

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

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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, 22nd September 2024 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B

First Reading

[Wisdom 2:12, 17-20](#)

A reading from the book of Wisdom

Let us condemn him to a most shameful death.

The godless say to themselves, 'Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man, since he annoys us and opposes our way of life, reproaches us for our breaches of the law and accuses us of playing false to our upbringing. Let us see if what he says is true, let us observe what kind of end he himself will have. If the virtuous man is God's son, God will take his part and rescue him from the clutches of his enemies. Let us test him with cruelty and with torture, and thus explore this gentleness of his and put his endurance to the proof. Let us condemn him to a shameful death since he will be looked after – we have his word for it.'

Responsorial Psalm

[Ps 53:3-6. 8. R. v.6](#)

(R). The Lord upholds my life.

1. O God, save me by your name; by your power, uphold my cause. O God, hear my prayers; listen to the words of my mouth. (R)
2. For proud men have risen against me, ruthless men seek my life. They have no regard for God. (R)
3. But I have God for my help. The Lord upholds my life. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart and praise your name for it is good. (R)

Second Reading

[James 3:16 – 4:3](#)

A reading from the letter of St James

Justice is the harvest of peacemakers from seeds sown in a spirit of peace.

Wherever you find jealousy and ambition, you find disharmony, and wicked things of every kind being done; whereas the wisdom that comes down from above is essentially something pure; it also makes for peace, and is kindly and considerate; it is full of compassion and shows itself by doing good; nor is there any trace of partiality or hypocrisy in it. Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness. Where do these wars and battles between yourselves first start? Isn't it precisely in the desires fighting inside your own selves? You want something and you haven't got it; so you are prepared to kill. You have an ambition that you cannot satisfy; so you fight to get your way by force. Why you don't have what you want is because you don't pray for it; when you do pray and don't get it, it is because you have not prayed properly, you have prayed for something to indulge your own desires.

Gospel Acclamation

[See 2 Thessalonians 2:14](#)

Alleluia, alleluia!

God has called us with the gospel to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Alleluia!

Gospel

[Mark 9:30-37](#)

A Reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of humanity... All who wish to be first must make themselves the servants of all.

After leaving the mountain Jesus and his disciples made their way through Galilee; and he did not want anyone to know, because he was instructing his disciples; he was telling them, 'The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him.

They came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the road?' They said nothing because they had been arguing which of them was the greatest. So he sat down, called the Twelve to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.' He then took a little child, set him in front of them, put his arms round him, and said to them, 'Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

Next Week's Readings (28th/29th Sept 2024) – 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B
1st Reading: [Numbers 11:25-29](#) 2nd Reading: [James 5:1-6](#) Gospel: [Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48](#)

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/>

HISTORICAL CONTEXT

Messianic expectation

The term Messiah means anointed one. In the era of the Kings of Israel, quite literally someone was designated King by being anointed – having oil poured over their head. It's easy to see that when the people of Israel spoke about a 'Messiah' (an 'anointed one') who would restore justice and peace, they had in mind a great King. They even expected that the new king would come from the line of David, the line of the great kings of their history. Jesus was working against centuries of tradition when he tried to get the disciples to see that the Messiah could be something else.

Sunday Reflection...

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Last week's gospel, in which Jesus asked his disciples, 'Who do you say I am?' marked a turning point in the gospel of Mark. Having established in the minds of the disciples that he is indeed the Messiah, Jesus now begins to explore with them what that really means and also what it means to be a follower – a disciple – of the Messiah who must be put to death. Having finally come to some level of understanding that Jesus is the Messiah, the disciples have latched on to a very limited understanding of Jesus' Messiahship. They have assumed that being Messiah meant that Jesus was going to lead a triumphant victory over all the woes of the Jews – it was a common understanding and expectation of what the Messiah would do. With this in mind, the disciples begin to argue amongst themselves about who will hold positions of respect and power in the aftermath of Jesus' great triumph. Despite what Jesus had just said about being put to death and rising again, the disciples simply couldn't grasp what he was saying and fell back onto a familiar picture of the Messiah. To really shake up the disciples and try to make them pay attention to what he was saying to them, Jesus put his arms around a small child and told the disciples they had to welcome little children in his name. Like so many gospel images there is more going on here than meets the eye. Children were regarded as complete nobodies in the culture of the time. They had no status and absolutely no authority. Jesus is saying to the disciples, don't argue about who will be the greatest; this child – this nobody – is greater than anyone who lords it over others. If you treat a nobody like this with respect, you treat me with respect.

