

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, 28th July 2024 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

First Reading

[2 Kings 4:42-44](#)

A reading from the second book of Kings

They will eat and have some left over.

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing Elisha, the man of God, bread from the first-fruits, twenty barley loaves and fresh grain in the ear. 'Give it to the people to eat,' Elisha said. But his servant replied, 'How can I serve this to a hundred men?' 'Give it to the people to eat' he insisted 'for the Lord says this, "They will eat and have some left over."' He served them; they ate and had some over, as the Lord had said.

Responsorial Psalm

[Ps 144:10-11, 15-18. R. v.16](#)

(R). The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

1. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, and your friends shall repeat their blessing. They shall speak of the glory of your reign and declare your might, O God. (R)

2. The eyes of all creatures look to you and you give them their food in due time. You open wide your hand, grant the desires of all who live. (R.)

3. The Lord is just in all his ways and loving in all his deeds. He is close to all who call him, who call on him from their hearts. (R)

Second Reading

[Ephesians 4:1-6](#)

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

There is one body, one Lord, one faith, one baptism.

I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you to lead a life worthy of your vocation. Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience. Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds you together. There is one Body, one Spirit, just as you were all called into one and the same hope when you were called. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God who is Father of all, through all and within all.

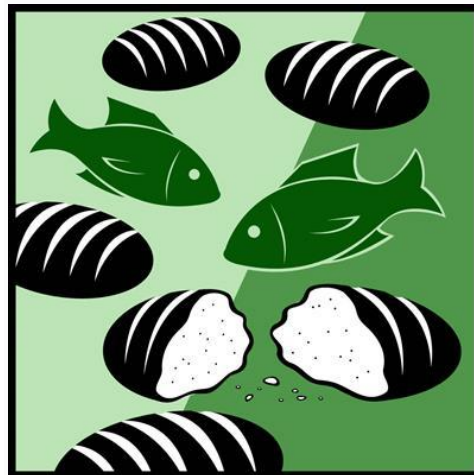
Gospel Acclamation

[Luke 7:16](#)

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!



Gospel

[John 6:1-15](#)

A Reading from the holy Gospel according to John

He distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted.

Jesus went off to the other side of the Sea of Galilee - or of Tiberias - and a large crowd followed him, impressed by the signs he gave by curing the sick. Jesus climbed the hillside, and sat down there with his disciples. It was shortly before the Jewish feast of Passover.

Looking up, Jesus saw the crowds approaching and said to Philip, 'Where can we buy some bread for these people to eat?' He only said this to test Philip; he himself knew exactly what he was going to do. Philip answered, 'Two hundred denarii would only buy enough to give them a small piece each.' One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said, 'There is a small boy here with five barley loaves and two fish; but what is that between so many?' Jesus said to them, 'Make the people sit down.' There was plenty of grass there, and as many as five thousand men sat down. Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks and gave them out to all who were sitting ready; he then did the same with the fish, giving out as much as was wanted. When they had eaten enough he said to the disciples, 'Pick up the pieces left over, so that nothing gets wasted.' So they picked them up, and filled twelve hampers with scraps left over from the meal of five barley loaves. The people, seeing this sign that he had given, said, 'This really is the prophet who is to come into the world.' Jesus, who could see they were about to come and take him by force and make him king, escaped back to the hills by himself.

Next Week's Readings (3rd/4th August 2024) - 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B
1st Reading: [Exodus 16:2-4. 12-15](#) 2nd Reading: [Ephesians 4:17, 20-24](#) Gospel: [John 6:24-35](#)

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/>

GOSPEL FOCUS

Messiah

At the time of Jesus there was a heightened expectation that the Messiah – the anointed one of God – would come and once again set the people of Israel free. However, there was great conjecture about what sort of person the Messiah would be. Some thought he would be a warrior king; others a wise priestly leader; others thought a shepherd-king in the image of David. Confounding all these expectations, Jesus' model of Messianic leadership was that of the servant leader; a leader who was one with the people, offering hope and meaning in the midst of their everyday suffering and struggling.

Sunday Reflection...

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Today we are reminded of God's providence. We live in a world that feeds us and shelters us and supplies us with everything that we need to grow and to thrive, and all of this comes to us from the hand of God. It is usually when we are in desperate straits that we become painfully conscious of our dependence on God, but this dependence is always there. God does not merely intervene when we are helpless; God's providence operates in our lives at all times. Living in a society that promotes individualism, we sometimes undervalue the communal dimension of life. God certainly cares passionately for each of us (not even a sparrow falls without God knowing it), but God's concern is for the whole people. We are first and foremost members of a people. We would never have seen the light of day, we would not endure or develop, without others. As unique as we may be, we are a unique expression of a communal reality. God created a race; God formed a people; Jesus died for the world. By the grace of God, we belong to the community. As members of the people of God, we are called to a way of life that is noble, not selfish. We are to live with each other in humility and gentleness, with patience. We are to bear with one another in love. Through baptism we all live by the same Spirit of Jesus; we are all united through the bond of God's love. The bread that we receive from the hand of God is the bread of full life, life in all its dimensions, life in Christ.

