

Welcome to OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH

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

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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, 15th September 2024 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B

First Reading

[Isaiah 50:5-9](#)

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

I gave my body to those who struck me.

The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed. My vindicator is here at hand. Does anyone start proceedings against me? Then let us go to court together. Who thinks he has a case against me? Let him approach me. The Lord is coming to my help, who dare condemn me?

Responsorial Psalm

[Ps 114:1-6. 8-9. R. v.9](#)

(R). I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.

1. I love the Lord for he has heard the cry of my appeal; for he turned his ear to me in the day when I called him. **(R)**

2. They surrounded me, the snares of death, with anguish of the tomb; they caught me, sorrow and distress. I called on the Lord's name. O Lord my God, deliver me! **(R)**

3. How gracious is the Lord, and just; our God has compassion. The Lord protects the simple hearts; I was helpless so he saved me. **(R)**

4. He has kept my soul from death, my eyes from tears and my feet from stumbling. I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living. **(R)**

Second Reading

[James 2:14-18](#)

A reading from the letter of St James

Faith without good works is dead.

Take the case, my brothers, of someone who has never done a single good act but claims that he has faith. Will that faith save him? If one of the brothers or one of the sisters is in need of clothes and has not enough food to live on, and one of you says to them, 'I wish you well; keep yourself warm and eat plenty,' without giving them these bare necessities of life, then what good is that? Faith is like that: if good works do not go with it, it is quite dead.

This is the way to talk to people of that kind: 'You say you have faith and I have good deeds; I will prove to you that I have faith by showing you my good deeds – now you prove to me that you have faith without any good deeds to show.'

Gospel Acclamation

[Galations 6:14](#)

Alleluia, alleluia!

My only glory is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, which crucifies the world to me and me to the world.

Alleluia!

Gospel

[Mark 8:27-35](#)

A Reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

You are the Christ...the Son of Man was destined to suffer much.

Jesus and his disciples left for the villages round Caesarea Philippi. On the way he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say I am?' And they told him. 'John the Baptist,' they said, 'others Elijah; others again, one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he asked, 'who do you say I am?' Peter spoke up and said to him, 'You are the Christ.' And he gave them strict orders not to tell anyone about him.

And he began to teach them that the Son of Man was destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and to be put to death, and after three days to rise again; and he said all this quite openly. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. But, turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said to him, 'Get behind me, Satan! Because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

He called the people and his disciples to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.'

Next Week's Readings (21st/22nd Sept 2024) – 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B
1st Reading: [Wisdom 2:12, 17-20](#) 2nd Reading: [James 3:16 – 4:3](#) Gospel: [Mark 9:30-37](#)

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.

ECUMENISM GROUP - meet the 4th Saturday of each month at 9:30am in the Children's Liturgy Room followed by a cuppa.

FRIENDSHIP & CRAFT GROUP - meet every Thursday at 10:30am in the quiet room at the church.

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/>

Scriptural Context

A Turning Point

This passage forms a crucial turning point in the Gospel of Mark. It occurs at the very mid-point of the gospel – the end of chapter 8 in a 16 chapter gospel. From this point on the gospel takes a greater focus on what it means to be a disciple and Jesus' movement towards Jerusalem. This passage in which Peter processes his faith in Jesus as the Messiah is immediately followed by the account of the Transfiguration. From this point onwards, the gospel writer reveals the growing understanding of Jesus' identity that until now has been wrapped in secrecy.

Sunday Reflection...

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There are several messianic traditions, each one characterising the anointed one of the future in a unique way. Do we expect a prophetic figure who will enter our world and reform the structures of society, or a strong leader who will overturn these structures and establish a new order? Are we waiting for a teacher who will transform our minds and hearts, or a judge who will punish us for our infidelities? Are we expecting someone who will renew the face of the earth, or someone who will come in fire and brimstone to destroy it? What kind of a messiah do we expect? For what kind of a change are we preparing ourselves? Jesus seems to overturn our expectations. We look for one who will save us from the predicaments in which we find ourselves, and he comes to us as one who seems to be a victim of his own predicament. God's thinking seems to be the reverse of ours: Those who save their lives, lose them; those who lose their lives, save them; the seed must die before it can bear fruit; Jesus will be killed, but will then be raised from the dead.