SCRIPTURAL CONTEXT

3 predictions

This gospel event is the second of three occasions in the gospel of Mark when Jesus clearly makes a prediction about his death and subsequent resurrection. They occur in chapters 8, 9 and 10 of the gospel and all three are associated with the disciples' lack of understanding about the mission and fate of Jesus. In each case, Jesus could not speak more plainly about what will happen to him and yet the disciples fail to understand. These three chapters have an overarching image of the disciples' 'blindness' to the truth of Jesus' message.



Have you thought? Last of all?

Jesus tells his disciples that if anyone wants to be first, they must make themselves last of all and servant of all. This is as challenging to us today as it was to the disciples and early Christians. Our world seems to revolve around position, status and power – whoever has the most toys wins! But what Jesus advocated was a leadership based on being of service to others. Being powerful simply means you are in a position to help even more people. By putting yourself last, instead of first, gives respect, dignity and power to others rather than to yourself.

Thought of the day.....

Where did Noah keep
the bees on the Ark?



In the Ark hives.

COFFEE AND JELLY BEANS

Please Pray For...

Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries: Sr Marie Carroll, “Barney” Desmond Kirwin, Clyde Thies, Tony Kinsella, Brian Bowe, Christopher Cronin, James Williams, Edward Joseph Kevin Cash

Those Who Are Sick: Jan Sullivan, Van Vu, Bev Brown, Eileen Reedy, Robert McLean, 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

September Birthdays: Kathy Dangerfield, Sandra Sullivan, Helen Kupfer, Val Bowe, Jo Michel, Max Jones, Jenny Ferguson, Chris Golightly, Dave Morrow, Clyde Hudson, Brian Thomson, Denise Short

Parish News...

Sat 21/9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o No reconciliation o 6.00pm Mass
Sun 22/9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o 9.30am Mass – No Children’s Liturgy o 5.30pm Mass
Mon 23/9	
Tue 24/9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o 10am Liturgy of the Word o 10.30am Prayer Group in Quiet Room o 10.30am Liturgy Group Meeting in Presbytery
Wed 25/9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o 9am Anam Cara in the Presbytery o 10am Mass
Thu 26/9	<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 27/9	

Date Claimers

27th September - St Vincent de Paul Feast Day
 28th/29th September – Migrant and Refugee Sunday
 12th October – No 6pm Vigil Mass
 13th October – Annual Parish Family Mass
 13th October – No 5.30pm Mass

Season of Creation Contemplations Wk 3

A time for you to pause and immerse your senses in the sacredness and interconnectedness of all God’s creation. Take this short auto reflection into nature and share it with your friends and family. Click [here](#).



You are invited to the Parish Family Mass

All are invited to come together to celebrate our Parish Family on Sunday 13th October at 9.30am. Followed by Morning Tea and fun family games, facepainting and snow cones. Come and join in the fun!

Set up will be at 8.00am in the school hall.

Please come along and lend a hand.

Please bring a plate to share for morning tea.

Please note: There will be no 6pm Mass on the 12th Oct and no 5.30pm Mass on the 13th October.



Thank You from Toowoomba Churches Care

Toowoomba Churches Care presented the Parish with this canvas in appreciation of our support for Winter Shelter 2024. To those who offered prayers, cooked meals, made donations, helped with setup, or provided community, hope and dignity during their shifts to those experiencing homelessness – Thank You!!



Time	Altar Servers	Welcomers	Commentary	Ministers of the Word	Offertory Procession	Extraordinary Ministers	I pad Operator	Piety Stall
28th Sept at 6pm	T Kelly J Whittaker	M Cushway	B Witham	L Borger C Ferguson	M & M Quinn	H. N Doyle W. E Castles W. G Ferguson	G Schoolr	J Wells
29th Sept at 9.30am	L Anderson J Poulton	Dias Family	J Anderson	M Cash C Anderson	A Cournane A Suhr	H. J Bonell W. C Watson W. P Murphy	Dias Family	C Watson
29th Sept at 5.30pm		M & J Ryan	J Johnston	Desley Salty J Beutel	A Brown C Brown	H. M Whitelegg W. R Johnston W. J Axtell	K Langdale	J Sullivan

Care for Our Common Home

Copies of Pope Francis' Laudato Si "Care for our Common Home" and a reading guide to Laudato Si can be found in the bookshelves at the entrance to the church and are available for borrowing. "Humanity still has the ability to work together in building our common home." Pope Francis, Laudato Si' n13



International Day of Peace 21st September

The International Day of Peace ("Peace Day") is observed around the world each year on 21 September. Established in 1981 by unanimous United Nations resolution, Peace Day provides a globally shared date for all humanity to commit to Peace above all differences and to contribute to building a Culture of Peace. This year's theme is "Cultivating a Culture of Peace". Read more [here](#). In his article, "[Peace Be With You](#)", Fr Andrew Hamilton SJ says "world peace begins at home in the quiet strengths within our personal relationships". Let us all create Peace Day every day!



