

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, 20th October 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B

First Reading

[Isaiah 53:10-11](#)

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

If he offers his life in atonement, he shall see his heirs, and have long life.

The Lord has been pleased to crush his servant with suffering. If he offers his life in atonement, he shall see his heirs, he shall have a long life and through him what the Lord wishes will be done. His soul's anguish over he shall see the light and be content. By his sufferings shall my servant justify many, taking their faults on himself.

Responsorial Psalm

[Ps 32:4-5. 18-20. 22. R. v.22](#)

(R). Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

1. The word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love. (R)

2. The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. (R)

3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. (R)

Second Reading

[Hebrews 4:14-16](#)

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Let us be confident in approaching the throne of grace.

Since in Jesus, the Son of God, we have the supreme high priest who has gone through to the highest heaven, we must never let go of the faith that we have professed. For it is not as if we had a high priest who was incapable of feeling our weaknesses with us; but we have one who has been tempted in every way that we are, though he is without sin. Let us be confident, then, in approaching the throne of grace, that we shall have mercy from him and find grace when we are in need of help.

Gospel Acclamation

[Mark 10:45](#)

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Son of Man came to serve and to give his life as a ransom for all. Alleluia!



Gospel

[Mark 10:35-45](#)

A Reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

The Son of Man came to give his life as a ransom for all.

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, approached Jesus. 'Master,' they said to him, 'we want you to do us a favour.' He said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?' They said to him, 'Allow us to sit one at your right hand and the other at your left in your glory.' 'You do not know what you are asking' Jesus said to them. 'Can you drink the cup that I must drink, or be baptised with the baptism with which I must be baptised?' They replied, 'We can.' Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I must drink you shall drink, and with the baptism with which I must be baptised you shall be baptised, but as for seats at my right hand or my left, these are not mine to grant; they belong to those to whom they have been allotted.' When the other ten heard this they began to feel indignant with James and John, so Jesus called them to him and said to them: 'You know that among the pagans their so-called rulers lord it over them, and their great men make their authority felt. This is not to happen among you. No; anyone who wants to become great among you must be your servant, and anyone who wants to be first among you must be slave to all. For the Son of Man himself did not come to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.'

Next Week's Readings (26th/27th Oct 2024) –30th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B

1st Reading: [Jeremiah 31:7-9](#) 2nd Reading: [Hebrews 5:1-6](#) Gospel: [Mark 10:46-52](#)

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/>



Have you thought? Integrity

Who do you really admire? Who would you really like to be like? Aside from sports stars, models and actors whose particular skills you might admire or even envy; who is a person who lives their life in a way that you would like to emulate? Perhaps it's not that you want to do exactly what they have done but rather it's the way they've gone about living their life. I would bet that there is a close match between what they hold to be true and the way they live their life - integrity!

Sunday Reflection...

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When we set out to follow Jesus, faithful to the promises that we made at baptism to renounce sin and live lives directed by the Spirit, we normally do so with generosity of heart. However, after we have borne the burdens of this decision and realise some of the implications of our commitment, we begin to wonder if it was worth it. We believe that God will generously bless us. Still, would it be so wrong to hope for a little more, especially if we have made significant sacrifices along the way?

Of those to whom much has been given, much will be required in return. The closer we are to Jesus, the more we will be expected to mirror him. The great ones in the reign of God, the ones who exercise authority over others, must be the servants of the rest. Parents, teachers, civil authorities, managers of every kind, pastoral leaders must all be servants, as Jesus was a servant. We will also have to drink from his cup of suffering and be baptised into his death. As we draw close to the one who gave his life as an offering for sin, we will find that the same self-sacrifice is being asked of us. When we struggle with the misfortunes that we face because of our commitment to Jesus, we will have him as an inspiration and a model to follow. He can sympathise with our weaknesses, identify with our suffering. We can draw strength from his example and hope from his kindness.

