

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, 1st September 2024 Feast of Mary of the Southern Cross

First Reading

[Sir 51:13-18, 20-22](#)

A reading from the book of Sirach

My heart delighted in wisdom

When I was young and innocent, I sought wisdom. She came to me in her beauty, and until the end I will cultivate her. As the blossoms yielded to ripening grapes, the heart's joy, my feet kept to the level path because from earliest youth I was familiar with her. In the short time I paid heed, I met with great instruction. Since in this way I have profited, I will give my teacher grateful praise. I became resolutely devoted to her – the good I persistently strove for. For her I purified my hands; in cleanness I attained to her. At first acquaintance with her, I gained understanding such that I will never forsake her. My whole being was stirred as I learned about her; therefore I have made her my prize possession. The Lord has granted me my lips as a reward, and my tongue will declare his praises.

Responsorial Psalm

[Ps 19:8-9, 10-11, 15](#)

(R). Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.

1. The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul.
The decree of the Lord is trustworthy, giving wisdom to the simple.
The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart.
The command of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eye. (R)

2. The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever.

The statutes of the Lord are true, all of them just;
more desirable than gold,
than a hoard of purest gold,
sweeter also than honey
or drippings from the comb. (R)

3. Let the words of my mouth meet with your favour,
keep the thoughts of my heart before you,
Lord, my rock and my redeemer. (R)

Second Reading

[Romans 8:31 B-39](#)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

God did not spare his own Son

Brothers and sisters: if God is for us, who can be against us? God who did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all, how will God not also give us everything else along with his Son? Who will bring a charge against God's chosen ones? It is God who acquits us. Who will condemn? It is Christ Jesus who died, rather, was raised, who also is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will anguish, or distress, or persecution, or or nakedness, or peril, or the sword? As it is written: "For your sake we are being slain all the day; we have looked upon as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we conquer overwhelmingly through Christ Jesus who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor

present things, nor future things, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

[Matthew 2:19](#)

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed is the Virgin Mary who kept the word of God and pondered it in her heart.

Alleluia!

Gospel

[John 19:25-27](#)

A Reading from the holy Gospel according to John

There by the cross of Jesus stood his mother.

Standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary of Magdala. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son." Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his home.



Next Week's Readings (7th/8th Sept 2024) – 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B

1st Reading: [Isaiah 35:4-7](#)

2nd Reading: [James 2:1-5](#)

Gospel: [Mark 7:31-37](#)

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 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, 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/>

GOSPEL FOCUS

The things within

We live in a culture that is very quick to lay blame on external factors; some people are very reluctant to accept responsibility for their own actions and look for opportunities to distance themselves from feelings of guilt or even regret. Jesus makes it very clear that evil intentions – the things that make a person 'unclean' – actually come from within. He presents a confronting list of the things that come from within and we may be able to add others relevant to our own time. In our culture of no personal responsibility, Jesus challenges us to rethink just where the buck does stop.

Sunday Reflection...

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The overarching theme of the readings for the 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time is 'words spoken in truth'. On one level, the laws are the words of the covenant. They are part of the contract that was drawn up between God and the people. They are words of truth, because they are the reliable revelation of God and because they genuinely reflect righteous living. The biblical covenant laws are truly humane. Obedience to the words of the covenant leads to life and blessings, while disobedience results in the opposite. Our religious customs always carry some profound religious meaning, but we may not know or care what it is – and yet we perform them. Do people know or care why we stand or sit or kneel during liturgy? Do people have a 'church' wedding because it is a religious event, or because 'that's the way we have always done it'? Religious practices do not always flow from a deep religious conviction. But once we realise our need for God, these practices become genuine expressions of religious sentiment. When the word of God has taken root in us, everything becomes a religious practice. This word can come to us through the teachings of our faith, through the example of good people around us, through the wonder and mystery of creation. When it does take hold of us, our inner eye is opened, our hearts are softened, and we turn instinctively to God like a flower turns to the sun. When we are brought to birth in this way, covenant law becomes sacred, religious practices are cherished, and we are filled with the power that saves.

