

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, 29th September 2024 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B

First Reading

[Numbers 11:25-29](#)

A reading from the book of Numbers

Are you jealous on my account? Who decrees that all people may prophesy?

The Lord came down in the Cloud. He spoke with Moses, but took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. When the spirit came on them they prophesied, but not again.

Two men had stayed back in the camp; one was called Eldad and the other Medad. The spirit came down on them; though they had not gone to the Tent, their names were enrolled among the rest. These began to prophesy in the camp. The young man ran to tell this to Moses, 'Look', he said, 'Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.' Then said Joshua the son of Nun, who had served Moses from his youth, 'My Lord Moses, stop them!' Moses answered him, 'Are you jealous on my account? If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets, and the Lord gave his Spirit to them all!'

Responsorial Psalm

[Ps 18:8. 10. 12-14. R. v.9](#)

(R). The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

1. The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul.

The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple. *(R)*

2. The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever.

The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just. *(R)*

3. So in them your servant finds instructions;

great reward is in their keeping. But who can detect all his errors? From hidden faults acquit me. *(R)*

4. From presumption restrain your servant

and let it not rule me. Then shall I be blameless, clean from grave sin. *(R)*

Second Reading

[James 5:1-6](#)

A reading from the letter of St James

Your wealth is rotting.

An answer for the rich. Start crying, weep for the miseries that are coming to you. Your wealth is all rotting, your clothes are all eaten up by moths. All your gold and your silver are corroding away, and the same corrosion will be your own sentence, and eat into your body. It was a burning fire that you stored up as your treasure for the last days. Labourers mowed your fields, and you cheated them – listen to the wages that you kept back, calling out; realise that the cries of the reapers have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. On earth you have had a life of comfort and luxury; in the time of slaughter you went on eating to your heart's content. It was you who condemned the innocent and killed them; they offered you no resistance.

Gospel Acclamation

[See 2 John 17:17](#)

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your word, O Lord, is truth: make us holy in the truth.

Alleluia!

Gospel

[Mark 9:38-43. 45. 47-48](#)

A Reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Anyone who is not against us is for us. If your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off.

John said to Jesus, 'Master, we saw a man who is not one of us casting out devils in your name; and because he was not one of us we tried to stop him.' But Jesus said, 'You must not stop him: no one who works a miracle in my name is likely to speak evil of me. Anyone who is not against us is for us.

'If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just because you belong to Christ, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.

'But anyone who is an obstacle to bring down one of these little ones who have faith, would be better thrown into the sea with a great millstone round his neck. And if your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life crippled, than to have two hands and go to hell, into the fire that cannot be put out. And if your foot should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life lame, than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. And if your eye should cause you to sin, tear it out; it is better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell where their worm does not die nor their fire go out.'

Next Week's Readings (5th/6th Oct 2024) –27th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B

1st Reading: [Genesis 2:18-24](#) 2nd Reading: [Hebrews 2:9-11](#) Gospel: [Mark 10:2-16](#)

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/>



Have you thought?

Jealousy

The disciples are portrayed as being jealous of someone healing in the name of Jesus. It is almost an intellectual property argument – you can't use Jesus' name to heal, only we can 'cause we're with Jesus. Their attitude sounds quite childish but it is an attitude we encounter all the time – and are perhaps guilty of ourselves at times. In our world that encourages competitive behavior at every turn, Jesus' attitude is a challenging one – if good is being done, why care who gets the credit for it? Perhaps politicians would get more done if they weren't concerned about getting credit for what they do.

Sunday Reflection...

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The question of legitimacy of ministry is not a new one. There is a certain amount of tension between the institutional and the charismatic aspects of the church. To say that one is Spirit-driven and the other is not is to misunderstand Jesus' promise to remain with the church until the end of time. God normally calls ministers through the structures of the community. The authorities of the church are usually the ones who make the ultimate decisions about the needs of the church, how these needs are to be met, and who is to meet them. That is one of the responsibilities of their office.

However, God calls in other ways as well. A solid biblical tradition maintains that the Spirit is not confined to human structure or custom. We see this in the judges, the prophets, and even the early kings. The Pentecost story describes the coming of the Spirit upon all people – sons and daughters, young and old, slaves and free. When God calls it is up to us to recognise that call and to test its spirit. Perhaps the primary criterion we have for judging is the biblical measure: By their fruits you shall know them.

Today we also see that those who benefit from exploitation of the vulnerable will reap the fruits of their sin. This warning stems from the belief in the justice of God. Just as we believe that God will not allow the righteous to go unrewarded, so we are confident that neither will the wicked escape punishment.