Peace Day Toowoomba Sunday Sept 29th

Join us on Sun, Sep 29, 2024 at 10:00 AM in Toowoomba Civic Square for a day filled with peace, love, and harmony. Let's come together as a community to celebrate unity and spread positivity. This event is a great opportunity to connect with like-minded individuals and promote peace in our city. Don't miss out on this amazing experience! For more information click [here](#). Part of the Heartfulness Group.

Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver

Date: 1/10/24 Tuesday **Time:** Doors open at 7:00pm

Where: Toowoomba Repertory Theatre, Margaret St Tmba

Cost: \$25 per person, Ph 07 4321818 or 0416055976

Enjoy a night of laughs at the theatre. All proceeds go to the Missions. *Rumors* by Neil Simion (Comedy). The deputy mayor of New York has shot himself, but it's only a flesh wound. Still it sets off a series of chaotic events, lies and rumors.

"Known" Women's Day Retreat

Universal Sisterhood Podcast Presents, KNOWN Women's Day Retreat on Saturday, 2nd November 2024 from 9am to 5.30pm at Holy Name Parish, Toowoomba. 8.45am Registration.

This retreat is open to all women 18+ who want to develop a deeper understanding of their faith and are searching for an authentic relationship with the Lord and with other like-minded women. The retreat includes guest speakers, reflective prayer, adoration, confession, the rosary, praise and worship, wonderful sisterhood, catholic merchandise, creative outlets & all meals. 6pm Vigil Mass will be available after the retreat (optional).

REGISTER VIA <https://www.trybooking.com/CSMKN>

Contact Jane Naug on 0437 233 314 with any enquiries.

E NEWS UPDATE

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

FR MARK RAPER SJ TALK

Date: 10/10/24 Thursday **Time:** 7:00pm

Where: St Ignatius Church, Kensington Tce, Toowong

Fr Mark's presentation is titled "The Escalating Crisis in Myanmar and the Role of the Church. Entry is free; however, donations will be collected for the Jesuit Mission's work in Myanmar.

All are welcome to join us or alternatively view online at St Ignatius Parish YouTube Channel -

<https://youtube.com/live/i8JXJqNLvgE?feature=share>

[See flyer for details.](#)

JUBILEE OF ORDINATION MASS

Date: 16/10/24 Wednesday **Time:** 11:00am

Where: St Patrick's Cathedral, Tmba

Bishop Ken Howell warmly invites all parishioners to celebrate milestone Jubilees of Ordination for some of our priests at a special Mass. Fr Kerry Costigan will mark 60 years of Ordination. Frs Jim Cronin and John Maher will mark 50 years of Ordination. Frs Jamie Collins and Michael O'Brien will mark 25 years.

CORRECTION: DIOCESAN ARCHIVES UPDATE

Apologies, last week's notice regarding the re-opening of the Diocesan Archives had an error in the email address listed. Email is diearch@twb.catholic.org.au (original notice missed the g in org)

Opening hours are Tuesday 10.30am – 4.00pm and Thursday 10.30am- 4.00pm.

Phone number is 4632 7484.

GETTING STARTED: PRACTICAL STEPS TO BE PART OF THE SOLUTION (DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS)

Date: 24/10/24 Thursday **Time:** 5:00pm-6:00pm

Where: Online, [register via TryBooking](#)

Joint Churches Domestic Violence Project (JCDVP) are starting a series of online seminars: **Domestic Violence - Not in my church?** The first one will look at things that can easily be put in place in all churches to raise awareness about Domestic Violence.

[See flyer for details.](#)

[Social Media tile/newsletter ad.](#)

MAJELLAN HELP FOR FAMILIES

Majellan Media has developed a new AI-generated app that offers practical assistance to families who are facing various challenges in their lives. The free Majellan Help with Families app provides personalised suggestions and strategies, rooted in empathy and understanding, to help families overcome their issues.

[Find out more here.](#)

Feast of St Vincent de Paul 27th September

Vincent de Paul was born in the small southern French town of Pouy on 24 April 1581 and ordained as a priest in 1600 at the age of 19. He died in Paris on 27 September 1660 at the age of 79. As a young man he ministered to the wealthy and powerful. However, an appointment as chaplain to a poor parish, and to galley prisoners, inspired him to a vocation of working with those most marginalised. He urged his followers to bring God's justice and love to people who were unable to live a full human life. The St Vincent de Paul Society (SVDP) was named after him and follows his teachings and compassion for people in need. St Vincent de Paul is the international patron of the Society. You can help support the work of the OLOL SVDP Conference by donating to the society using the envelopes on the tables at the church entrances.