HISTORICAL CONTEXT

Pharisees

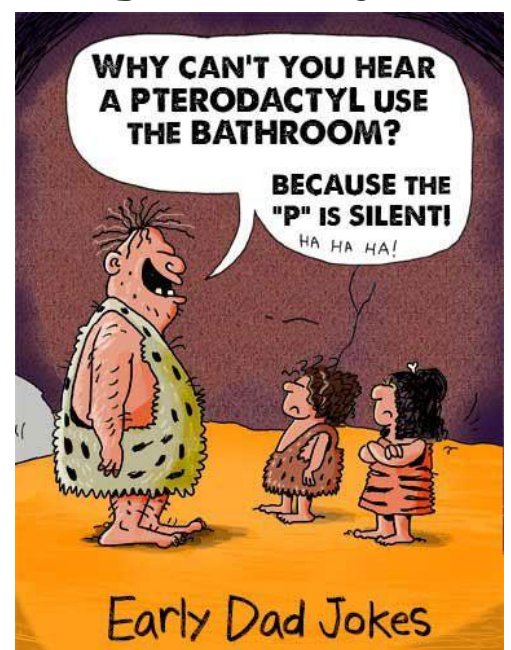
Pharisees were mostly lay men (i.e. generally not Priests) who were characterised by a strict observance of the Torah as well as an oral tradition of teaching and interpretation. They believed that the Torah required interpretation – by engaging in this interpretation they participated in God's ongoing revelation. They also had a strong belief that all Jewish people were called to be a priestly people. This belief naturally put them at odds with the Priests of the Temple. After the destruction of the Temple in 70 CE, the teachings of the Pharisees gained prominence and eventually developed into Rabbinic Judaism that continues today.

SCRIPTURAL CONTEXT

Mark's Audience

It is widely believed that the Gospel of Mark was written for a predominantly Greek-speaking, Gentile audience. Today's gospel passage is a perfect example of literary evidence that has been used to establish this position. The gospel writer clearly explains the Jewish practice of washing to the elbows before eating and ritual cleansing upon return from the marketplace where they would have encountered Gentiles. Obviously, a Jewish audience would not need this explanation. This practice of looking for information about the author and their audience within the text itself is a form of Literary Criticism.

Thought of the day.....



Please Pray For...

Recent Deaths: Anne Fleming, Joan Grant

Anniversaries: Vincent Pauli, Marshall Hassell, Harry Dyson, Jessica Hall, Noela VonHoff, Max Elmes, Desmond Reardon, Marjorie Ridgewell, Joan Dwan, Raymond Gable, Edward (Ted) Gill, James (Jimmy) Madden, Leo O'Shea, Joan Palmero, Pat O'Mara, Raymond Stein, Ellen Kearney, Philomena Sleba, Eroni Vakaci, Fr Mervyn Ziesing, Edward Kelly DD, Fr Sydney Kattie

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, 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

Parish News...

Sat 31/8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o 4.45pm Reconciliation o 6.00pm Mass
Sun 1/9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o 9.30am Mass including Children's Liturgy o 4.30pm JAM Session o 5.30pm Mass
Mon 2/9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o 3.30pm practice for First Reconciliation in church o Parish Council Meeting 6.30pm in Quiet Room
Tue 3/9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o 10am Mass o 10.30am Prayer Group in Quiet Room o 7pm Sacrament of First Reconciliation
Wed 4/9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o 9am Anam Cara in the Presbytery o 10am Mass o 7pm Baptism Information Session
Thu 5/9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o 10am Liturgy of the Word o 10.30am Friendship & Craft Group in Quiet Room
Fri 6/9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o 11.30am Funeral Mass for Anne Fleming

Date Claimers

7th/8th September – Safeguarding Sunday
 10th September – Glenvale Villas Liturgy
 28th/29th September – Migrant and Refugee Sunday
 13th October – Annual Parish Family Mass

Do you speak a language other than English?

The Liturgy Group is looking for people who speak a language other than English to read the Welcome and/or Prayers of the Faithful for the Refugee & Migrant Sunday celebrations on the weekend of 28th/29th September. If you're interested, please phone the Parish Office on 4634 1453.

Flick and Tick - Reminder

Please remember to complete the [Flick and Tick Form](#) at your earliest convenience. Paper copies are also available at the back of the church. Click here for the [Guide to Parish Ministry](#). St Mary of the Cross MacKillop says "God loves generous souls. Let us try to be the generous ones".



Fr Quinlan's Holidays

Fr Quinlan will be taking a well-earned break from Monday 2nd Sep through to Friday 27th Sep. We welcome Fr Costigan to our parish to celebrate Mass with us on Wednesdays and over the weekends. A Liturgy of the Word will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Father's Day Prayer

We would like to wish all Dads, Grandads and Father-figures a very special Father's Day.

A PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN FATHERS

*Heavenly Father,
 you entrusted your Son Jesus,
 the child of Mary,
 to the care of Joseph, an earthly father.
 Bless all fathers
 as they care for their families.
 Give them strength and wisdom,
 tenderness and patience;
 support them in the work they have to do,
 protecting those who look to them,
 as we look to you for love and salvation,
 through Jesus Christ our rock and defender.
 Amen*

Time	Altar Servers	Welcomers	Commentary	Ministers of the Word	Offertory Procession	Extraordinary Ministers	I pad Operator	Piety Stall
7 th Sept at 6pm	T Kelly J Whittaker	B Witham G Schoorl	L Borger	B Witham R Jayawardhana	R Campbell M Cushway	H. R O'Brien W. B Witham W. D Clark	C Juillerat	W Hoopert
8 th Sept at 9.30am	E Young L Anderson	P & J Gleeson	T Ryan	C Rawlinson K Kruger	O'Mara Family	H. Cleber Dias W. C Anderson W. M McLean	L Dwan	A Suhr
8 th Sept at 5.30pm		D & M Stark	W Beeston	M Whitelegg J Michel	G Doherty K Uprichard	H. C Golightly W. M Whitelegg W. R Johnston	Daniel Salty	M Stark