Living the gospel

Cut it out!

The thought of cutting off a hand or foot or tearing out an eye all seem a bit extreme if taken literally. Whilst Jesus didn't mean for us to do a bit of self-surgery, if we find ourselves caught in behavior that is self-destructive or hurtful to others, the only solution is quite literally to 'cut it out'. We know within ourselves when our actions are life-giving or life-harming. Surprisingly we often persist with harmful behavior even when we know it's harmful. Jesus' solution is simple: cut out the negative behavior and get back on track. That's the principle behind Reconciliation.

gospel focus

Anyone not against us is for us

It is sometimes quite baffling why the movement for ecumenical dialogue is so labored and apparently delivering such limited results. It seems that it is human nature to dwell much more on what makes us different rather than on what we have in common. Unfortunately, efforts to build dialogue between Christian churches seem to inevitably turn up the differences that impede dialogue more than the commonalities that foster dialogue. Jesus made it clear that "anyone who is not against us is for us". Perhaps if we focus on the common goal of leading people to Jesus we can get beyond the differences that set us against each other.

Thought of the day.....

Did you hear about the cat who drank 5 bowls of water?

Answer:
He set a new lap record



Please Pray For...

Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries: Edith Polkinghorne, Allan Axtell, Peter-John DiMichiel, Mick Patterson, Phyllis Halford, Hughie Pedersen, Carmel Stephens, Bernadette Walsh, Elizaeth Borcsok, Lloyd Arnold, Fr Clarence Leahy, Fr Neil O'Donoghue.

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

October Birthdays: Fr Quinlan, Annette Bishop, Dorothy O'Connor, Bernadette Smith, Sr Pat Quinn, Larry Ryan, Isabella Dwan, Candice Poulton, Anne Suhr, Angus Dwan, Carol Rawlinson.

Parish News...

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| Sat 28/9 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Ecumenism Group Meeting 9.30am o Reconciliation 4.45pm o 6.00pm Mass |
| Sun 29/9 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o 9.30am Mass – No Children's Liturgy o 5.30pm Mass |
| Mon 30/9 | |
| Tue 1/10 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o 10am Mass o 10.30am Prayer Group in Quiet Room |
| Wed 2/10 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o 9am Anam Cara in the Presbytery o 10am Mass o Baptism Information Session 7pm Presbytery |
| Thu 3/10 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o 10am Mass o 10.30am Friendship & Craft Group in Quiet Room |
| Fri 4/10 | |

Date Claimers

12th October – No 6pm Vigil Mass
 13th October – Annual Parish Family Mass
 13th October – No 5.30pm Mass
 15th October – Anointing Mass

Parish Office Closure

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday 7th October for the King's Birthday Public Holiday.

Season of Creation Contemplations Wk 4

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](#).

Children's Liturgy

Children's Liturgy will recommence next Sunday 6th October during the 9.30am Mass. All children from Prep to Year 3 are welcome to attend.

Annual Parish Family Mass

Please join us to celebrate our Parish Family on Sunday 13th October at 9.30am. Followed by Morning Tea, facepainting and balloon twisting. 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 other Masses this weekend.



Musician & Choir Practice for Family Mass

A practice for the Family Mass will be held on Saturday 12th October from 10am – 11am. All musicians and singers welcome!!

Reflection resources for Advent

Advent Reflection resources include scripture text, reflections and thoughts to provoke prayer and discussion and deepen your spiritual journey through Advent. *Hope Reigns* Archdiocese of Brisbane can be purchased by phoning phone 07 3324 3440 or visiting www.adventplus.com.au.

The Light Diocese of Wollongong can be ordered by phoning 02 4222 2411 or visiting www.dow.org.au/shop/

Spring edition of The Majellan out now

The Spring edition of The Majellan includes stories on Fathers shaping their children, Seventy-Five years of The Majellan and Our hero teachers as well as the regular columns and favourites, like the Jokes Page. Available in print version, digital version and the Majellan Media App. Click [here](#) to find out more.

