

Welcome to OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH

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Reconciliation: Saturday 4.45pm

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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, 19th May 2024 Pentecost Sunday - Year B

First Reading

[Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11](#)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak different languages.

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech. Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome - Jews and proselytes alike - Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

Responsorial Psalm

[Ps 103:1, 24, 29-31, 34. R. v30](#)

(R). Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

1. Bless the Lord, my soul! Lord God, how great you are, How many are your works, O Lord! The earth is full of your riches. (R.)

2. You take back your spirit, they die, returning to the dust from which they came. You send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the earth. (R.)

3. May the glory of the Lord last for ever! May the Lord rejoice in his works! May my thoughts be pleasing to him. I find my joy in the Lord. (R)

Second Reading

[1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13.](#)

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

In the one Spirit we were all baptised, making one body.

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit. There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose.

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Alleluia!

Gospel

[John 20:19-23](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

As the Father sent me, so I send you: Receive the Holy Spirit

In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. 'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

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/>

HISTORICAL CONTEXT

Pentecost

The word Pentecost comes from the Greek for fiftieth day. Pentecost Sunday ends the season of Easter and comes as a Sabbath day after seven weeks of seven days. In Jewish tradition the 50th day after the Passover was celebrated as a blessing of the harvest and rather than the unleavened bread of Passover it was celebrated by leavening the bread. It was for this reason that the disciples were gathered together when they experienced the Holy Spirit empowering them. In Christian tradition, Pentecost is celebrated as the arrival of the Spirit, promised by Jesus, that animated the disciples to spread the gospel of Jesus and gather believers to form what would eventually become the Church.

Sunday Reflection...

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Pentecost brings the Easter season to a close, celebrating the fullness of the Spirit and the great gathering of nations. The plan of salvation has been brought to its conclusion. The Risen Lord is exalted in his rightful place next to God and has sent his own Spirit to fill the earth with God's power. The world is charged with divine energy; it needs but a spark to ignite it with life and excitement.

If this has all really happened, why does our world look the same? Why is there so much religious and ethnic rivalry? Why do we continue to make distinctions between Jew and Gentile, slave and free, woman and man, distinctions that favour one at the expense of the other? Why is there so little peace, or comfort, or solace? Why do we refuse to forgive or to be reconciled? Is Pentecost merely a feast that we celebrate in red vestments? Has the face of the earth really been renewed?

The answer is yes! Resoundingly, yes! The Spirit has been poured forth and works wonders wherever human hearts are open to its prompting. The earth is renewed each time rivalries are resolved, distinctions are recognised as merely expressions of diversity, peace is restored, comfort and solace are offered, and forgiveness is granted. We are immersed in the vigour of the Spirit of God; all we have to do is open ourselves to it and the reign of God will be born in our midst.



Have you thought?

The Spirit

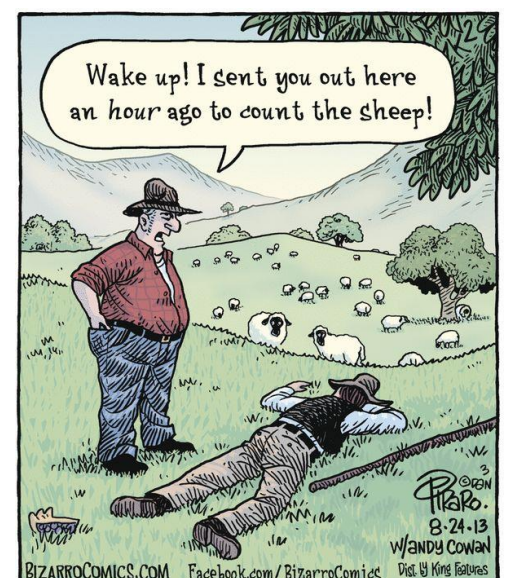
We can sometimes regard Pentecost as the day the Holy Spirit came into the world. However, the Spirit had long been active in the world before this event. In fact, even the second verse of Genesis Chapter 1 tells us that the Spirit hovered over the waters. The Old Testament is filled with references in which 'The Spirit of God came upon (him) with power' and the Spirit was evident at Jesus' baptism and throughout the gospels. Jesus is frequently described as being 'filled with the Spirit'. So, from the very beginning of creation the Spirit has moved in the world and continues to energize it today.

LIVING THE GOSPEL

Come, Holy Spirit

'Come, Holy Spirit', or its Latin, Vene Sancte Spiritus, has become the basis of countless prayers and hymns over many hundreds of years. To this day, it remains a powerful invocation that can be used in prayer or meditation. Three simple words convey a wealth of meaning. The invitation for the Spirit to 'Come' indicates recognition of the need for the Spirit's intervention and openness to accept the guidance that the Spirit brings. It is a powerful, simple prayer that can be used at the outset of any significant undertaking or whenever you find yourself in need of inspiration.

