

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

weekday masses - Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 10am

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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, 30th June 2024

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

First Reading

[Wisdom 1:13-15, 2:23-24](#)

A reading from the book of Wisdom

It was the devil's envy that brought death into the world.

Death was not God's doing, he takes no pleasure in the extinction of the living. To be – for this he created all; the world's created things have health in them, in them no fatal poison can be found, and Hades holds no power on earth; for virtue is undying. Yet God did make man imperishable, he made him in the image of his own nature; it was the devil's envy that brought death into the world, as those who are his partners will discover.

Responsorial Psalm

[Ps 29:2, 4-6, 11-13, R.v.2](#)

(R). I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

1. I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me and have not let my enemies rejoice over me. O Lord, you have raised my soul from the dead, restored me to life from those who sink into the grave. (R.)

2. Sing psalms to the Lord, you who love him, give thanks to his holy name. His anger lasts but a moment: his favour through life. At night there are tears, but joy comes with dawn. (R.)

3. The Lord listened and had pity. The Lord came to my help. For me you have changed my mourning into dancing, O Lord my God, I will thank you for ever. (R)

Second Reading

[2 Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13-15](#)

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

Your abundance should supply their want.

You always have the most of everything – of faith, of eloquence, of understanding, of keenness for any cause, and the biggest share of our affection – so we expect you to put the most into this work of mercy too. Remember how generous the Lord Jesus was: he was rich, but he became poor for your sake, to make you rich out of his poverty. This does not mean that to give relief to others you ought to make things difficult for yourselves: it is a question of balancing what happens to be your surplus now against their present need, and one day they may have something to spare that will supply your own need. That is how we strike a balance: as scripture says: The man who gathered much had none too much, the man who gathered little did not go short.

Gospel

[Mark 5:21-43](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Young girl, say to you, arise.

When Jesus had crossed in the boat to the other side, a large crowd gathered round him and he stayed by the lakeside. Then one of the synagogue officials came up, Jairus by name, and seeing him, fell at his feet and pleaded with him earnestly, saying, 'My little daughter is desperately sick. Do come and lay your hands on her to make her better and save her life.' Jesus went with him and a large crowd followed him; they were pressing all round him. Now there was a woman who had suffered from a haemorrhage for twelve years; after long and painful treatment under various doctors, she had spent all she had without being any the better for it, in fact, she was getting worse. She had heard about Jesus, and

she came up behind him through the crowd and touched his cloak. 'If I can touch even his clothes,' she had told herself 'I will be well again.' And the source of the bleeding dried up instantly, and she felt in herself that she was cured of her complaint. Immediately aware that power had gone out from him, Jesus turned round in the crowd and said, 'Who touched my clothes?' His disciples said to him, 'You see how the crowd is pressing round you and yet you say, "Who touched me?"' But he continued to look all round to see who had done it. Then the woman came forward, frightened and trembling because she knew what had happened to her, and she fell at his feet and told him the whole truth. 'My daughter,' he said 'your faith has restored you to health; go in peace and be free from your complaint.' While he was still speaking some people arrived from the house of the synagogue official to say, 'Your daughter is dead: why put the Master to any further trouble?' But Jesus had overheard this remark of theirs and he said to the official, 'Do not be afraid; only have faith.' And he allowed no one to go with him except Peter and James and John the brother of James. So they came to the official's house and Jesus noticed all the commotion, with people weeping and wailing unrestrainedly. He went in and said to them, 'Why all this commotion and crying? The child is not dead, but asleep.' But they laughed at him. So he turned them all out and, taking with him the child's father and mother and his own companions, he went into the place where the child lay. And taking the child by the hand he said to her, 'Talitha, kum!' which means, 'little girl, I tell you to get up.' The little girl got up at once and began to walk about, for she was twelve years old. At this they were overcome with astonishment, and he ordered them strictly not to let anyone know about it, and told them to give her something to eat.

Next Week's Readings (6th/7th July 2024) – 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B
1st Reading: [Ezekiel 2:2-5](#) 2nd Reading: [2 Corinthians 12:7-10](#) Gospel: [Mark 6:1-6](#)

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

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/>

from the perspective

of Jairus

What a whirlwind of emotions Jairus must have gone through. His daughter was sick and getting worse but Jesus had left the region and travelled across the Sea of Galilee. Suddenly, Jairus heard that Jesus had returned! He raced to Jesus and begged him to save his daughter. What joy when Jesus set out to do so! But Jesus was slowed by the crowd and then came to a complete stop and spoke to some woman. Didn't he know this was urgent? Then the news came that the little girl was dead – no need to hurry now. Finally, unbelievable relief and joy: Jesus raises the little girl and reunites her with her parents.

Sunday Reflection...