Living the gospel

Servant Leadership

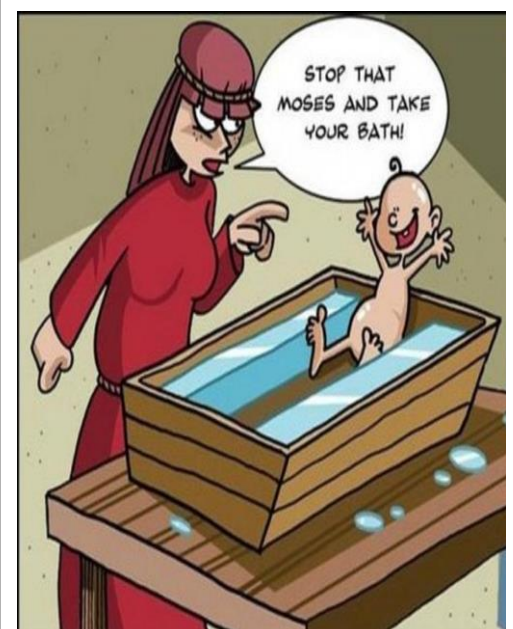
What does it really mean to practice servant leadership? It means placing the needs of others before your own desires for prestige or authority. We've all known people who have been given a position of leadership and they really only wanted the job as recognition of their popularity; a thank you for previous work done; an opportunity to demonstrate their strength of will or cleverness with words. Servant leadership is about collaborating; it's about empowering people to do their best; it's about trusting others and about rolling up your sleeves and getting on with the job.

Scriptural Context

Mark's Gospel

Despite appearing second, Mark's gospel is now recognized as being the first written of those that appear in the Bible. The shortest of the four gospels, it begins with Jesus' entry into public life and, in its original form, ends with the discovery of the empty tomb. It is sometimes called a gospel 'in a hurry' as the movement between events is almost abrupt. The gospel writer identifies almost immediately that Jesus is God's 'beloved Son' and then spends the rest of the gospel describing the gradual revelation of this fact and the disciples' growing awareness.

Thought of the day.....



Please Pray For...

Recent Deaths: Jeanette Joseph, Robert McLean, Wilma Bridge

Anniversaries: Mavis Myles, Irene Oakes, Kathleen Elliott, George Streidl, Mary McWilliam, Doreen Collins, Fr Roger Burke, Fr Edmund O'Donnell

Those Who Are Sick: Pat Duff, Brian Reardon, Jan Sullivan, Van Vu, Bev Brown, Eileen Reedy, 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...

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| Sat 19/10 | o 6pm Mass |
| Sun 20/10 | o 9.30am Mass including Children's Liturgy o 4.30pm JAM Session o 5.30pm Mass |
| Mon 21/10 | o 10am BUPA Anointing |
| Tue 22/10 | o 10am Liturgy of the Word o 10.30am Prayer Group Meeting |
| Wed 23/10 | o 9am Anam Cara in the Presbytery o 10am Mass o SPRED 6.30pm |
| Thu 24/10 | o 10am Elsie Carlin's Funeral Mass o 10.30am Friendship & Craft Group in Quiet Room o 2pm St Vincent de Paul Meeting in Quiet Room |
| Fri 25/10 | |

Date Claimers

1st November – All Saints Day Mass at 10am

29th November – Seniors' Christmas Party

Many thanks to...

Thank you to all who contributed to the celebration of the Parish Family Mass last weekend. Thank you to the musicians and choir for enhancing the liturgy so beautifully. Thank you to all the volunteers who performed a multitude of tasks throughout the Mass and the children who sang the Thanksgiving Hymn. Thank you to all those who helped with set up, provided food and assisted at the morning tea. It was a joyful celebration of our Parish Family and an inspiration to all who attended.

World Mission Sunday – 19th/20th October

Catholic Mission is the Australian agency of the international Pontifical Mission Societies. Catholic Mission operates in over 160 countries to support initiatives in 1,100 dioceses, including remote Australia. Grassroots needs are identified by local Catholics, to give people the opportunity for a full, enriched life—physically and spiritually—regardless of race, stigma, religion or gender. Support of Catholic Mission ensures the Church can grow in even the most remote areas. “It is right that the works of Catholic Mission should be given first place, because they are the means by which Catholics are imbued from infancy with a truly universal and missionary outlook and also a means for instigating an effective collecting of funds for all missions, each according to its needs.” (Ad Gentes 38) Your support of this Catholic Mission Church Appeal will help continue vital Church-run mission programs around the world. Thank you for considering a donation to Catholic Mission. Click [here](#) to donate.

