

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, 21st July 2024

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

First Reading

[Jeremiah 23:1-6](#)

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

The remnant of the flock I will gather to me, and bring them back to their pastures.

‘Doom for the shepherds who allow the flock of my pasture to be destroyed and scattered – it is the Lord who speaks! This, therefore, is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says about the shepherds in charge of my people: You have let my flock be scattered and go wandering and have not taken care of them. Right, I will take care of you for your misdeeds – it is the Lord who speaks! But the remnant of my flock I myself will gather from all the countries where I have dispersed them, and will bring them back to their pastures: they shall be fruitful and increase in numbers. I will raise up shepherds to look after them and pasture them; no fear, no terror for them any more; not one shall be lost – it is the Lord who speaks!

‘See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will raise a virtuous Branch for David,

who will reign as true king and be wise, practising honesty and integrity in the land.

In his days Judah will be saved and Israel dwell in confidence.

And this is the name he will be called: The Lord-our-integrity.’

Responsorial Psalm

[Ps 22. R. v.2](#)

(R). The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

1. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. (R)

2. He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear. You are there with your crook and your staff, with these you give me comfort. (R.)

3. You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. (R)

4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord’s own house shall I dwell for ever and ever. (R.)

Second Reading

[Ephesians 2:13-18](#)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians.

Christ, our peace, has made us one.

In Christ Jesus, you that used to be so far from us have been brought very close, by the blood of Christ. For he is the peace between us, and has made the two into one and broken down the barrier which used to keep them apart, actually destroying in his own person the hostility caused by the rules and decrees of the Law. This was to create one single New Man in himself out of the two of them and by restoring peace through the cross, to unite them both in a single Body and reconcile them with God. In his own person he killed the hostility. Later he came to bring the good news of peace, peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near at hand. Through him, both of us have in the one Spirit our way to come to the Father.

Gospel Acclamation

[John 10:27](#)

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia!

Gospel

[Mark 6:30-34](#)

A Reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

They were as sheep without a shepherd.

The apostles rejoined Jesus and told him all they had done and taught. Then he said to them, ‘You must come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while’; for there were so many coming and going that the apostles had no time even to eat. So they went off in a boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But people saw them going, and many could guess where; and from every town they all hurried to the place on foot and reached it before them. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he set himself to teach them at some length.



Next Week’s Readings (27th /28th July 2024) – 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B
1st Reading: [2 Kings 4:42-44](#) 2nd Reading: [Ephesians 4:1-6](#) Gospel: [Mark John 6:1-15](#)

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 1:00pm 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

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 (**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

Prayer and reflection

Jesus demonstrated how important it is to engage in times of quiet prayer and reflection. When you expend a lot of time and energy in the service of others it is essential to reflect on those experiences, to learn from them and consider what you'd do differently next time. It is also important that any ministry that seeks to be based in the message of Jesus can only remain so if it is fuelled by prayer. Only through prayerful dialogue with God can we learn what God desires for us.

Sunday Reflection...

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Jesus chose disciples to continue his work; he instructed them and empowered them. He sent them out on a mission, and they returned. People followed them, because they wanted to hear what Jesus and the disciples had to say; they wanted to be released from the sickness and the demons that possessed them. There are so many searching people in the world today, people hungering for instruction, good people looking for direction. They may be parents who are sick with grief over the future of a troubled child; a man stripped of his dignity through unemployment; a woman facing a pregnancy alone; elderly people feeling the surge of life leave their declining bodies; people who are angry and confused because they believe that the church is no longer dependable. They are people who are looking for answers and for meaning. They are like sheep without a shepherd, and Jesus looks to us to shepherd them. In the midst of this confusion, there are reliable shepherds who walk with us in the dark valleys. They are willing to share the dangers through which we pass, even at the risk of their own safety. They do not pit one segment of the community or one theological perspective against another, scattering the sheep and driving them away. Instead, they work to dismantle the walls that divide us. They speak the word that gathers us together. They reconcile us with God and with each other. They may not give us easy answers, but their primary concern is to lead us to Jesus, the one who is our peace.

LIVING THE GOSPEL

Take time out

I recently travelled to France and was amazed that in the smaller towns and villages everything stopped for two hours in the middle of the day and people went home for lunch. As a tourist used to almost 24 hour convenience, it was at first terribly frustrating. Even tourist attractions would close down. The only businesses open were restaurants. However, the wisdom of the custom soon became apparent. How wonderfully civilized and life-giving to stop for two hours in the middle of the day, go home and have a leisurely lunch. It made me ask myself, When do I take time out to renew myself?



Have you thought?

Sheep and Shepherds

This gospel passage is one of many gospel references and even more Old Testament references to sheep and shepherds. It is an enduring image from the Bible. Much of it stems from the shepherd-become-King, David. When a monarchy developed in Israel it was clear that the role of king was like that of a shepherd, caring for his flock. Jesus applied the image to himself on several occasions, reinforcing an image of servant leadership. The language continues today, with bishops referred to as shepherds of their diocese and carrying a crosier that is reminiscent of a shepherd's crook.