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In the gospel, Jesus reaches deep into the world beyond life and rescues a young girl from the jaws of death. Earlier, he was jostled by the crowd and felt healing power leave him in order to restore an afflicted woman. Repeating the words of last week's gospel: Who is this man? Is this someone with whom we want to become involved? On the other hand, can we afford not to get involved with him? This is a man who can lead us to life even in the midst of death. He is someone who is interested in the well-being of everyone, even those who may not be highly valued by society – women and children, the chronically ill, those who carry the seeds of death within them.

God's graciousness toward us should prompt us to be generous toward others. What we receive as life-enhancing gifts, we must share with those in need, those to whom life has not been kind. As we have been favoured by the healing touch of God, so we must extend that same loving touch to others. The love of Christ impels us to be openhanded as we approach those in need. Following Jesus' lead, we must not only give to them, we must also allow them to take from us. At times this will require that we share material resources; at other times it might mean that our energy will be drained in our service of them. In all of this, Jesus has set the example for us to follow

gospel focus

A lesson in faith

Although Jairus obviously believed that Jesus might be able to do something to help heal his daughter, once news came that she had died he needed a strong reminder from Jesus to not be afraid and to have faith. Was it the example of the woman's faith in Jesus that gave Jairus the strength to continue to believe? When they arrive at the house the mourners laugh at Jesus and are consequently excluded from witnessing the miraculous raising. Since they don't have faith, they are not given the opportunity to witness faith in action.

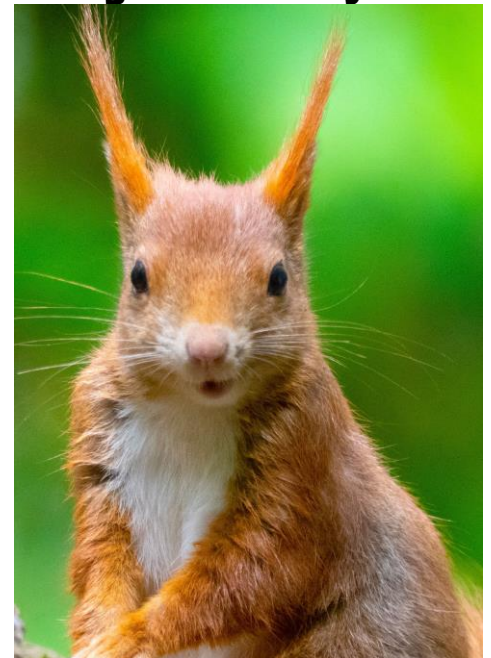


Have you thought?

What's my haemorrhage?

In the gospel story, the woman suffers a serious physical complaint – an unending flow of blood – that must have left her physically, emotionally and spiritually exhausted. For many of us there is some aspect of our lives that has an almost equally draining effect as the physical complaint of the woman. In effect, some aspect of our lives may be haemorrhaging – a constant outflow of energy and emotion that prevents us from being all that we might be. It may be an unhealthy relationship; an addiction; a lack of confidence; a grudge; a lack of emotional control.

Thought of the day.....



Please Pray For...

Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries: Michael Quinlan, June Hurst, John McDonnell, Eileen Gertrude Davis, Gloria Reedy, Kathleen McKee, Vince Mullins, Val Leenew, Phillip Williams, Carmel Burke, Cecily Kimmorley, Allan Bougoure, Carmel Randall

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...

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| Sat 29/6 | o 4.45pm Reconciliation o 6.00pm Mass |
| Sun 30/6 | o 9.30am Mass – NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY o 5.30pm Mass |
| Mon 1/7 | |
| Tue 2/7 | o 10am Mass o 10.30am Prayer Group in Quiet Room |
| Wed 3/7 | o 9am Anam Cara in the Presbytery o 10am John van Dongen Funeral Mass |
| Thu 4/7 | o 10am Mass o 10.30am Friendship & Craft Group in Quiet Room |
| Fri 5/7 | |

Date Claimers:

6th/7th July – ATSI Sunday
 14th July – 10.30am Workshop 1 for Sacrament of Reconciliation
 20th/21st July – Sea Sunday
 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

Seeking Volunteers

We are seeking 2 or 3 volunteers to distribute Communion to residents at BUPA Glenvale. For those who are ill, in hospitals or nursing homes, the reception of communion is not only a privilege but also a sign of the support and concern of their parish community. If you can commit an hour of your time once a month please contact the Parish Office on 4634 1453. All the material you need to Minister to the residents will be provided.



Ministers of The Word

The role of a Minister of the Word is more than a speaking task. Careful preparation enables them to more effectively proclaim the Word of God. Good oral communication skills are an important part of this role.

Musician/Singers

This dedicated and talented group give of their time and talent to enhance our liturgical celebrations through music. Musicians are responsible for the selection, preparation and playing of the music and preparing the PowerPoint for that Mass.

Offertory Procession

During the celebration of the Eucharist, the community's gift of bread and wine is brought forward in the Procession of Gifts.

Piety Store Assistant

These people sell gifts and books from the Piety Store and keep a record of sales before and after each weekend Mass.

