

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, 21st January 2024 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

First Reading

[Jonah 3:1-5. 10](#)

A reading from the prophet Jonah

The Ninevites renounced their evil ways.

The word of the Lord was addressed to Jonah: 'Up!' he said 'Go to Nineveh, the great city, and preach to them as I told you to.' Jonah set out and went to Nineveh in obedience to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was a city great beyond compare: it took three days to cross it. Jonah went on into the city, making a day's journey. He preached in these words, 'Only forty days more and Nineveh is going to be destroyed.' And the people of Nineveh believed in God; they proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest to the least. God saw their efforts to renounce their evil behaviour. And God relented: he did not inflict on them the disaster which he had threatened.

Responsorial Psalm

[Ps 24:4-9. R. v.4](#)

(R.) Teach me your ways, Lord.

1. Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour. (R.)
2. Remember your mercy, Lord,
and the love you have shown from of old.
In your love remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord. (R.)
3. The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor. (R)

Second Reading

[1 Corinthians 7:29-31](#)

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

The world as we know it is passing away.

Brothers, our time is growing short. Those who have wives should live as though they had none, and those who mourn should live as though they had nothing to mourn for; those who are enjoying life should live as though there were nothing to laugh about; those whose life is buying things should live as though they had nothing of their own; and those who have to deal with the world should not become engrossed in it. I say this because the world as we know it is passing away.



Gospel Acclamation

[Mark 1:15](#)

Alleluia, alleluia!
The kingdom of God is near;
Believe the Good News!
Alleluia!

Gospel

[Mark 1:14-20](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Repent, and believe the Good News.

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.' As he was walking along by the Sea of Galilee he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net in the lake - for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you into fishers of men.' And at once they left their nets and followed him.

Going on a little further, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they too were in their boat, mending their nets. He called them at once and, leaving their father Zebedee in the boat with the men he employed, they went after him.

Next Week's Readings (27th/28th January 2024) - Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B
1st Reading: [Deuteronomy 18:15-20](#) 2nd Reading: [1 Corinthians 7:32-35](#) Gospel: [Mark 1:21-28](#)

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/>

SCRIPTURAL CONTEXT

The Gospel in a hurry

One of the features of this week's gospel is the immediate response that Jesus inspires from the fishermen as they give up all that they previously knew to follow him. We will see throughout this year of readings that this is characteristic of the Gospel of Mark. This gospel is sometimes referred to as the gospel in a hurry as the writer uses a lot of language that implies haste – "straight away"; "immediately"; "that day"; "at once". Such language is used to describe the movement of Jesus around Galilee but it is also used to describe the powerful reactions people have to him.

Sunday Reflection...

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Today we reflect on the first and most important responsibility of discipleship, namely, evangelisation, the goal of which is the proclamation of the reign of God. God seems to choose the most unlikely people to preach to others. It does not matter who *brings* the good news, but who *receives* it. Jonah the prophet was sent to outsiders, even enemies. The disciples were fishermen who spoke to the people of their own country. God's salvation is intended for all, and it seems to make little difference who brings this good news. Today's readings call for repentance. The grace of God requires a new way of living, a life of faith and commitment. The gospel invites us into the age of fulfilment, a salvific reign of truth, compassion and kindness. It is a way of life that leads to justice.

There is an urgency in these readings. This world in its present form is passing away, and God's call demands a total response. Like the disciples, we must leave the familiarity of our former ways and follow the call that we have heard in the depths of our hearts. We are called first to enter the reign of God and then to spread it. As ambassadors of God, we bring the good news of salvation wherever we are and in whatever we do. Called by God, we now begin to live in a totally different way, guided by the values of the reign of God rather than those of the world that is passing away.



Have you thought? Year B

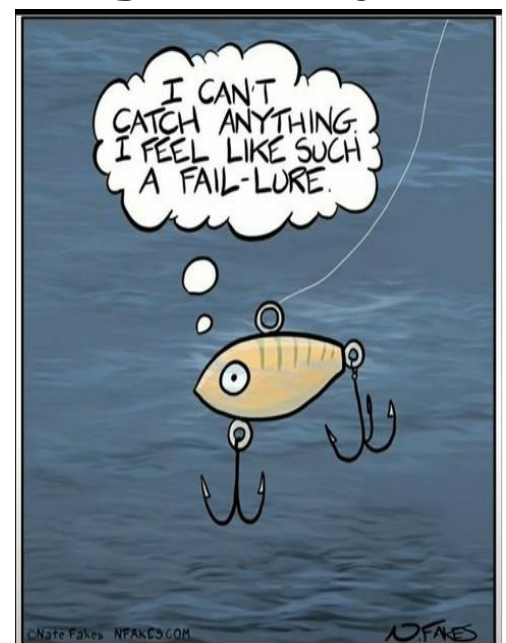
Although the new liturgical year began with Advent, this week's reading is the first time that we enter into the cycle of the gospel for this liturgical year, the Gospel of Mark. The Church calendar works on a cycle of three years: Year A; Year B; and Year C. Each of the three synoptic gospels is associated with one of the years: Matthew in Year A; Mark in Year B; and Luke in Year C. Throughout this liturgical cycle we will move through the Gospel of Mark from beginning to end – usually in the part of the liturgical calendar known as Ordinary Time.