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.pariah@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 |
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| 26 th Oct at 6pm | T Kelly J Whittaker | Whittaker Family | J Wilson | J Soriano N Doyle | M & J Wells | H. W Hoopert W. M Cushway W. N Doyle | G & K Regan | M Cushway |
| 27 th Oct at 9.30am | J Dias E Young | T Ryan A Suhr | T O'Mara | M Ondrus M Conrick | Ryan Family | H. J Coman W. P Murphy W. A Cournane | K Kruger | C & S Dias |
| 27 th Oct at 5.30pm | | D & M Stark | J Axtell | R Johnston V O'Connell | Hickey Family | H. J Johnston W. R Johnston W. J Salty | Daniel Salty | J Sullivan |

Summary from Parish Council Update

As proposed by Bishop Ken Howell, Fr Jamie Collins will be responsible for the sacramental care across both St Anthony's and Our Lady of Lourdes parishes from next year, allowing Fr Quinlan to retire and enjoy a little down time. Each parish will retain its own identity, and, in this regard, it is still important that we all continue to play our part in whatever ministries we feel called to fulfill. Much planning and discussion is still required from both parish councils, the schools and parish offices to ensure Fr Collins can meet the commitments and needs of both parishes. Fr Collins believes he is able to say four Masses in a weekend and hence a timetable to reflect that has been established. The intention at this stage is for these changes to take place after the weekend of the 8th/9th February and will be subject to a 3-month trial period so Parish Council can monitor how Fr Collins is coping and to assess the sustainability of four weekend Masses and three weekday Masses per week. Across both parishes, there will be two Saturday evening Masses and two Sunday morning Masses. The 5.30pm Sunday Mass will continue until Fr Quinlan retires and by February, it will become clear whether it is possible to retain this Sunday evening Mass based on a suitable arrangement being able to be made. We will continue to seek a solution that might enable us to have a 5.30pm Mass during the trial period. Parish Council welcome any suggestions that will help them deliberate as they continue to guide and support our new arrangements. They are also available to answer any questions as best they can. Please keep them in your prayers as they guide our parish through these changes. Please click [here](#) to read the full update.

| Weekend | Our Lady of Lourdes | | St Anthony's | |
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| | Current | Feb 2025 | Current | Feb 2025 |
| Saturday Vigil | 6.00pm | 6.30pm | 6.00pm | 5.00pm |
| Sunday morning | 9.30am | 9.45am | 8.30am | 8.15am |
| Sunday evening | 5.30pm | To be advised | No mass | No mass |

| Weekday Mass Times | | | |
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| Our Lady of Lourdes | | St Anthony's | |
| Current | Feb 2025 | Current | Feb 2025 |
| Tue, Wed, Thurs 10.00am | Thursday 10.00am | Wed & Fri 9.15am | No Change |

E NEWS UPDATE

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

ST STEPHEN'S CONCERT SERIES - BRIGID COLERIDGE

Date: 25/10/24 Friday Time: 6:00pm-7:00pm

Where: St Stephen's Cathedral, Brisbane

The Cathedral of St Stephen is presenting a very special recital with leading Australian violin virtuoso Brigid Coleridge. Accompanying her will be pianist Stewart Kelly.

Don't miss your chance to be part of this special event and secure your seats here: <https://bit.ly/4h475eK>

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR - CATHOLIC CARE SOCIAL SERVICES

CatholicCare, an Agency of the Catholic Diocese of Toowoomba, is a values-based organisation, committed to providing services to the entire community, regardless of religion, circumstances, ethnicity, economic situation, age, gender or ability. CatholicCare has a workforce of 50, and operates in Toowoomba and Southwest Queensland. Their mission is to empower individuals, families and communities to meet the challenges of life and relationships.

This position is fundamentally responsible for providing strong leadership, strategic direction, and effective operational management for the CatholicCare Agency. The primary goal is to fulfill and advance the Church's vision of social justice in action, particularly within the Toowoomba Diocese.

[Click here to learn more about the role, application criteria and how to apply.](#)

NEW PUBLICATION: SUPPLEMENT, THE ROMAN MISSAL

This 24-page booklet is designed to be inserted into your copies of THE ROMAN MISSAL. It contains the new liturgical texts approved since the publication of the Missal in 2010. [Available for purchase through Liturgy Brisbane.](#)

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.



This week, you're invited to partner with the Church in Mongolia to help deliver essential services to people who need it most. Lack of access and social stigma mean that some of the most vulnerable people are not getting the support they require.

The House of Mercy will provide a haven for many people, including those affected by homelessness and domestic violence. Without your partnership, people in need will go without the assistance they require.

During World Mission Sunday, we are called to "Invite others to the banquet", and we invite you to share the warmth of God's love with our brothers and sisters who need it most in Mongolia. You can support this work by using the appeal envelope, going online at catholicmission.org.au/mongolia, or scanning the QR code. Your gift will also assist many other Church programs around the world.



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