Sacristan

The Sacristan ensures all sacred vessels, liturgical books, linens, oils, candles, bread and wine etc., are ready for each Liturgical celebration and for the cleaning of chalices and linens following the celebration.

Welcomers

Welcomers have the very important task of providing a warm welcome to all those coming into the church and attending to any needs or queries they may have.

Many happy returns Mary Ondrus for your special birthday on Tuesday 2nd July



| Time | Altar Servers | Welcomers | Commentary | Ministers of the Word | Offertory Procession | Extraordinary Ministers | I pad Operator | Piety Stall |
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| 6 th July at 6pm | T Kelly J Whittaker A Mendoza | Whittaker Family | G Ferguson | J Kelly B Smith | N & D Clark | H. K Walsh W. S Kelly W. E Castles | Kelly Family | D Clark |
| 7 th July at 9.30am | L Anderson J Poulton | Anderson Family | T Ryan | M Ondrus T O'Mara | Coonan Family | H. P Murphy W. C Anderson W. M McLean | M McLean | M Webb |
| 7 th July at 5.30pm | | M & J Ryan | M Whitelegg | J Ryan C Golightly | K Langdale A Bishop | H. B Stark W. J Sullivan W. J Johnston | A Hickey | V Barker |

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

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 otol.parish@bigpond.com
for catering purposes



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Australian singer and songwriter who has travelled Australia and overseas since 1985 to share his music and stories. His best known compositions include "The Beatitudes", "Fill My House", and "Where is your Song, my Lord". Fifteen CDs of Peter's songs have been published. Several of his compositions are included in the "As One Voice" hymnal.



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

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ATSI Sunday – next weekend

The theme for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday this year is "Keep the Fire Burning: Strong in Faith". We gather as one community to honour and celebrate the rich cultural heritage and contributions of our First Nations Peoples to our Australian Catholic Church. Through the prayers, reflections, and hymns included in the Liturgy, may we all be inspired to walk together in reconciliation, respect, and unity. As Pope Francis reminds us, we are called to be a Church that goes forth, embracing all cultures and peoples. Let us open our hearts to the wisdom and spirituality of our First Nations Peoples, recognising the presence of Christ in our stories and traditions. May this celebration be a moment of grace, healing, and transformation for all of us.



E NEWS UPDATE

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

WHAT'S ON AT SYCHAR

Sychar House of Prayer and Spirituality is located at 69 Margaret Street Toowoomba. [Click here to view the full schedule of what's coming up at Sychar.](#) Or see Flyers on the noticeboard.

PRAYING BEYOND WORDS

Date: 24/7/24 Wednesday

Time: 9:15am for 9:30am start - 2:30pm

[Book tickets via TryBooking](#)

Participants will be invited to recognise that prayer without words is important and relevant to us all. We will look at ways of opening to God that are not dependent on words such as stilling, praying with the body, visio divina, creative prayer etc. Reflection day facilitated by Lisbeth Raeside. [View flyer for further details.](#)

THE GRACE OF FORGIVENESS

Date: 24/8/24 Saturday

Time: 9:00am for 9:30am start - 2:30pm

[Book tickets via TryBooking](#)

The day will be a blend of input and reflection time with an opportunity towards the end of the day for group sharing. However, the accent is upon creating a contemplative space for the Spirit to work within us, and to teach us what we need to know to enter more deeply into this Mystery of forgiveness. Facilitated by Patrick Oliver. [View flyer for further details.](#)

BISHOP VINCENT PRESENTS: DR MYRIAM WIJLENS

Date: 5/8/24 Monday

Time: 6:00pm - 8:30pm

Where: Streaming online (in person St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, Parramatta)

Parramatta Diocese is delighted to invite you to their next exciting guest speaker as part of the *Bishop Vincent Presents* series: Dr Myriam Wijlens on: "The Prophetic Voice of the Laity in the Renewal of the Church".

Internationally recognised Dutch theologian, ecumenist and consultant to several Vatican bodies, Dr Myriam Wijlens will be coming to Australia as part of the "Bishop Vincent Presents" Series to deliver a free public lecture on 'The prophetic voice of the laity in the renewal of the Catholic Church.'

[For more information or to book for the live stream click here.](#)



**SEASON OF CREATION
CONVOCATION 2024**

wonder • weave • heal

Join us from Thurs 12 Sept - Sat 14 Sept to celebrate the Season of Creation in 2024. The theme of our Convocation this year is "Wonder, Weave, Heal". **Registrations CLOSE 12 August 2024**

Keynotes, workshops and spiritual exercises will be held ONLINE on Thurs and Fri and in-person at various Dioceses across the country for our Hub experiences on Saturday. Locations include: Cairns, Brisbane, Maitland-Newcastle, Broken Bay, Sydney, Bathurst, Parramatta, Canberra-Goulburn, Sandhurst, Melbourne, Perth. There will be an online option for those unable to make a hub. Our Hub experiences will include taking what we have learnt, and putting it into action.

Click [here](#) to book or go to

<https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1231165>