Thought of the day.....



Please Pray For...

Recent Deaths: Mary Elmes

Anniversaries: Olga Prior, Francis Allport, Patricia Butler, Father Jim Bishop, Marie Brewer, Paul Dau, Brian Egart, Carmel Ryan, Mariea Collins, Edna May Care, Jack Barrie, Bessie Perry, Frank Erbacher, Jim Coleman, Msgr Edward Concannon

Those Who Are Sick: 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, 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

May Birthdays: Libby Ferguson, John Trueman, Bernie Dever, Abigail Schoolr, Janice Moore, Brian Reardon, Marie Logan, Emily Dwan, Mark Whitelegg, Charlie Schoolr, Mary-Kate Thomson

Parish News...

Sat 18/5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o 4.45pm Reconciliation o 6.00pm Mass
Sun 19/5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o 9.30am Mass o 5.30pm Mass
Mon 20/5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o BUPA Visitation o 3.30pm Confirmation Practice
Tue 21/5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o 10am Mass o 10.30am Prayer Group in Quiet Room o 7.00pm Sacrament of Confirmation
Wed 22/5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o 9am Anam Cara in the Presbytery o 10am Mass o 6.30pm SPRED
Thu 23/5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o 10am Mass o 10.30am Friendship & Craft Group in Quiet Room o 2pm St Vincent de Paul meeting in Quiet Room o 3.30pm First Eucharist practice
Fri 24/5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o The Feast Day of Our Lady, Help of Christians, Patroness of Australia o Funeral Mary Elmes 10am

Date Claimers:

- 25th & 26th May - Most Holy Trinity
- 1st & 2nd June - Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ
- 1st & 2nd June - Annual Planned Giving Presentation
- 2nd June - JAM Session
- Parish Council changeover meeting 6.30pm

Parish Working Bee

Saturday 8th June from 8.00am to 10.00am followed by morning tea. BYO wheelbarrows, shovels etc. Your help would be very much appreciated.



National Volunteer Week: 20th-26th May

Wishing all our Parish Volunteers a **Happy Volunteer Week** and a big thank you for all your help throughout each year. Our Parish is what it is today thanks to the contribution you all make.



Prayer for the Sacramental Candidates

On Tuesday 21st May at 7pm the children who have been preparing for their Sacraments will be Confirmed by Bishop Ken Howell. They will then make their First Holy Communion on Sunday 26th May at 11am. All parishioners are welcome to attend. Please pray for the candidates.

Heavenly Father, God of power and of love,
 We pray for all the children who are preparing for the
 Sacrament of Confirmation and First Eucharist.
 May your Holy Spirit help them to grow in faith, hope and
 love and may they come to know you as the one true God
 who loves them without limit.
 May their hearts welcome you gladly;
 May their ears hear your voice in the scriptures;
 May their eyes see you in all things;
 And may they proclaim your glory as they walk
 in the ways of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour.
 Amen

Paraclete Magazine

Please feel free to take a copy of the Paraclete Magazine from the table at the entrance to the church. This edition features an interview with Bishop Ken Howell and an article by local Toowoomba Seminarian, BJ Perret.

Time	Altar Servers	Welcomers	Commentary	Ministers of the Word	Offertory Procession	Extraordinary Ministers	I pad Operator	Piety Stall
25 th May at 6pm	E Ward T Kelly	B Witham M Cushway	P Kelly B Witham	J Wilson R Jayawardhana	N & D Clark	H. W Hoopert W. S Kelly W. J Kelly	G Schoolr	J Wells
26 th May at 9.30am	S Dias J Dias	Anderson Family	P Murphy	M Conrick C Rawlinson	Anderson Family	H. C Hudson W. A Cournane W. C Watson	J Anderson	C Watson
26 th May at 5.30pm	M Denny E Obst	M & D Stark	K Langdale	R Johnston J Johnston	G Doherty K Uprichard	H. W Beeston W. C Golightly W. J Sullivan	D Stark	S Whitelegg

Accommodation/Boarding required

Innocent is a 23year old male Registered nurse about to take up employment with Toowoomba Base Hospital on 17th June. He graduated from ACU, Brisbane and was schooled at Padua College, Brisbane. Two character references available. Please phone the parish office for more information or if you can help.

Laudato Si' Celebration Guide – practical ways you can care for our common home.