Living the gospel

Plenty for all

The feeding of the multitude is a profoundly political statement. Quite simply, there is sufficient food in our world to ensure that no one should ever be hungry. Sadly, the distribution of that food is such that there are some in our world whose bellies are expanding from an excess of food while others' are distended from the lack of it. We can easily feed the entire world. It is the responsibility of those of us in the developed world with more than we need to bring about a more equitable distribution with those who don't even have enough to live.

Different View

A miracle of sharing

Some scripture scholars suggest that the real miracle of the feeding of the multitude was not so much a multiplication of meagre resources by Jesus but rather a personal response by individuals within the crowd. It is suggested that upon seeing the willingness of Jesus (and the small boy whose food it was) to share the small amount of food available, everyone dug into their pockets and pulled out the small amount of food they also had and shared it with one another. The miracle was a breaking through from selfishness and isolation to a spirit of sharing and community.

Thought of the day.....



Please Pray For...

Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries: Daniel Paddison, Eva Connole, Michael Stephen, Pat Sullivan, Bernard Roberts, Ian Graham, Vic Ruhle, Noreen Ryan, Olive Boden, Barry Lysaght, John Bale, Kevin Burke, Ken Leane, Herbert Kruger, Mary Bennett (Connolly), John Francis Roessler, Kathleen May Roessler, Most Rev Basil Roper DD

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 27/7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 4.45pm Reconciliation ○ 6.00pm Mass
Sun 28/7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 9.30am Mass ○ 5.30pm Mass
Mon 29/7	
Tue 3/7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 10am Mass ○ 10.30am Prayer Group in Quiet Room
Wed 31/7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 9am Anam Cara in the Presbytery ○ 10am Mass ○ 6.30pm SPRED
Thu 1/8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 10am Mass ○ 10.30am Friendship & Craft Group in Quiet Room
Fri 2/8	

Date Claimers

3rd/4th August – Vocations Awareness Week
 6th August – Transfiguration of the Lord
 8th August – St Mary of the Cross McKillop Feast Day
 11th August – 2nd Workshop - Sacrament of Reconciliation
 17th/18th August – Flick and Tick

2023 Parish Financial Statements

The 2023 Audited Parish Financial Statements are now available. There is copy on the noticeboard at the back of the church.

Peter Kearney Concert – This Saturday 27th July, 4-5pm

A warm invitation is extended to all to join us at 4pm this 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.

Pope Benedict's Prayer for Grandparents

Lord Jesus,
 you were born of the Virgin Mary,
 the daughter of Saints Joachim and Anne.
 Look with love on grandparents the world over.
 Protect them! They are a source of enrichment
 for families, for the Church and for all of society.
 Support them! As they grow older,
 may they continue to be for their families
 strong pillars of Gospel faith,
 guardians of noble domestic ideals,
 living treasuries of sound religious traditions.
 Make them teachers of wisdom and courage,
 that they may pass on to future generations the fruits
 of their mature human and spiritual experience.

Lord Jesus,
 help families and society
 to value the presence and role of grandparents.
 May they never be ignored or excluded,
 but always encounter respect and love.
 Help them to live serenely and to feel welcomed
 in all the years of life which you give them.
 Mary, Mother of all the living,
 keep grandparents constantly in your care,
 accompany them on their earthly pilgrimage,
 and by your prayers, grant that all families
 may one day be reunited in our heavenly homeland,
 where you await all humanity
 for the great embrace of life without end.
 Amen!

Birthday Wishes...

Congratulations and best wishes to Sr Cecilia Bailey who celebrates her 93rd Birthday on the 28th July.
 Happy Birthday Sister Cecilia!



