

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 January 2024 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

First Reading

[1 Samuel 3:3-10.19](#)

A reading from the first book of Samuel

Speak, O Lord, your servant is listening.

Samuel was lying in the sanctuary of the Lord where the ark of God was, when the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' He answered, 'Here I am'. Then he ran to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' Eli said, 'I did not call. Go back and lie down.' So he went and lay down. Once again the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' He replied, 'I did not call you, my son; go back and lie down.' Samuel had as yet no knowledge of the Lord and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. Once again the Lord called, the third time. He got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' Eli then understood that it was the Lord who was calling the boy, and he said to Samuel, 'Go and lie down, and if someone calls say, "Speak, Lord, your servant is listening."' So Samuel went and lay down in his place. The Lord then came and stood by, calling as he had done before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel answered, 'Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.' Samuel grew up and the Lord was with him and let no word of his fall to the ground.

Responsorial Psalm

[Ps 39:2. 4. 7-10. R. vv. 8.9](#)

(R.) Here am I, Lord;
I come to do your will.

1. I waited, I waited for the Lord.
and he stooped down to me;
he heard my cry.
He put a new song into my mouth,
praise of our God. (R.)

2. You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings,
but an open ear.
You do not ask for holocaust and victim.
Instead, here am I. (R.)

3. In the scroll of the book it stands written
that I should do your will.
My God, I delight in your law
in the depth of my heart. (R)

4. Your justice I have proclaimed
in the great assembly.
My lips I have not sealed;
you know it, O Lord. (R)

Second Reading

[1 Corinthians 6:13-15. 17-20](#)

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

Your bodies are members of the body of Christ.

The body is not meant for fornication; it is for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. God, who raised the Lord from the dead, will by his power raise us up too.

You know, surely, that your bodies are members making up the body of Christ; anyone who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with him.

Keep away from fornication. All the other sins are committed outside the body; but to fornicate is to sin against your own body. Your body, you know, is the temple of the Holy Spirit, which is in you since you have received him from God. You are not your own property; you have been bought and paid for. That is why you should use your body for the glory of God.

Gospel Acclamation

[John 1:41. 17](#)

Alleluia, alleluia!

We have found the Messiah:
Jesus Christ, who brings us truth and grace.
Alleluia!

Gospel

[John 1:35-42](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

They saw where Jesus lived and they stayed with him.

As John stood with two of his disciples, Jesus passed, and John stared hard at him and said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God.' Hearing this, the two disciples followed Jesus. Jesus turned round, saw them following and said, 'What do you want?' They answered, 'Rabbi,' - which means Teacher - 'where do you live?' 'Come and see' he replied; so they went and saw where he lived, and stayed with him the rest of that day. It was about the tenth hour.

One of these two who became followers of Jesus after hearing what John had said was Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter. Early next morning, Andrew met his brother and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' - which means the Christ - and he took Simon to Jesus. Jesus looked hard at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John; you are to be called Cephas' - meaning Rock.

Next Week's Readings (20th/21st January 2024) - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B
1st Reading: [Jonah 3:1-5. 10](#) 2nd Reading: [1 Corinthians 7:29-31](#) Gospel: [Mark 1:14-20](#)

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 mornings in the quiet room at the church at 8:00am.

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

Vocation

These days, the word 'vocation' seems to be applied to whatever job someone happens to find themselves in. More traditionally, the word carries with it a sense of undertaking work that has a deliberate purpose about it and that is outwardly focused. Usually, there is a sense that there is 'importance' to the work and that it is linked to God's dream for the world. The Church has tended to use vocation in reference to religious life. The word comes from the Latin, vocare, meaning call or name. Realizing to what it is we are called can be one of the great challenges of life.

Sunday Reflection...

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Today we consider the call to discipleship. The readings outline the various stages of this call and provide a sketch of some of the characteristics of each stage: the invitation, the discerning process and the resulting transformation.

The call is an invitation from God. It might come to us as inner sensitivity, a kind of a dream or inspiration. Our interest might be captured by a person or an event that first attracts us and then beckons us to investigate further. It can come in the innocence and naivete of childhood, in the vigour of young adulthood, or in the wisdom of years. It comes when God calls.

The second stage involves discernment. Most of us need help recognising moments of religious importance and so we seek out women and men who are practiced in the ways of God, who can help us test the spirit. They might be recognised religious leaders or prophetic guides, or they could be friends or loved ones who know us well and who are also attuned to the workings of God in their own lives.

Finally, when we respond to the call, we discover that we no longer belong solely to ourselves; as disciples, we belong to the body of Christ. We belong to the reign of God; we are now part of the mission of Christ. As disciples, we are called to proclaim to the world the justice of God. What a glorious honour this is!



Have you thought?

Why disciples?

