced whodunnit for anyone who loves the magic of theatre. Don't miss this much-loved gem, packed with nonstop laughs, over 150 zany characters (played by a ridiculously talented cast of four), an old-fashioned romance, and a good old spy chase!

Bank Transfer for ticket payment option available.
Call the SPRED office for details for details

Ticket price of \$25 includes:

- Entry
- 5 x tickets in multi-draw raffle
- Wine or juice on arrival
- Supper at interval

2024 Ignite Conference

Early bird Tickets are now on sale for the Ignite Conference in 2024. The conference will be held in Brisbane from Thursday 19th September until Sunday 22nd September. The Conference is a gathering of Catholics for four days of real-world formation, renewal of faith, great people and powerful worship. Click [here](#) for more information.



Mission: 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? Come to Palms' [Discovery information session](#) at Cathedral Centre on 26 April. Meet our director Soraya and former Palms participants to find out more about [Assignments Abroad](#).

Venue: Catholic Social Justice Commission Cathedral Centre, 123 Neil Street, Toowoomba

Date: Friday 26th April 2024 **Time:** 5:30pm to 6:30pm

Contact 02 9560 5333 or palms@palms.org.au for more information.

ENEWS UPDATE

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

MOTHER'S GROUP: MOTHER EFFECT

Mother Effect, a Catholic Mother's Group, are running a monthly Mass for mums pre-school aged kids. This Mass is tailored especially for mums with little ones creating a warm and welcoming space.

Join them for Mass on the last Tuesday of the month at Holy Name Church (North St Tmba) at 9:30am, with Fr Nathan Webb. [See flyer for further details.](#)

PALMS AUSTRALIA DISCOVERY INFORMATION SESSION

Date: 26/4/24 Friday

Time: 5:30pm-6:30pm

Where: Social Justice Commission, Cathedral Centre, Neil St Tmba

Palms Executive Director, Soraya Kassim, will be hosting a Discovery information session in Toowoomba. Meet Soraya and former Palms participants to find out more about [Assignments Abroad](#).

[Register and find out more here.](#)

[Download information flyer here.](#)

ONLINE MOVIE: QUEEN OF THE SUN

Date: 30/4/24

Time: 6:00pm

Where: Online via Zoom

Join Catholic Earthcare for their next online screening. The film is "Queen of the Sun" and you can watch the trailer here:

<http://www.queenofthesun.com/about/trailer/>

"Queen of the Sun" is a film about the importance of bees and the struggles they are facing around the world with the rise of chemical pesticides and herbicides, as well as colony collapse.

Julie Armstrong from Act for Bees will be joining to share a bit about her work and how you can help our pollinators!

To register please head to: <https://caritas.zoom.us/j/ztUvd-urqjkrHdM7OnPn066Wx>

[Insert for newsletter/social media](#)

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY (ACU) PRIZE FOR POETRY

Inspired by the Catholic Church's longstanding tradition as a patron of the arts, the ACU Prize for Poetry has become one of Australia's most prized poetry awards since its inception in 2013.

The prize has as its aim the simple goal of supporting the emergence of new and dynamic Australian poets and poetry. An initiative of our university's Office of the Vice President, the ACU Prize for Poetry receives hundreds of entries each year from across Australia. Entries close 2/7/24.

[Click here to find out more about the prize, judges and entry details.](#)

Supporting the ongoing Synod process

Fr Nathan Webb has been appointed the Diocesan contact person for the current stage of the Synod process and is looking for people who might facilitate the ongoing Synod process. If you are interested in leading a small group reflection on the following question (with two sub questions) please advise the Parish Office as soon as possible.

How can we enhance the differentiated co-responsibility in the mission of all the members of the People of God?

1. How can we/you adjust systems/structures/processes at a local level to better suit and support collaboration?
2. How can the laity feel better included in the formal organisation of the church?