

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, 23rd June 2024 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

First Reading

[Job 38:1. 8-11](#)

A reading from the book of Job

Here I have met the boundaries of the sea.

From the heart of the tempest the Lord gave Job his answer. He said: Who pent up the sea behind closed doors when it leapt tumultuous out of the womb, when I wrapped it in a robe of mist and made black clouds its swaddling bands; when I marked the bounds it was not to cross and made it fast with a bolted gate? Come thus far, I said, and no farther: here your proud waves shall break.

Responsorial Psalm

[Ps 106:23-26. 28-31. R. v.1](#)

(R). Give thanks to the Lord, his love is everlasting.

1. Some sailed to the sea in ships to trade on the mighty waters. These men have seen the Lord's deeds, the wonders he does in the deep. (R.)

2. For he spoke; he summoned the gale, tossing the waves of the sea up to heaven and back into the deep; their soul melted away in their distress. (R.)

3. Then they cried to the Lord in their need and he rescued them from their distress. He stilled the storm to a whisper: all the waves of the sea were hushed. (R)

4. They rejoiced because of the calm and he led them to the haven they desired. Let them thank the Lord for his love, the wonders he does for men (R)

Second Reading

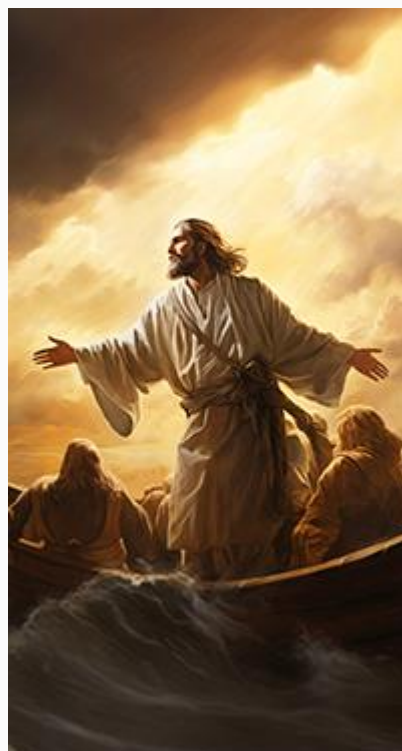
[2 Corinthians 5:14-17](#)

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

All things are made new.

The love of Christ overwhelms us when we reflect that if one man has died for all, then all men should be dead; and the reason he died for all was so that living men should live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised to life for them.

From now onwards, therefore, we do not judge anyone by the standards of the flesh. Even if we did once know Christ in the flesh, that is not how we know him now. And for anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here.



Gospel Acclamation

[Luke 7:16](#)

Alleluia, alleluia!

A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people.

Alleluia!

Gospel

[Mark 4:35-41](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Who can this be? Even the wind and the sea obey him.

With the coming of evening, Jesus said to his disciples, 'Let us cross over to the other side.' And leaving the crowd behind they took him, just as he was, in the boat; and there were other boats with him. Then it began to blow a gale and the waves were breaking into the boat so that it was almost swamped. But he was in the stern, his head on the cushion, asleep. They woke him and said to him, 'Master, do you not care? We are going down!' And he woke up and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, 'Quiet now! Be calm!' And the wind dropped, and all was calm again. Then he said to them, 'Why are you so frightened? How is it that you have no faith?' They were filled with awe and said to one another, 'Who can this be? Even the wind and the sea obey him.'

Next Week's Readings (29th/30th June 2024) – 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B
1st Reading: [Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24](#) 2nd Reading: [2 Corinthians 8:7. 9. 13-15](#) Gospel: [Mark 5:21-43](#)

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

Miracle stories

The miracle stories of the three synoptic gospels (Mark, Matthew and Luke) generally fall into four categories of miracle: healing miracles (healing of physical ailments and disease); exorcism miracles (driving out evil spirits – often associated with a form of healing); resuscitation miracles (bringing people back to life); and nature miracles (Jesus appears to contradict the laws of nature – walking on water, multiplying food and calming a storm). Each type of miracle story tends to have its own literary structure and being able to recognise the type of miracle being described assists the interpretation of the gospel account.

Sunday Reflection...

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Paul insists that the love of Christ completely transforms us, mind and heart. No longer do we judge according to human standards. No longer do we meet injury with assault. No longer do we relegate people to the margins of society, or hoard the goods that others need to survive. Everything is changed in this new worldview. We understand ourselves and our world differently. Most importantly, we perceive God differently. Job's new insights enlightened his understanding of creation, of the Creator, and of himself, a finite creature. Several of the disciples were seasoned fishermen. They knew that sea quite well. Living close to Jesus, they knew him too. Now they saw him in a different light. In both cases, faith opened their eyes. Like the disciples, we begin to realise that this man who shares in all of our human vulnerability is able to direct the power of the Creator.

We need eyes of faith to recognise the power of God at work in the events of our lives. Like Job, faith moves us from viewing God as a deity who is so distant from us that the circumstances of our lives appear to be irrelevant, to realising that everything is ultimately in God's hands and everything follows the course on which God has set it. For our part, all we can or need do is entrust ourselves to this loving God who cares if even a sparrow falls to the ground.