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| 5 th Oct at 6pm | G Hoopert A Mendoza | Ward Family | J Soriano | R O'Brien L Walsh | Ward Family | H. K Walsh W. J Kelly W. K Ober | Soriano Family | D Clark |
| 6 th Oct at 9.30am | S Dias J Dias | P Town C Poulton | S Connolly | J Bonell J Coman | Blumke Family | H. A Cournane W. C Anderson W. C Watson | M Conrick | R Coonan |
| 6 th Oct at 5.30pm | | A & R Thompson | V O'Connell | C Golightly Daniel Salty | G Doherty K Uprichard | H. J Axtell W. J Johnston W. M Whitelegg | T Haylock | V Barker |

Migrant and Refugee Sunday 26th Sept 24

On Sunday 26 September, the Catholic Church around the world celebrates the World Day of Migrants and Refugees (also known as Migrant and Refugee Sunday). In his message for World Day of Migrants and Refugees, Pope Francis invites us to work towards a more inclusive world.

“Ours must be a personal and collective commitment that cares for all our brothers and sisters who continue to suffer even as we work towards a more sustainable, balanced, and inclusive development. A commitment that makes no distinction between natives and foreigners, between residents and guests, since it is a matter of a treasure we hold in common, from whose care and benefits no one should be excluded,” says Pope Francis. The theme for this year’s Migrant and Refugee Sunday is “God walks with his people”.

Prayer for this year's Migrant and Refugee Sunday:

God, Almighty Father
we are your pilgrim Church
journeying towards
the Kingdom of heaven.
We live in our homeland,
but as if we were foreigners.
Every foreign place is our home,
yet every native land
is foreign to us.
Though we live on earth,
our true citizenship is in heaven.
Do not let us become possessive
of the portion of the world
you have given us as a temporary home.
Help us to keep walking,
together with our migrant brothers and sisters,
toward the eternal dwelling
you have prepared for us.
Open our eyes and our hearts
so that every encounter with those in need
becomes an encounter with Jesus,
your Son and our Lord.
Amen.

Bus Trip to Marian Valley

Opening and Blessing of the Divine Mercy Chapel
When: Sat 5th Oct 2024 **Departure Time:** 7.30am
Where: Bus departs Neil St Toowoomba – outside St Patrick’s Cathedral Parish Office
Cost: \$50
RSVP: Theresa 0434 528 904

E NEWS UPDATE

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

PUBLIC ROSARY RALLY

Date: 12/10/24 Saturday **Time:** 2:00pm-4:00pm

Where: Queens Park, Cnr Margaret & Lindsay Street, Tmba
All are welcome to join a public praying of the Rosary in Queens Park. This is part of a nationwide Rosary held each year on the Saturday closest to the 13 October, being the date of the final apparition of Our Lady of Fatima in 1917.

[See flyer for details.](#)

JUBILEE OF ORDINATION MASS

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

Where: St Patrick’s Cathedral, Tmba

Update: this Mass will be live-streamed in the usual places, visit twb.catholic.org.au/live-stream-masses/

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.

SAFER WORLD FOR ALL CAMPAIGN

You can get involved with the electorate lobbying campaign, coordinated by the [Micah Women Leaders Network](#). The **Safer World For All** campaign looks to creating a better world for everyone by empowering women and girls and building education and economic prosperity. [Read more about the campaign here.](#) As the election draws closer, Micah are preparing to organise groups of Christian leaders to meet with their MP and emphasise the need for Australia to be a generous nation during these challenging times.

The Network team has been working on a [target list of MPs which you can see here.](#) CAN YOU HELP?

SYNOD ON SYNODALITY UPDATE

The Second Assembly will begin with a retreat starting on Monday 30 September and ending on Tuesday 1 October. As for the previous Assembly retreat, Father Timothy Radcliffe and Mother Ignazia Angelini will lead the meditation sessions. Two such sessions are scheduled for Monday morning, and two for Tuesday morning. On Monday afternoon, participants will be involved in a Conversation in the Spirit, followed by Mass at St Peter’s Basilica. On the Tuesday afternoon, there will be another opportunity for participants to share in a Conversation in the Spirit, followed by a Penitential Vigil presided over by Pope Francis. The Penitential Vigil will be broadcast by Vatican Media and is open to all.

More information about the details of the General Assembly can be found here [Synod leaders present details of October General Assembly - Vatican News](#)
[Download a reflection for this Sunday's readings here.](#)



In Mongolia, vulnerable people requiring social services often face stigma for using them. Those in need are often impacted by domestic violence or homelessness. Unfortunately, support services are limited in number and the demand for them is growing.

This means some of our brothers and sisters in Mongolia are going without the help they need.

This month, we invite you to support the Church in Mongolia on their journey to provide more support for vulnerable people in need. Your kindness will ensure that more of our brothers and sisters can receive the assistance they need to get back on their feet.

World Mission Sunday 19th/20th October



Freecall: 1800 257 296
catholicmission.org.au/mongolia

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