Inspired by Pope Francis' encyclical Laudato Si', this eight-day guide seeks to motivate all people of good will to protect our Common Home through concrete actions and simple changes in the way we live. [Click here](#) to download the celebration guide or phone the parish office if you'd like a paper copy.

Each day a specific theme is proposed that addresses aspects of integral ecology, such as waste reduction, renewable energy use and water conservation.

We aim to foster a deeper respect for creation, promote sustainable habits and deepen our commitment to a lifestyle that respects the Creator's handiwork. Through inspirational quotes, practical activities, reflections and prayers, we hope this guide will be a valuable resource to inspire meaningful change in our interaction with the environment.

Each day you will find an action, ways to put it into practice, its importance and impact on our planet; as well as supporting arguments based on the magisterium of the Catholic Church and science.

Feast Day: Mary Help of Christians, Patroness of Australia 24th May

The Feast of Australia's Patroness Our Lady Help of Christians is celebrated on May 24th. The establishment of the feast has an interesting history, and a unique place in the Catholic history of Australia. The feast focusses on Mary's help to those in need through her intercession to confront sin and stand against anti-Christian forces.

Prayer to Mary Help of Christians, Patroness of Australia and of the Military Ordinariate

Almighty God, deepen in our hearts
our love of Mary Help of Christians.

Through her prayers and under her protection,
may the light of Christ shine over our land.

May Australia be granted harmony, justice and peace.
Grant wisdom to our leaders and integrity to our citizens.

Bless especially the men and women
of the Australian Defence Force and their families.

We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Mary Help of Christians, pray for us.



Artwork: Mary Help of Christians: Artist Unknown
Resource & Prayer: www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au

ENEWS UPDATE

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

WEBINAR: TOWARDS PROMOTING THEOLOGY - WHAT DOES IT MEAN FOR US?

Date: 27/5/24 Monday Time: 3:30pm

Where: [Register online](#)

Pope Francis is calling for a 'paradigm shift' in theology. Spirituality and theology must start in the various contexts and concrete situations in which we live. What does this mean for lay Catholics, parish clergy, and theologians? Agbonkhianmeghe Orobator, SJ, Nigerian theologian and Dean of the Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara University, will discuss this question and its implications for the sense of faith of the faithful. Andrea Dean, Chair of WATAC (Women and the Australian Church), will be our Moderator, drawing out Agbonkhianmeghe on relevant points and fielding questions from participants in a Q&A session.

The session will be recorded. [Everyone who registers will receive a link to the recording.](#)

CARITAS: TOOWOOMBA DIOCESE COORDINATOR

Make a difference with Caritas Australia. Caritas Australia is looking for a person in the Diocese of Toowoomba to help carry the message of a faith that does justice to our schools, parishes and communities.

You will be part of a vibrant team that is active in every diocese in Australia. You will be supported and meet some terrific colleagues. You will be helping the lives of some of the most marginal members of the human family.

The work is part-time with flexible hours.

Please send an expression of interest to Andrew.knife@caritas.org.au or, after May 24, to Michael.mcgirr@caritas.org.au

COMMUNITY RESOURCE UNIT LTD

Date: 20-24/5/24 Where: Quilpie, Charleville & Roma

CRU believes people with disability deserve access to the same life as everybody else. For over 35 years, CRU has been working across Queensland to help people with disability take control of their lives and take their place in their community. Upcoming there is an opportunity for people with disability and their families to meet with CRU in Quilpie, Charleville and Roma for a small group session or an individual conversation. [To find out more and book your spot visit Humanitix.](#)

LAUDATO SI' WEEK

Date: 19-26/5/24

Laudato Si' Week is a celebration held annually in May to mark the anniversary of Pope Francis' landmark encyclical on caring for creation.

[Download the Social Media Kit here](#)

[Download the Celebration Guide here](#)

The Catholic Earthcare program is helping parishes and schools celebrate and delve deeper with three new resources – one each for a primary, secondary and Parish audience - all available for download at <https://www.caritas.org.au/resources/library/>

NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK

Date: 27/5-3/6/24

National Reconciliation Week is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia. This year's theme is "Now More Than Ever". [Visit Reconciliation Australia's website for resources.](#)

ST VINCENT PALLOTTI SCHOLARSHIP FOR LAY MINISTRY

The St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship for Lay Ministry is now open for applications for 2024. Scholarships are offered to enable lay people to further their understanding and skills in leadership/ministry or a specialised activity, for example; the promotion of faith enhancement, social justice and pastoral care.

[Visit the website to find out more about the scholarship and how to apply.](#)

Applications are open until 31/7/24.