Thought of the day.....



"Not now. I'm having a staff meeting."

Please Pray For...

Recent Deaths: Bishop Kevin Manning

Anniversaries: Roy Bentley, Rosemary Howard, George Tanzer, Norah Ruhle, Michael James Kruger, Jean Dwan, Joan Murphy, Maureen Chappell, Martha Curr, Dave Donovan, Bill Cronin, James Cronin, Maria Cronin, Paul O'Brien, Terry Arnell, Eileen Walker, Fr Joseph Portley, Fr Robert Flynn, Fr Brian Sparksman, Msgr John Bennett, Fr Thomas Keegan

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, Kevin Boland, Frank Kenneally, Carmel & Ron O'Brien, Lillian Roberts, Brian Thomson, Peggy Thies, John Axtell, Noel O'Mara, Mick O'Mara, Patrick Wright

July Birthdays: Cleber Dias, Margaret Naismith, Anne Mullins, Mary Ondrus, Eloise & Jemima Khoo, Elin Thomson, Kathleen Mahoney, Lachlan See, Julie See, Glyn Ferguson, Sr Cecilia Bailey, Barry Coonan, Carmel O'Brien

Parish News...

Sat 20/7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o 4.45pm Reconciliation o 6.00pm Mass
Sun 21/7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o 9.30am OLOL Staff Thank You Mass o 4.30pm JAM Session o 5.30pm Mass
Mon 22/7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o 1pm Liturgy Group Meeting
Tue 23/7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o 10am Liturgy of the Word o 10.30am Prayer Group in Quiet Room
Wed 24/7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o 9am Anam Cara in the Presbytery o 10am Liturgy of the Word o 6.30pm SPRED
Thu 25/7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o 10am Liturgy of the Word o 10.30am Friendship & Craft Group in Quiet Room o 2pm St Vincent de Paul meeting in Quiet Room
Fri 26/7	

Date Claimers

27th July – Peter Kearney Concert 4pm
 27th/28th July – World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly
 3rd/4th August – Vocations Awareness Week
 11th August – 2nd Workshop Sacrament of Reconciliation

Peter Kearney Concert – Saturday 27th July 4-5pm At Our Lady of Lourdes Church

A warm invitation is extended to all to join us at 4pm on Saturday 27th July for a concert with Peter Kearney. Peter's prayerful and inspirational music has been enriching people all over the world for many, many years. A light supper will be served after the concert followed by 6pm Mass. Please RSVP for catering purposes on the form at the church entrance.

OLOL Staff Thank You Mass – This Weekend

You are invited to help recognise and celebrate the dedication of all those involved in Education within the diocese especially those members of our school and parish community. A special Staff Thank You Mass will be held this Sunday at 9.30am. **Please bring a plate for morning tea following Mass.**



A Prayer for Teachers

Giver of All Wisdom and Greatest of all Teachers,
 Look upon our teachers with love.
 Grant them the resolve to nurture our eager minds
 and to never give up on us who fall behind.
 Bless their hearts for they rejoice when we succeed
 and encourage us when we fail.
 Endow them with gentle patience
 for the path of learning is never easy.
 Kindle a spirit of passion in them.
 It is the flame that ignites the love of learning in us.
 Help them see the potential in each student.
 Their belief in us means much more than the grade we
 make.
 Instil in them a commitment to keep on learning.
 It shows us to not fear new knowledge and experiences.
 Inspire them to touch the future.
 They influence how big a dream we dream for ourselves.
 Bless our teachers who have come before
 For their work endures to this day.
 Let the light of Your example shine upon all Teachers;
 To build up with their words
 To love with their mind
 To share with their heart
 Amen

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27 th July at 6pm	E Ward L Ward A Mendoza	N & D Clark	G Ferguson	L Borger R O'Brien	N & D Clark	H. P Hoopert W. N Doyle W. B Witham	M Connell	M Cushway
28 th July at 9.30am	S Dias L Anderson	P McDonnell A Mullins	M Ondrus	J Anderson J Adriano	Blumke Family	H. T Ryan W. M McLean W. P Murphy	K Kruger	R Coonan
28 th July at 5.30pm		M & D Stark	C Golightly	M Whitelegg J Michel	A Brown C Brown	H. J Axtell W. B Stark W. C Golightly	A Hickey	J Sullivan

Weekly Spotlight on our Parish Groups and Mass Ministries

Spiritual Development Part 1

Adoration

Our Blessed Sacrament Chapel is a dedicated space designed for personal prayer to Jesus present in the Blessed Sacrament.

Anam Cara

The Anam Cara group meets on a Wednesday morning and provides an opportunity to deepen faith through a process of spiritual reflection and conversation, based on the Ignatian tradition. The session includes gathering, reading a piece of scripture, meditation and sharing and listening.