Retired Priests' Appeal

Each year on the Father's Day weekend a special appeal is held to raise funds to support the work of The Toowoomba Diocese's Priests' Retirement Foundation. The overall purpose of the Priests' Retirement Foundation is to provide personal and practical support to retired and/or sick priests of our Diocese and provide the salary and related expenses for the Diocesan Clergy Health Nurse. Even in retirement, most priests will continue to serve the community by celebrating weekend Masses and assisting in schools and aged care facilities. Income to cover these expenses comes from occasional donations, annual contributions from priests of our Diocese, parish and diocesan contributions, this appeal and occasional very welcome bequests.

As a Diocese it is our responsibility to look after the financial needs of our retired and sick priests, so we ask for your generous support of the 2024 appeal.

Envelopes can be found on the tables at the entrances to the church. Alternatively you may wish to [donate now online via secure payment](#) or via Electronic Funds Transfer to BSB: 084961 Acc No: 653097284 Ref: PRF Appeal + your name (eg. PRF Appeal Smith J) *All donations over \$2 are tax deductible.*

On behalf of the Retired and Sick Priests of our Diocese –
THANK YOU!



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Season of Creation Weekly Contemplations

Jesuit and Ignation Spirituality Australia are offering free weekly contemplations via email for the Season of Creation. There are five contemplations over five weeks to help you pause, heal and sustain your relationship with Earth, and with God in Earth. You are invited to immerse your senses amongst conferences of God's creation...with stones, winds, waters, trees and birds. Click [here](#) to register.

Feast of Mary of the Southern Cross– 1st Sept

The first celebration of the Feast of Mary of the Southern Cross, as the Diocese has chosen to refer to it, took place on 1 September 1999. A day of solemnity across the Diocese, the date is significant to our Diocese for many reasons. It is the anniversary of the taking possession of the Cathedral by our first bishop, James Byrne. It is also eight days before the Feast of the Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary and therefore would create an octave. It is the first day of Spring, and no other feast is celebrated in Australia on this day. The title of Mary of the Southern Cross is one that acknowledges that God has ever been watching over this Great Southern Land of the Holy Spirit. The Southern Cross, a sign of hope, has hung in our sky since before any person walked this ancient land. Mary was one of the few who stood before the Cross of Christ and is therefore well qualified to be honoured with the title of Mary of the Southern Cross. As a rural diocese the night sky dazzles with a spectacular view of the stars making the use of the Southern Cross even more appropriate. The Southern Cross is also a pointer of direction just as Mary was a pointer to her Son, the Way, at Cana.

NEWS UPDATE

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

CARNIVAL OF FLOWERS AT ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL

Date: 13-16/9/24 Friday to Monday

Time: 9:00am to 5:00pm daily

Where: St Patrick's Cathedral Tmba

All are welcome to come and experience the cathedral in an explosion of colour! Displays created by local Catholic schools and ministries exploring the theme "One Earth, One Community".

PRIESTS RETIREMENT FOUNDATION: FATHERS' DAY APPEAL

Date: 1/9/24 Sunday

Each year on Fathers' Day, we ask parishioners to support our "Fathers" - our beloved clergy. The Priests Retirement Foundation provides assistance such as social welfare, maintenance, necessities of life and relief from poverty as priests may need in infirmity, sickness, incapacity, old age or other necessitous circumstances. [Donate here](#) [QR Code](#)

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SEASON OF CREATION DEVOTIONAL

Queensland Churches Environmental Network (QCEN), a commission of QCT have produced a Season of Creation Devotional. The devotional will be available as an app, pdf and printed book. The new Season of creation Devotional contains a reflection, prayer and verse for each day of Season of Creation. The devotions are illustrated by beautiful photographs featuring the A

ustralian landscape, flora and fauna.

About the Devotional

The devotional was developed by Queensland Churches Environmental Network (QCEN). QCEN sought contributions from a wide range of people, from different denominations and backgrounds, from all over Australia. The variety gives the devotions an incredible depth. At the same time, although each devotion is different, they all manage to portray a sense of awe at the wonder of creation. The devotions remind the reader of the interconnectedness of creation, of the peace we can feel when being in nature, and the beauty that is all around us.

How to Access the Devotional

By App using the Apple Store or through the Google Store - **Free**, just search for Season of Creation. By PDF through the QCT website – **Free go to**

<https://qct.org.au/images/QCEN/SoCDevotionsScreenVersion.pdf>

In printed form – a limited number of books have been printed and are available for \$10 each plus