LIVING THE GOSPEL

Do you not care?

The experience of the disciples as their boat was tossed about the sea by the powerful storm may sound like a familiar situation. At times in life we may feel that we have lost control of our situation and we are being blown from one 'disaster' to the next. At such times, we may find ourselves asking the question that the disciples asked of Jesus, 'Master, do you not care?' Jesus' reply to the disciples suggests that had they been calm and trusted in the slow work of God then they would have made it through the storm unharmed.

HISTORICAL CONTEXT

Mark's audience

Scripture scholars are now convinced that the Gospel of Mark was the first of the four New Testament gospels to be written. It is probable that it was written at about 70 – 75 C.E. – approximately 40 years after the death of Jesus. The intended community was probably based in or around Rome and so were mostly gentile (non-Jewish) Christians. The destruction of the Jerusalem Temple by Roman forces in 70 C.E. was one of the signs that led this community to believe that the world was coming to an end and that the Messiah was about to return.

Thought of the day.....



YOU'LL NEVER SEE A CORNEA JOKE THAN THIS...!

Please Pray For...

Recent Deaths: Terry Wells, John van Dongen

Anniversaries: Jennifer Gabbett, Stanley Patrick Collins, Helen Phelan, Tony Drew, Terry Tewes, Daphne Pobar, June Maree Davis, Sheila Strickland, Desley Byrne, Nell Meara, John Burke, Fr Jeffrey Scully, Fr Thomas McCormack

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, 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

June Birthdays: Cassie Soriano, Ben Saunders, Helen McQuillan, June Burke, Joyce Smith, Sr Nancy Doyle, Kevin Boland, Jose Dias, Margaret Graham, Gen Schoorl, Agnes Hale, Patrick Kelly, Trish Shepherd, Rosie Glassey, Clare Ferguson

Parish News...

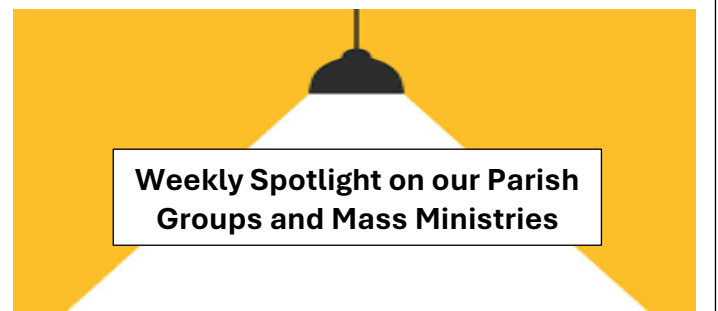
Sat 22/6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o 4.45pm Reconciliation o 6.00pm Mass
Sun 23/6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o 9.30am Mass – NO CHILDREN’S LITURGY o 5.30pm Mass
Mon 24/6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Nativity of John the Baptist o 1pm Liturgy Group Meeting in Quiet Room
Tue 25/6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o 10am Mass o 10.30am Prayer Group in Quiet Room
Wed 26/6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o 9am Anam Cara in the Presbytery o 10am Mass
Thu 27/6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o 10am Mass o 10.30am Friendship & Craft Group in Quiet Room o 2pm St Vincent de Paul Meeting in Quiet Room
Fri 28/6	

Date Claimers:

- 29th June – Saints Peter and Paul
- 6th/7th July – ATSI Sunday
- 13th/14th July – Sea Sunday
- 14th July – 10.30am Workshop 1 for Sacrament of Reconciliation
- 21st July – 9.30am Teacher and Staff Thank You Mass
- 27th July – Peter Kearney Concert 4pm. Dinner to follow
- 27th/28th July – World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

Planned Giving Envelopes

Thank you to all who completed the Planned Giving Forms. The envelopes for the new financial year have been prepared and are now ready for collection from the back of the church. Thank you for your continued support of the parish.



Altar Server

Altar Servers have a very special ministry. Their primary role is to assist the Priest in the celebration of the Mass. Children who have received their First Holy Communion are eligible to serve and will be provided with the necessary training.

Collectors

This ministry is responsible for the collection of the monetary gifts offered by the community for the work of the church.

Commentator

The role of the Commentator is to welcome the gathered community and introduce the celebration. The Commentator also leads the Responsorial Psalm in the absence of a Cantor and reads the Prayers of the Faithful.

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC) assist the Priest in the distribution of the Body and Blood of Christ to those gathered. EMHC may opt to distribute the Body of Christ only or both the Body and Blood of Christ.

I-pad Operator for PowerPoint

This ministry is responsible for the operation of the I-pad to display the hymns and prayers during the Mass.

Mass Coordinators

Mass Coordinators ensure that all those rostered on to serve in Mass Ministries are present and find replacements when necessary.