Baptism Preparation Team

The Baptism Preparation Team supports parents in understanding the commitment to Christ that Baptism calls from us, to make them feel at ease with the church and to discuss details of the Baptism. These meetings are scheduled on the first Wednesday of each month and are held at the Presbytery.

Catechists for Religious Instruction in State Schools

Catechists are volunteers committed to teaching Religious Education in State Schools using an approved curriculum. The Ecumenical program provides resources to assist in the preparation of a ½ hr lesson per week. The role is shared with Catechists from other denominations and students participating in the program have the opportunity to attend special celebrations at churches in the Newtown area.

Ecumenism Group

The Ecumenism Group meets monthly and aims to develop better understanding and closer relationships between people of different faith traditions drawing inspiration from a variety of resources. New members are always welcome.

Cooks required for Winter Shelter!

St Theresa's has reached out to our parish seeking assistance with their Winter Shelter commitments this year. They have requested that we provide the meal for their guests on Monday 5th August. Usually, 4 people are rostered on to cook, with each person contributing something towards the meal (eg: soup, cooked chicken legs, some vegetables, casserole, rissoles, dessert etc). The guests then get to share the meal with the volunteers on for the night. To assist with this, you would need to:

- Cook a dish for about 15 people.
- Deliver the meal to St Theresa's by 5:30 pm on the night (if you have a problem with this part of it please contact me)
- Collect your crockery again from the St Theresa's; though I could get them back to Our Lady of Lourdes for collection from there.

In order to ensure meals are properly prepared, anyone cooking a meal would need to have completed a course in food handling. Toowoomba Regional Council offers a free food safety course – this takes about 1.5 hours to complete. Once completed you will receive a certificate as proof of completion.

<https://www.imalert.com.au/v6/?sub=toowoombarc>

Please let me know by 30th July if you are able to assist with the provision of the dinner for the night of the 5th August. Thanks for all your assistance. Jo Johnston (0418733615)

E NEWS UPDATE

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

INAUGURAL MCGUIRE LECTURE

Date: 6/8/24 Tuesday **When:** 5:30pm to 7:30pm

Where: Online via live stream (in person ACU Strathfield Campus)

Conversations around the role, function, and future of the ministerial priesthood in Australia will be at the centre of a new lecture series honouring the founding president of the Manly Union. The McGuire Lecture will pay tribute to Archbishop Terence McGuire, a pioneering Australian bishop and first president of the Manly Union.

The McGuire Lecture is a free public event at Australian Catholic University's Strathfield Campus and will be [livestreamed on ACU's YouTube channel](#).

Further information about the inaugural McGuire Lecture can be found on the [Manly Union website](#).

ABSENT FROM THE TABLE

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference is undertaking a research project aimed at investigating why some Catholics do not participate in regular weekly Sunday Mass (Sunday Mass includes the Saturday Vigil). The project will provide in-depth information about contemporary religious practices and beliefs of Catholics in Australia. The insights would enable parishes, movements, and school communities to respond to the trends in participation in the Church, update the Church's awareness and understanding of the present-day context, and enable responses and collaboration around the underlying factors for non/dis-engagement. There may be people in your life who might be interested in participating in this survey, family, friends, neighbours... please share this link

<https://bit.ly/AbsentFromTheTableSurvey>

[Download information for participants in the study.](#)

You can read more [about the project here](#) and [here](#).

GOOD SAMARITAN WOMEN'S STUDY AND MENTORING PROGRAM

Since their foundation and throughout their 167-year history, the [Sisters of the Good Samaritan](#) have been committed to the flourishing of women. They have educated girls and women from pre-school to tertiary levels and have been engaged in adult education and adult faith formation. The Sisters are now inviting applications for the fifth year of their Study and Mentoring (SAM) Program. The program offers financial assistance to a maximum of \$A8000 per year for women undertaking tertiary studies at a recognised theological institution. The grant can be spent on tuition or other expenses associated with the completion of the qualification. Applications for the 2025 program close on 30/8/2024. [Click here to find out more about the program, application criteria and how to apply.](#)

PRAYING BEYOND WORDS: 24/7/24 @ 9:15am (9:30am start)-2:30pm, Sychar [Book tickets via TryBooking](#) and [View flyer for further details.](#)

THE GRACE OF FORGIVENESS: 24/8/24 @ 9:00AM (9:30AM START)-2:30PM, Sychar [Book tickets via TryBooking](#) and [View flyer for further details.](#)

World Day for Grandparents & the Elderly

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly will be celebrated for the fourth time on Sunday 28 July 2024 - the Sunday closest to the Feast of Saints Joachim and Anne, Grandparents of Jesus. The theme chosen by Pope Francis for this year's celebration is:

"Do not cast me off in my old age" (cf. Psalm 71:9).

This worldwide celebration in the Universal Church calendar is a momentous achievement for Grandparents and the Elderly and will hopefully reassure them that they are loved and that they are needed.