

# Welcome to OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH

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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, 21<sup>st</sup> April 2024 Fourth Sunday of Easter - Year B

### First Reading

[Acts of the Apostles 4:8-12](#)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

*This is the only name by which we can be saved.*

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter said: 'Rulers of the people, and elders! If you are questioning us today about an act of kindness to a cripple, and asking us how he was healed, then I am glad to tell you all, and would indeed be glad to tell the whole people of Israel, that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the one you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by this name and by no other that this man is able to stand up perfectly healthy, here in your presence, today. This is the stone rejected by you the builders, but which has proved to be the keystone. For of all the names in the world given to men, this is the only one by which we can be saved.'

### Responsorial Psalm

[Ps 117:1. 8-9. 21-23. 26. 28-29. R. v.22](#)

(R). The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end. It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in men: it is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in princes. (R.)

2. I will thank you for you have given answer and you are my saviour. The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes (R.)

3. 'Blessed in the name of the Lord is he who comes. We bless you from the house of the Lord; I will thank you for you have given answer and you are my saviour. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good; for his love has no end. (R)

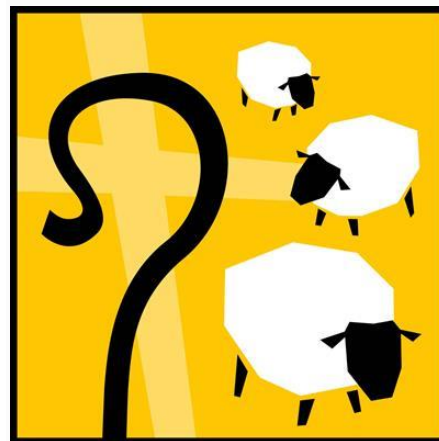
### Second Reading

[1 John 3:1-2](#)

A reading from the first letter of St John

*We shall see God as his is.*

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us. My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is.



### Gospel Acclamation

[John 10:14](#)

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me. Alleluia!

### Gospel

[John 10:11-18](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

*The good shepherd lays down his life for his sheep.*

Jesus said:

'I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep. The hired man, since he is not the shepherd and the sheep do not belong to him, abandons the sheep and runs away as soon as he sees a wolf coming, and then the wolf attacks and scatters the sheep; this is because he is only a hired man and has no concern for the sheep. I am the good shepherd; I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for my sheep. And there are other sheep I have that are not of this fold, and these I have to lead as well. They too will listen to my voice, and there will be only one flock and one shepherd. The Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me; I lay it down of my own free will, and as it is in my power to lay it down, so it is in my power to take it up again; and this is the command I have been given by my Father.'

Next Week's Readings (27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> April 2024) – Fifth Sunday of Easter – Year B

1st Reading: [Acts 9:26-31](#) 2nd Reading: [1 John 3:18-24](#) Gospel: [John 15:1-8](#)

## 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

#### The Shepherd Messiah

*The gospels go to great lengths to affirm the lineage of Jesus and associate him with the house of David, the first great Jewish king. David began life as a simple boy tending his father's flock of sheep. When the line of kings was instigated through David they were charged with being 'shepherds' of their people. However, down through the line of kings, this care for the people was lost and they ceased to be 'shepherds'. Jesus' claim to be the good shepherd is his claim to be in the line of the true kings of Israel – a shepherd of the people.*

## Sunday Reflection...

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This Sunday is traditionally known as Good Shepherd Sunday. Two major themes emerge from the readings: an image of the one who saves; and the power of salvation itself. The one who saves is not a mighty warrior who comes in military array. In fact, he is the one who was rejected, who was hunted down, humiliated, tortured and hung naked on a tree, there to die in shame. The one who saves is the cornerstone of the building, holding it together, forming a firm foundation so that the structure will not collapse. The one who saves is a lowly shepherd, entrusted with sheep, not with the affairs of state. The one who saves is an unlikely saviour. This characterisation should give us pause. Is it possible that we have been looking for a saviour in the wrong places?

God's saving power flows from steadfast covenant love. It broke open the world in the death and resurrection of Jesus and it overflows as healing grace. The saving power in the name of Jesus, a name that itself means 'saviour' (cf. Matt 1:21), is for all people, even for those sheep who do not yet belong to this fold. Furthermore, it is for all time; God's mercy endures forever. Through our baptism we can bring the saving grace of God to a world in desperate need of healing. We can do this in our families, in our local communities, in the workplace, in so many situations of our lives.