Time	Altar Servers	Welcomers	Commentary	Ministers of the Word	Offertory Procession	Extraordinary Ministers	I pad Operator	Piety Stall
3 rd Aug at 6pm	T Kelly J Whittaker G Hoopert	M Cushway G Schooli	L Borger	L Walsh C Ferguson	P & E Castles	H. G Ferguson W. D Clark W. R O'Brien	J Ferguson	W Hoopert
4 th Aug at 9.30am	J Dias S Dias E Young	L Dwan A Cournane	S Connolly	T Ryan M Cash	Ryan Family	H. J Coman W. A Cournane W. C Watson	M Conrick	A Suhr
4 th Aug at 5.30pm		J & C Sullivan	J Johnston	J Axtell A Jessen	G Doherty K Uprichard	H. A Beeston W. J Sullivan W. J Axtell	K Langdale	V Barker

Weekly Spotlight on our Parish Groups and Mass Ministries

Spiritual Development Part 2

Meditation Group

Meditation increases our awareness of God in us and through God's guidance and our willingness we are also aware that God is in everyone we meet. Meditation provides a growing capacity to be present with God in each moment more and more fully, more and more peacefully, more and more lovingly. New members welcome any time.

Prayer Group

The Prayer Group meets after the 10am Mass every Tuesday. The meetings are relaxed and informal and include prayerful reading and discussion of the Scripture and prayer of petition. You don't have to commit to regular meetings, just come along whenever you can.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

The role of the RCIA team is to meet with those interested in becoming Catholic and discussing and supporting their faith journey and individual needs. The group comes together on a regular basis and through discussion, reflection and prayer, journey together in search of faith and deeper understanding.

Sacramental Preparation - Coordinators and Assistants

Our parish coordinates a family-centred Parish-based Sacramental Program for the Sacraments of Confirmation, First Holy Communion and Reconciliation. Essentially, this program is a partnership in which families and the Parish community work together in the preparation and celebration of these Sacraments.

SPRED

SPRED (Special Religious Development) is a program that supports faith, personal development and integration of people with an intellectual disability into parishes and the general community. Volunteers attend 13 preparation and 13 integrated sessions per year. These sessions take place during term time for a maximum of 2 hours.

Missionary Sisters of Service

Congratulations to the MSS Sisters in Toowoomba, who celebrate the 60-year anniversary of foundation in the diocese in 2024. To read their latest newsletter and find out about the wonderful work that they do, please go to www.missionarysisters.org.au



From left, Mary Cleary, Nancy Doyle, Cecilia Bailey, Pat Quinn and Margaret Windsham MSS.
Photo courtesy Catholic Diocese of Toowoomba

NEWS UPDATE

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

HOLY NAME PARISH BUSH DANCE

Date: 3/8/24 Saturday

Time: Doors open 5:45pm

Where: Holy Name Parish Hall, Bridge St Tmba

All are welcome to join in the fun. There will be a live band 'Cloud 9', sausage sizzle and raffle prizes to be won! Tickets available at <https://www.trybooking.com/CSPLD>

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PRISON CHAPLAINCY - LOCKYER VALLEY

Prison chaplains are needed to service the new Lockyer Valley Correctional Centre, situated near Gatton, which is due to be opened in early 2025. This prison will be able to accommodate 1500 men.

Committed Catholic men and women are invited to consider volunteering to assist in this vital pastoral work for four hours on a weekly basis. Chaplains are trained on-site by experienced prison chaplains. In this role, you will be registered as a volunteer with [Centacare in the Archdiocese of Brisbane](#) and will require, or be able to acquire, a Blue Card, Police Check and complete relevant Safeguarding Training.

[Download for contact details to find out more.](#)

UNDERSTANDING CLIMATE DISTRESS IN AN AUSTRALIAN POPULATION

Fr Bony Abraham, currently at Goondiwindi Parish, is collaborating with fellow students from James Cook University as part of his psychology honours program. Together they are conducting research on extreme weather events and climate distress. The study involves completing an online questionnaire, which should take around 20 minutes to complete. [Click here to find out more and participate.](#)

[Newsletter insert.](#)

FEAST DAY - ST MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP

Date: 8/8/2024 Thursday

Mass at Mary MacKillop Place Chapel will be live streamed at 10:00am. [See flyer for links.](#)

Celebrate St Mary MacKillop's Feast Day as a faithful community who believe in being fierce in the face of adversity and fair where there is injustice.

Resources for schools and parishes can be found at [Mary MacKillop Today's website.](#)

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

"Let us show our tender love for the grandparents and the elderly members of our families. Let us spend time with those who are disheartened and no longer hope in the possibility of a different future. In place of the self-centred attitude that leads to loneliness and abandonment, let us instead show the open heart and the joyful face of men and women who have the courage to say "I will not abandon you", and to set out on a different path."

- Pope Francis

Book of Remembrance

Please sign the Book of Remembrance at the back of the church to remember all grandparents and the elderly who have gone before us and give thanks for their lives.



Message for the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly 28th July 2024