Can we claim to understand Jesus? Or are we more like the people in James' community: people who profess faith in Jesus, but who do not live it out; people who speak pleasant words to others, who say the right things, but who do not back up their words with good works? Is our faith really living?

Scriptural Context

Sandwich technique

The Gospel of Mark is famous for a technique of 'sandwiching' stories or sections between two related events to bring what is sandwiched into greater focus. This gospel passage falls within a significant sandwich that runs from 8:22 (the healing of a blind man at Bethsaida) to 10:52 (the healing of blind Bartimaeus). The healings of blindness that surround the sandwich reflect the lack of 'sight' that the disciples have. The 'meat' of the sandwich is all about the disciples not really understanding Jesus' mission and what it means to truly be a disciple. Read the whole section from 8:22 – 10:52 and see how it works.

Gospel Focus

Peter's insight

When Peter answers Jesus' question he demonstrates the disciples' dawning awareness of Jesus' true identity. It is the first occasion that the disciples are called to own what they think about Jesus. However, when Jesus begins to spell out what being the Messiah really means – persecution and death – Peter tries to convince Jesus that he doesn't need to go down that path. Jesus turns on Peter and snaps, "Get behind me, Satan!" It is a reminder of the desert temptation Jesus had to face at the start of his ministry when he wrestled with what sort of messiah he was called to be.

Thought of the day.....

WHY DON'T ANTS GET SICK?



BECAUSE THEY HAVE LITTLE ANTY BODIES.

Please Pray For...

Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries: Margaret (Peggy) MacGinley, Betty Tewes, Alex Upton, Johanna Wetherspoon, Alma Lewald, Dorothy Markham, Yva & Tom Bowe, James & Margaret Meara, Mary Sullivan, Jenny Young, Gloria de Silva, Rev Lino Valente, Fr Francis Burke, Fr Michael Skehan

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

September Birthdays: Kathy Dangerfield, Sandra Sullivan, Helen Kupfer, Val Bowe, Jo Michel, Max Jones, Jenny Ferguson, Chris Golightly, Dave Morrow, Clyde Hudson, Brian Thomson, Denise Short

Parish News...

Sat 14/9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o 4.45pm Reconciliation o 6.00pm Mass
Sun 15/9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o 9.30am Mass o 5.30pm Mass
Mon 16/9	o BUPA Visitation
Tue 17/9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o 10am Liturgy of the Word o 10.30am Prayer Group in Quiet Room
Wed 18/9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o 9am Anam Cara in the Presbytery o 10am Mass
Thu 19/9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o 10am Liturgy of the Word o 10.30am Friendship & Craft Group in Quiet Room
Fri 20/9	

Date Claimers

27th September – St Vincent de Paul Feast Day
 28th/29th September – Migrant and Refugee Sunday
 13th October – Annual Parish Family Mass

Do you speak a language other than English?

The Liturgy Group is looking for people who speak a language other than English to read the Welcome and/or Prayers of the Faithful for the Refugee & Migrant Sunday celebrations on the weekend of 28th/29th September. If you're interested, please phone the Parish Office on 4634 1453.

Birthday Wishes

Wishing Denise Short a very happy 90th birthday for the 19th September! Enjoy your special day Denise!



Children's Liturgy

No Children's Liturgy next weekend due to commencement of school holidays. Children's Liturgy will recommence after the school holidays on the 6th October. Children's Liturgy is held on Sunday mornings during school terms at the 9.30am Mass and is designed for children between Prep and Year 4. The aim is to gather the children in a separate space to celebrate Liturgy in a way that is more appropriate to their level of understanding and enable the children to take a more conscious and active part in the liturgical celebration. Activities include hearing the scripture and celebrating it through craft, drawing, drama and song.



Season of Creation Contemplations Wk 2

A time for you to pause and immerse your senses in the sacredness and interconnectedness of all God's creation. This week's contemplation is "[A Conference of Winds](#)".



Time	Altar Servers	Welcomers	Commentary	Ministers of the Word	Offertory Procession	Extraordinary Ministers	l pad Operator	Piety Stall
21st Sept at 6pm	E Ward L Ward	M & D Greer	C Ferguson	J Kelly B Smith	Hoopert Family	H. L Walsh W. S Kelly W. D Clark	M Connell	G School
22nd Sept at 9.30am	J Dias E Young	P McDonnell A Mullins	M Ondrus	T O'Mara T Ryan	Watson Family	H. P Murphy W. C Anderson W. M McLean	J Cash	M Webb
22nd Sept at 5.30pm		K Langdale J Michel	C Golightly	J Axtell A Jessen	Hickey Family	H. B Stark W. C Golightly W. J Sullivan	D Stark	M Stark

Fr Costigan 60 years Thanksgiving Mass

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 6th 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 20th 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.