### HISTORICAL CONTEXT

#### The GOOD Shepherd?

*The John gospel writer's use of the image of Jesus as the good shepherd would have been a confronting image for the initial audience. Shepherds in first century Palestine were far from the idyllic pastoral image that we generally associate with the image. They occupied one of the lowest steps on the social ladder – men of such poor reputation that they could only be trusted to herd sheep; they certainly couldn't be trusted around other people! Jesus' use of the image cut two ways: it was a confronting image for the audience; but it was also a challenge to those leaders who had been charged to 'shepherd' their people and behaved no better than thieves – Jesus was giving them an image of what it means to be a good shepherd.*

### DIFFERENT VIEW

#### The Modern-Day Shepherd

*Today's audiences can tend to struggle a bit with the image of Jesus as the good shepherd. In countries like Australia and the United States, the image of sheep is one of huge flocks of sheep that number in their hundreds and thousands and roam freely over enormous open plains. I guess we also tend to look on sheep as pretty stupid animals that will follow anything anywhere. It doesn't seem to work to put Jesus into this image of vast sheep stations. The idea of a shepherd knowing his sheep individually seems a bit ridiculous in this context.*

## Thought of the day.....



Okay, you guys know the drill  
Our customers finally know  
where to find everything.  
Tonight we mix it all up again

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**Please Pray For...**

**Recent Deaths:** Anna Bazilio Ramalho

**Anniversaries:** Ivy Ashcroft, Doreen Coral Roberts, David MacGinley, Bernard Canning, Dennis Walton, Melinda Melville, Len Morrison, Steve Kruger, Allistair Marc Leahy, Mary Stephen, Leanne Sleba, Kaylene Bauer, Norma Cullen, Fr Leo O'Donohue

**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, 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 20/4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o 4.45pm Reconciliation</li> <li>o <b>6.00pm Mass</b></li> </ul>
Sun 21/4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o <b>9.30am Mass</b></li> <li>o 4.30pm Jam Session</li> <li>o <b>5.30pm Mass</b></li> </ul>
Mon 22/4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o 7pm Liturgy Group Meeting in Quiet Room</li> </ul>
Tue 23/4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o <b>10am Mass</b></li> <li>o 10.30am Prayer Group in Quiet Room</li> </ul>
Wed 24/4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o 9.00am Anam Cara in the Presbytery</li> <li>o <b>10am Mass</b></li> <li>o 6.30pm SPRED</li> </ul>
Thu 25/4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o <b>Parish Office Closed</b></li> <li>o <b>10am ANZAC Day Mass</b></li> <li>o 10.30am Friendship &amp; Craft Group in Quiet Room</li> </ul>
Fri 26/4	

**Date Claimers:**

- 21<sup>st</sup> April – JAM Session
- 25<sup>th</sup> April – ANZAC Day Mass 10am
- 28<sup>th</sup> April – Sacramental Workshop at 10.30am
- 1<sup>st</sup> May – Feast of St Joseph The Worker
- 6<sup>th</sup> May – Labour Day (Office Closed)
- 12<sup>th</sup> May – The Ascension of the Lord
- 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> May – Parish Pastoral Council Elections
- 19<sup>th</sup> May – Pentecost Sunday

**Reintroduction of Wine at Communion**

The Parish Pastoral Council will reintroduce wine at Communion this weekend. 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.

**Anzac Day Thursday 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.



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YOUNG PEOPLE**

We invite you to join us for our upcoming gathering as we make preparations for the ANZC Day Mass.

**Sunday 21 April | 5:30PM Mass**

RSVP for catering purposes to [olol.pariah@bigpond.com](mailto:olol.pariah@bigpond.com)



Time	Altar Servers	Welcomers	Commentary	Ministers of the Word	Offertory Procession	Extraordinary Ministers	I pad Operator	Piety Stall
27 <sup>th</sup> Apr at 6pm	E Ward T Kelly	P & J O'Sullivan	G Ferguson	C Ferguson J Kelly	P & E Castles	H. P Hoopert W. B Witham W. K Ober	M Cushway	D Clark
28 <sup>th</sup> Apr at 9.30am	E Dwan J Poulton	L Dwan A Cournane	C Hudson	M Cash C Anderson	Coonan Family	H. Cristianne Dias W. A Cournane W. P Murphy	M McLean	A Suhr
28 <sup>th</sup> Apr at 5.30pm	H Beutel H Ryan	D & M Stark	T Haylock	J Axtell A Jessen	A Brown C Brown	H. A Beeston W. C Golightly W. R Johnston	K Langdale	V Barker

**Please support the Annual SPRED Fundraiser for 2024**

## SPRED 2024 FUNDRAISER

REPERTORY THEATRE FUNDRAISING EVENING

**7PM WEDNESDAY 8<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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

### World Day of Prayer for Vocations

God our Father,

You created me with a specific purpose for my life; this is my vocation.