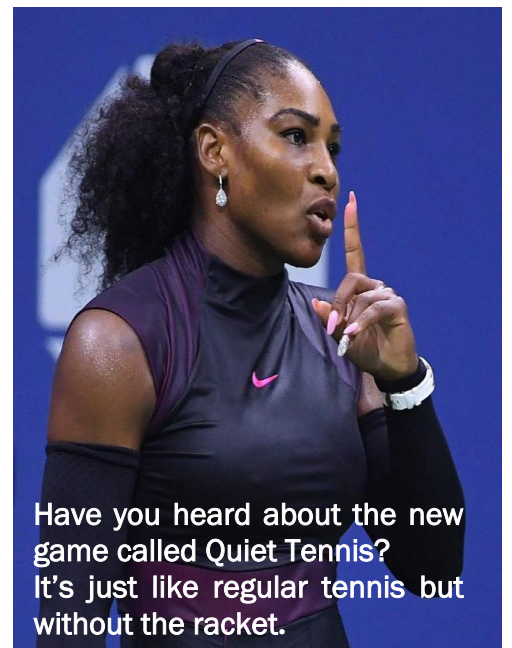
Why did Jesus call a group of people to follow him closely and share in his ministry? Certainly, it was not uncommon at the time that a charismatic leader might attract a group of followers and 'hangers-on' but Jesus appears to have deliberately called some people to travel with him and share in what he was about. So much of what Jesus spoke about was living in right relationships: with God; and with one another. Rather than simply being a 'back-up group' for Jesus, the disciples provided a lived example of trying to live in right relationships. They didn't always get it right, but they were on the way.

From the perspective

The Disciples

We'd been following John the Baptizer for nearly a year. He was a great man doing great work. He had called us to repent and baptized us in the river. We were so impressed with him that we began to follow him. There'd been plenty of other healers and preachers to follow but John seemed to be something special - some had talked about him being the messiah! Then all of a sudden John pointed out Jesus and called him the lamb of God. There was something different about this man and it just seemed right to leave John behind and go with Jesus.

Thought of the day.....



Have you heard about the new game called Quiet Tennis? It's just like regular tennis but without the racket.

Please Pray For...

Recent Deaths: Graeme Belz

Anniversaries: Jenny Horney, James Kearney, Kevin Lowien, Caroline Flohr, Cecilia Cummings, Jill Murphy, Mary Keenan, Cardinal George Pell, Rev Fr William Hall.

Those Who Are Sick: Anne Fisher, Patrick Byrne, Eileen Reedy, Robert McLean, Graham Belz, 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, Trish Betros, Noel Lipp, Michael (Micky) Lynch, Kevin Boland, Frank Kenneally, Carmel & Ron O'Brien, Lillian Roberts, Brian Thomson, Judy Reardon, Peggy Thies, John Axtell, Ted Schulz, Noel O'Mara, Mick O'Mara, Patrick Wright

January Birthdays: Faye Kroh, Desley O'Connell, Margaret White, Chloe Soriano, Molly Ferguson, Karlie Ward, Lily Ward.

Parish News...

Sat 13/01	o 4.45pm Reconciliation o 6.00pm Mass
Sun 14/01	o 9.30am Mass o 5.30pm Mass
Mon 15/01	o 10.00am Mass for new school year
Tue 16/01	o 10.00am Mass o 10.30am Prayer Group
Wed 17/01	o 9.00am Anam Cara in Presbytery o 10.00am Mass
Thu 18/01	o 10.00am Funeral Graeme Belz o 10.30am Friendship and Craft Group
Fri 19/01	

Australia Day Mass

Please join us for Mass to celebrate Australia Day.

When: Friday 26 January, 10:00am

Where: Our Lady of Lourdes Church.

Morning tea will be served after Mass.



Closing the Windows and turning fans off

Please remember to close the windows and turn the fans off in the quiet room as you leave the church. Thanks.

Friendship and Craft Group

The Friendship and Craft Group will be meeting again for the first time in 2024 on Thursday 18th January at 10.30am. If you have your own craft project please bring it along. If not, just come for a chat. We are always interested in learning something new and welcome new ideas for craft projects. We'd love to have you all join us. Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

Mass to begin the new school year.

All parishioners are invited to Mass with the OLOL School staff on Monday 15th January at 10am in the church. We welcome Ms Bridget Rillie as the new school principal and all other new and returning staff. As the new school approaches, we ask for God's blessing on all who are part of the school community. May they be guided by our loving God.

Prayer of thanks for Teachers

Dear Lord, we give thanks for the teachers in our school. We pray for their well-being, for their wisdom and for their dedication to their students.

We ask that you give them the strength and energy they need to guide and inspire their students, and to create a safe and nurturing learning environment.

We pray that they may be blessed with your grace and that they may be able to reach the hearts and minds of their students.

Amen.