Time	Altar Servers	Welcomers	Commentary	Ministers of the Word	Offertory Procession	Extraordinary Ministers	I pad Operator	Piety Stall
29th June at 6pm	I Whittaker J Whittaker	G Schoorl B Witham	B Witham	R Jayawardhana L Walsh	Hoopert Family	H. N Doyle W.D Clark W. B Witham	G & K Regan	J Wells
30th June at 9.30am	E Dwan J Poulton	P Town C Poulton	T O'Mara	M McLean P Murphy	Dias Family	H. J Bonell W. A Cournane W. C Watson	L Dwan	C Watson
30th June at 5.30pm	M Denny E Obst	M & D Stark	J Axtell	J Johnston Daniel Salty	G Doherty K Uprichard	H. W Beeston H. B Stark H. C Golightly	D Stark	J Sullivan

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

Signs of Hope – People of Faith

PETER KEARNEY CONCERT—REFLECTION

Songs and stories about people whose faithful lives have brought hope and compassion into the world. Subjects include "St. Joseph," Mary Mother of Jesus, St. Francis of Assisi, "St. Mary MacKillop," "Sr. Irene McCormack – Australian Josephite nun killed in Peru," "L'Arche," "Fr. Mark Croker—shearer become shepherd," "Fr. Ted Kennedy prophet of Redfern ... and others

- Songs & Stories -

Saturday 27th July,

4.00-5.00pm.

Followed by 6.00pm Mass

Our Lady of Lourdes Church

4 Goodwood Street

NEWTOWN

Donations welcome.

Soup provided between concert and Vigil Mass.

RSVP to olol.parish@bigpond.com
for catering purposes



Mary MacKillop & children. Artwork by Dorothy Woodward from a window at St. Joseph's School, Milperra



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Refugee Week 16-22 June – Catholic Mission Calls for Support

As Refugee Week has arrived, Catholic Mission is inviting Parishes to take action and open their hearts and arms to sponsor refugee families to help them settle into their new life in Australia. The Community Refugee Integration and Settlement Pilot (CRISP) is designed for community members to build social networks to welcome a family group who has been granted a humanitarian visa but is still waiting to arrive in Australia.

Resources are available to assist in this process. For more information on the program or how your community can get involved, contact Anne Nesbitt at anne.nesbitt@catholicmission.org.au

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ENEWS UPDATE

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

GARDEN CITY MOSQUE OPEN DAY AND INTERNATIONAL FOOD FESTIVAL

Date: 29/6/24

Time: 10:30am-3:00pm

Where: Garden City Mosque, 217 West St Tmba

Come for a day of food, fun, friendship and faith, featuring guest speakers, diverse food and activities.

[See flyer for details.](#)

PETER'S PENCE

Date: 30/6/24

Catholics around Australia are being encouraged to support the Peter's Pence appeal on the Sunday after the Feast of St Peter and St Paul. Donations to the appeal, which goes back to Medieval times, support Pope Francis' mission from the proclamation of the Gospel to the promotion of integral human development, education and peace.

Peter's Pence also aims to support a range of charities which bring aid and comfort to the poor, children, families, the elderly, the marginalised, victims of war and natural disasters, refugees and migrants.

Resources for parishes seeking to take part in the appeal can be found here: [English \(obolodisanpietro.va\)](#)

REMINDER: MSS ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

Date: 14/7/24 Sunday

Time: 2:00pm, Mass followed by afternoon tea

Where: St Anthony's Church, Memory St Tmba

RSVP: 5/7/24 text Sr Pat on 0422 462 678

The Toowoomba Missionary Sisters of Service and their local Highways & Byways members, invite you to join in celebrating two anniversaries – congregational foundation's 80th, along with the 60th anniversary of the sisters' arrival in this diocese.

ABRAHAMIC FAITHS GATHERING

Date: 7/8/24 Wednesday

Time: 5:45pm (followed by light dinner)

Where: Garden City Mosque, 217 West St Tmba

Organised by the Downs and Toowoomba Churches together. The evening will begin with a short presentation by each faith on "Life after Death". [See flyer for details.](#)

ACBC MEDIABLOG PODCAST

The MediaBlog Podcast is a project of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference. The podcast examines and explores important issues within the Catholic Church. [Click here to listen to the latest episode on Spotify.](#)

MINISTRY IN ACTION: SPRED APPEAL

SPecial RELigious Development (SPRED) is a vital and vibrant ministry within the Toowoomba. For over 30 years, SPRED has been a beacon of hope and a source of spiritual growth for countless individuals. SPRED is a ministry of inclusiveness and evangelisation that meets people where they are. Staff, volunteers, and SPRED Friends journey together in faith, love, and respect.

To help the diocese continue to support SPRED's work, please consider a [donation to this year's Ministry in Action Appeal](#). Donations over \$2 are tax deductible.

OPEN THE WAY TO CHRIST - FOSTERING A PASTORAL MINISTRY OF SPORT

Like many other countries, Australia is passionate about sport. But how are the Church, faith and sport connected and why should they be? The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference has released a new document, *Open the Way to Christ*, which examines the links between sport and the Church and how to use sport as a tool for evangelisation.

Download the document from [Sport \(catholic.au\)](#)