Please help me to hear, understand, and follow Your call with my whole heart, especially when it seems most difficult.

We ask that You inspire people whom You call to the priesthood and consecrated life to courageously follow Your will.

Send workers into Your great harvest so that the Gospel is preached, the poor are served with love, the suffering are comforted, and Your people are strengthened by the sacraments.

We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.

### World Day of Prayer for Vocations

The Universal Church celebrates Vocation Sunday on the Fourth Sunday of Easter, 21<sup>st</sup> April 2024. This is an opportunity for all to pray for Vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated Life. We pray for those discerning their vocation, especially those in our diocese, that they may be open to hear and respond to the Lord's call.

[See Pope Francis' message for World Day of Prayer for Vocations.](#)

A Prayer Calendar from the Holy Spirit Seminary has been distributed to parishes. Please pray for our Bishops, Priests, Seminarians and those considering a path to priesthood.

[Download the Holy Spirit Seminary Prayer Calendar for 2024.](#)

## ENews UPDATE

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

### WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2024

All are warmly welcome to the following local prayer services.

*St Theresa's Church, Cnr Curzon & Campbell Sts Tmba*

**Date:** 13/5/24 Monday **Time:** 9:00am

*St Anthony's Church, Memory St Tmba*

**Date:** 14/5/24 Tuesday **Time:** 7:00pm

### SISTERS OF LIFE VISIT: MADE FOR LOVE

**Mass followed by talk**

**Date:** 29/4/24 Monday **Time:** 5:30pm

*Where: St Patrick's Cathedral, Tmba*

**Mass/Adoration followed by afternoon tea**

**Date:** 30/4/24 Tuesday

**Time:** 12:00pm

*Where: Sacred Heart Church, Tmba*

Find out what it means to live from your deepest identity and meet Sr Marie Veritas, Sr Miriam Bethel and Australia's very own Sr Mary Grace and Sr Rose Patrick O'Connor. All events are free and no registration required. [Flyer](#) and [Social Media image](#).

### EMPLOYMENT: PASTORAL CARE POSITION AT TOOWOOMBA HOSPICE

The Toowoomba Hospice seeks a part-time Emotional and Spiritual (Pastoral Care) Team Coordinator. Are you an enthusiastic person with loads of patience, tolerance and a great work ethic? This might be the job for you. [See the position document for details and how to apply](#). Applications close 30/4/24.

### GUEST SPEAKER: FR STEVE FLETCHER

**Date:** 17/5/24 Friday **Time:** 7:00pm-9:30pm &

**Date:** 18/5/24 **Time:** 9:00am-11:30am

**Where:** Sacred Heart Church, Tmba

**Cost:** \$10 per person

Fr. Steve Fletcher is a member of the Missionaries God Love Brothers who seek to bring the fire of God's love in the power of the Holy Spirit to the Church and the world. He has a passion to see the church alive in the power and gifts fulfilling the call of Jesus to go make disciples of all nations. [See flyer for further information.](#)

### JUBILEE YEAR RESOURCE: TEACH US TO PRAY

In preparation for the 2025 Jubilee Year, the Vatican has published a new prayer resource which is available in six languages, including English. [You can find out more and download the resource here.](#)

### CALLING GREEN THUMBS

St Patrick's Carnival of Flowers display will be presented to the public this coming September. Anyone who would like to assist by growing a shrub or flowering plant is encouraged to do so to enable the Cathedral to put on a wonderful display. Please contact St Patrick's Cathedral Office on 07 46371500 or [admin@stpats.org.au](mailto:admin@stpats.org.au) to find out more.

### Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver Mother's Day Cent Sale

The Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver are holding a Mother's Day Cent Sale in St Patrick's Cathedral Centre, 123 Neil St on Saturday May 11. The doors open at 1.00pm for a 1.30pm start.

A delicious afternoon tea will be served, and cost is \$10 which includes 2 free sheets of tickets. Children aged 12 and under are free.

There are many excellent prizes and the multi-draw includes a meat tray, fruit and vegetable trays, a flower arrangement and much more.

All proceeds go to the Missions and the Sisters can be contacted on 07 4632 1818.