Confirmation and First Eucharist 2024

Enrolments are now open for the Confirmation and First Eucharist program for 2024. Children in Year 4 or above and have received the Sacrament of Reconciliation are eligible to enrol.

- Please click [here](#) for the Initial Parent Letter including program dates and full information.
- Please click [here](#) for the Registration Form. **Registrations close on the 5th February 2024.** No enrolments will be accepted after this date.



	Altar Servers	Welcomers	Commentary	Ministers of the Word	Offertory Procession	Extraordinary Ministers	I pad Operator	Piety Stall
20th Jan at 6pm	I Whittaker J Whittaker	M Cushway G Schoorl	B Witham	R O'Brien B Smith	R Campbell M Cushway	P Hoopert	G Schoorl	D Clark
21st Jan at 9.30am	S Dias J Dias	L Dwan A Cournane	T Ryan	J Bonell J Adriano	Blumke Family	M McLean	A Winder	M Webb
21st Jan at 5.30pm	E Haylock M Denny	D & M Stark	T Haylock	C Golightly J Beutel	G Doherty K Uprichard	J Sullivan	A Hickey	M Stark

Next Jam Session Sunday 21st Jan 4.30pm



Gardening/Maintenance Working Bee

Saturday 20th January
8am – 10am followed by M/Tea.
All welcome to come lend a hand:
Prune/tidy gardens
Spray/pull weeds
Edge paths
Remove signage
Relocate garden beds
Blower Vac carpark and driveway

Working Bee



Lenten Program

Please indicate your interest in the 2024 Lenten Program by adding your name to the list at the back of the church. If you would like your own copy of the CD (\$9) or a digital download ((\$6) for use at home please indicate on the form.

Adopt a Liturgy

The Liturgy Group is keen to hear from anyone that might like to consider adopting just one parish celebration. For some of us, owning one small job rather than committing to something on a regular basis would better suit our job demands, family commitments and personal interests.

The Liturgy group has developed wonderful resources for each of their celebrations making the coordination much less time consuming and complicated and the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference provides resources too. It's probably much easier than you think! The Liturgy Group and the parish staff will provide all the support you need.

Suitable celebrations to adopt are:

Australia Day	OLOL Feast Day
Anzac Day	ATSI Sunday
World Day for Grandparents	Social Justice Sunday
Migrant and Refugee Sunday	

Please contact the Parish Office for more information.



Sychar First Term Schedule 2024

Discovering the Lost Tradition of Mystical Christianity
Tues 6th Feb – Tues 19th Mar. 9.45am for prompt 10.00am start until 12.30pm. Click [here](#) for flyer.

Christian Meditation Each Tues 4.00pm -4.45pm Click [here](#) for flyer.

Chrysalis Wed 31st January ff 2.30pm – 4.00pm

Centering Prayer in the tradition of Fr Thomas Keating
Thursday 8th Feb ff 10.00am – 11.00pm. Click [here](#) for flyer.

Quadratos Thurs 1 Feb – 21 Mar 3.30 – 5.00pm 8 sessions

Men Seeking Wisdom Thurs 7.00pm - 8.30pm. For more information, contact Robie Jayawardhana rjayawardhana@gmail.com OR Jason Obst Job70644@bigpond.net.au OR Peter Nolan nolan8@bigpond.com

Anam Cara (a spiritual conversation group in the Ignatian tradition) weekly 1.00pm – 2.00pm 12 Jan ff Click [here](#) for flyer.

Walking a Sacred Path of Being Friday 23 Feb 9am for 9.30 am start until 2.30pm. Click [here](#) for flyer.



Parish Groups

Our parish has many active groups that provide opportunities to get to know other members of the Parish and foster community spirit. These groups offer us the opportunity to reach out and care for one another, to offer support and encouragement and to share joys and sorrows.

If you would like to join a Parish Group or you would like more information about any of our Groups, please contact the Parish Office and we can put you in touch with the group leader.

Young Adults, this one's for you!!

Forged – Veritas Young Adults Weekend

Here's a sneak peak:

Campfire worship, Adoration, Mass, Paintball skirmish, mud challenges...just to name a few

If you're 18+ come spend a weekend with your mates, chat all things faith and life and have a bunch of fun in the process.

27th-28th January 2024, Emu Gully Helidon.

Book tickets [here](#) through TryBooking

Contact Fr Nathan Webb at St Patrick's Cathedral on PH 46371500 for further information.

Chuck Veritas and follow on Insta and FB to stay updated.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for Jan

For the gift of diversity in the Church

“Let us pray that the Spirit help us recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian communities, and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions within the Catholic Church.”

Have any suggestions or need help?

One of the aims of the Parish Pastoral Council is to support and develop the ongoing life of our parish community. If you have any suggestions, concerns or need help in any way, please see a member of the Parish Pastoral Council. They are available before and after Mass to assist.