LIVING THE GOSPEL

The Good News is here

This week's gospel marks the beginning of Jesus' public ministry in the Gospel of Mark. The gospel writer has Jesus clearly announcing his message in plain, simple language: "The kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News." That message is as true for us today as it was when those words were first spoken. The kingdom is still close at hand if we would only recognise it in our midst rather than pinning our hopes on some future reward. The call to repent and believe the Good News is as relevant for us as it was for the first believers.

Thought of the day.....



Please Pray For...

Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries: Dorothy Hogan, Simon Davidson, Kevin Ezzy, Norah Dooley, Carmel Burns, Melua (Mel) Murray, Michael O'Sullivan, Jack Hogan, Thomas Garner, Joy McLoughlin, Charles and Alma Mountford

Those Who Are Sick: Anne Fisher, Patrick Byrne, 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, 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 20/01	o 4.45pm Reconciliation o 6.00pm Mass
Sun 21/01	o 9.30am Mass o 5.30pm Mass
Mon 22/01	o 7.00pm Liturgy Group Meeting in Quiet Room
Tue 23/01	o 10.00am Mass o 10.30am Prayer Group
Wed 24/01	o 9.00am Anam Cara in Presbytery o 10.00am Mass o
Thu 25/01	o 8.00am St Vincent De Paul Meeting in Quiet Room o 10.00am Mass o 10.30am Friendship and Craft Group
Fri 26/01	o 10.00am Australia Day Mass

Birthday Wishes

Sending love, prayers and blessings to Bernadette Graham for her 94th birthday. May God bless you on your special day and fill your life and heart with love.



Gardening/Maintenance Working Bee

This 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



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
 - Anzac Day
 - World Day for Grandparents
 - Migrant and Refugee Sunday
 - OLOL Feast Day
 - ATSI Sunday
 - Social Justice Sunday
- Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

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.



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.



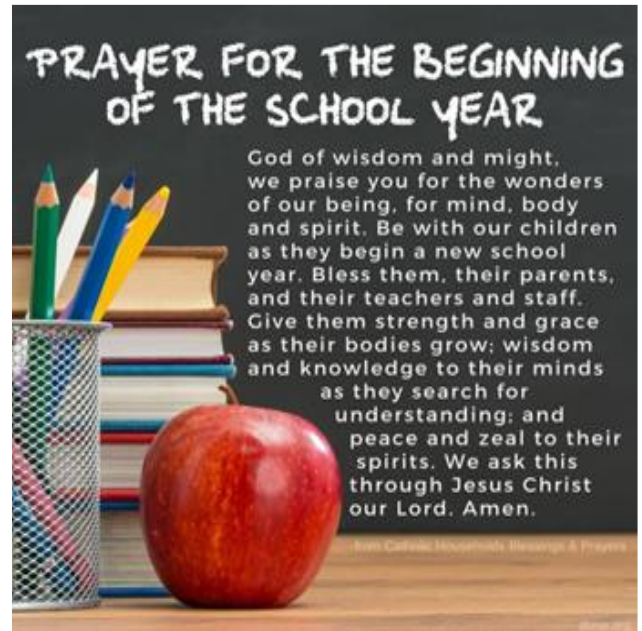
	Altar Servers	Welcomers	Commentary	Ministers of the Word	Offertory Procession	Extraordinary Ministers	l pad Operator	Piety Stall
27 th Jan at 6pm	E Ward T Kelly	G Hoopert & family	J Soriano	J Wilson L Walsh	P & E Castles	G Ferguson	M Connell	K Ward
28 th Jan at 9.30am	E McLean L Anderson	Dias Family	J Coman	M McLean P Murphy	Anderson Family	J Bonell	J Anderson	P Town
28 th Jan at 5.30pm	E Obst H Beutel	K Langdale J Michel	W Beeston	Desley Salty Daniel Salty	A Brown C Brown	G Doherty	D Stark	S Whitelegg

Jam Session This Sunday 21st Jan 4.30pm



With Sincere Thanks

The OLOL St Vincent de Paul Conference extends their most sincere thanks to the Our Lady of Lourdes Parish and school communities for their extraordinary generosity this year with the Christmas Appeal. Our conference has been able to support a large number of families in our area with back to school books and uniforms. Your generosity and kindness is greatly appreciated.



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.



Refresh Your Faith Retreat – Organised by St Vincent De Paul



Please join a retreat organized by St Vincent de Paul, but open to all parishioners, in the new year

Challenging, Stimulating, Contemporary

More information will be provided at the end of January. Claim these dates NOW.

Ph: 0418 352 969 or ada.boland@svdpqld.org.au

WELCOME

We welcome visitors to our Parish. If you are new to the area or have recently started attending Church services at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, would you please fill out the following details below so that we can add you to our Parish Register and weekly bulletin mailout. These details are only handed out if your permission is given.

TITLE.....NAME.....

ADDRESS.....POSTCODE.....

PHONE NUMBER.....MOBILE.....

EMAIL ADDRESS.....

Please hand in at Church or email to: olol.parish@bigpond.com