OLOL Young People Social Night

OLOL YOUNG PEOPLE SOCIAL ACTIVITY



**SATURDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER 2024
AFTER 6 PM MASS (APPROX. 7 PM)**

**IPLAY TOOWOOMBA
200 HERRIES STREET**

\$10 per child

RSVP TO PARISH OFFICE BY WEDNESDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER

E NEWS UPDATE



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

REUNION: ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL JUNIOR CHOR

Date: 28/9/24 Saturday Where: St Patrick's Cathedral Tmba
Last Year's Reunion of the St. Patrick's Cathedral Junior Choir from the 1970s, 1980s and early 1990s was such a fantastic success it is on again! If you know of anyone who was a member of the Junior Choir during those years, would you kindly let them know of this and ask them to make contact with either Shelley Schweikert on 0402 319 929 or Sr Margaret Norris on 0427 623 598 to find out the details.

A MORNING'S PRAYER

Date: 9/11/24 Saturday Time: 9:00am - 12:00pm

Where: Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, Ormiston

The theme for this morning's retreat is "The grace of prayer". We take some time to explore what prayer is and how to go deeper in prayer, as we come to the end of the Year of Prayer. The central scripture for the retreat will be Philippians 4:6-7. Hosted by Evangelisation Brisbane's Adult Formation team. [For more information and to book, click here.](#)

DIOCESAN ARCHIVES UPDATE

Gabrielle Saide, Diocesan Archivist, wishes to advise that the archives at 68 Lindsay Street Toowoomba is now open for deposits, enquiries and research. Opening hours are Tuesday 10.30am – 4.00pm and Thursday 10.30am- 4.00pm. Phone number is 4632 7484. Email is dioarch@twb.catholic.or.au

ENGAGING YOUR FAITH

Date: October 2024 Where: Online

"Engaging Your Faith" is a series of short online presentations that invite participants to reflect on what it means to be people of faith in the contemporary world. Experienced lecturers from Catholic Theological College present on a variety of topics such as Philosophy, Spirituality, Biblical Studies, Christian Meditation, Theology, Interfaith Relations, and issues in Science and Religion.

[Book tickets here.](#) [See flyer for details.](#)

THE PARISH LITURGY COMMITTEE...WHAT ON EARTH ARE WE MEANT TO BE DOING?!

Dates: 9/11/24 Saturday Time: 9:00am-12:00pm

Where: Xavier Hall, Holy Spirit Seminary, Banyo

Have you been thinking about establishing, re-establishing, or revitalising your Parish Liturgy Committee? Are you seeking some specific formation and training for Liturgy Committee members? We invite you to send your key liturgy leaders to explore the important role of the Liturgy Committee in visioning, preparing and enabling vibrant, meaningful and welcoming parish worship.

The Baptism Team needs help!

We need extra hands to help prepare families for Baptism. It will only take an hour of your time every second month and will be very rewarding. No qualifications are necessary other than an ability to make others feel comfortable and welcome. Training will be provided on the Rite of Baptism. The Baptism Team works in teams of two and you will be paired with an experienced team member. Please speak with Jo Michel, Helen Nissen or Margaret Stark for more information or phone the parish office on 4634 1453.

Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver Fundraiser

The Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver are hosting the play, "Rumors", a comedy at the Repertory Theatre on Tuesday October 1st. Doors open at 7.00pm and patrons must be seated by 7.25pm. Tickets are \$25 each and can be purchased by contacting Sisters on 07 4321818 or Helen on 0416055976. All proceeds go to the Missions.

Crafting for a cause – help needed!

The OLOL friendship and craft group is supporting the local community with their hands and their hearts. If you can knit or crochet please come along and help make beanies of all sizes for the neo-natal unit and chemo patients at the hospitals or crochet or knit squares for rugs. We have plenty of wool and patterns. We will be making more cuddle hearts too for preemie babies. If you'd prefer to craft at home contact Helen on 4634 3119 for more information. **If you don't knit or crochet, come along anyway for a cuppa and friendship! Everyone is welcome!**

