



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, 3rd August 2025 Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C

First Reading

Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23

A reading from the book of Ecclesiastes
What do people gain by all their work?

Vanity of vanities, the Preacher says. Vanity of vanities. All is vanity! For so it is that a man who has laboured wisely, skilfully and successfully must leave what is his own to someone who has not toiled for it at all. This, too, is vanity and great injustice; for what does he gain for all the toil and strain that he has undergone under the sun? What of all his laborious days, his cares of office, his restless nights? This, too, is vanity.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 89:3-6. 12-14. 17. R. v.1

(R.) In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

1. You turn men back into dust and say: 'Go back, sons of men.' To your eyes a thousand years are like yesterday, come and gone, no more than a watch in the night. (R.)

2. You sweep men away like a dream, like grass which springs up in the morning. In the morning it springs up and flowers: by evening it withers and fades. (R.)

3 Make us know the shortness of our life that we may gain wisdom of heart. Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever? Show pity to your servants. (R.)

4. In the morning, fill us with your love; we shall exult and rejoice all our days. Let the favour of the Lord be upon us: give success to the work of our hands. (R.)

Second Reading

Colossians 3:1-5. 9-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

Seek the things that are above where Christ is.

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him. That is why you must kill everything in you that belongs only to earthly life: fornication, impurity, guilty passion, evil desires and especially greed, which is the same thing as worshipping a false god; and never tell each other lies. You have stripped off your old behaviour with your old self, and you have put on a new self which will progress towards true knowledge the more it is renewed in the image of its creator; and in that image there is no room for distinction between Greek and Jew, between the circumcised or the uncircumcised, or between barbarian and Scythian, slave and free man. There is only Christ: he is everything and he is in everything.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 5:3

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 12:13-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

To whom will all this wealth of yours go?

A man in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Master, tell my brother to give me a share of our inheritance.' 'My friend,' he replied, 'who appointed me your judge, or the arbitrator of your claims?' Then he said to them, 'Watch, and be on your guard against avarice of any kind, for a man's life is not made secure by what he owns, even when he has more than he needs.' Then he told them a parable: 'There was once a rich man who, having had a good harvest from his land, thought to himself, "What am I to do? I have not enough room to store my crops." Then he said, "This is what I will do; I will pull down my barns and build bigger ones, and store all my grain and my goods in them, and I will say to my soul: My soul, you have plenty of good things laid by for many years to come; take things easy, eat, drink, have a good time." But God said to him, "Fool! This very night the demand will be made for your soul; and this hoard of yours, whose will it be then?" So it is when a man stores up treasure for himself in place of making himself rich in the sight of God.'



Next Week's Readings (9th/10th Aug 2025) – Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

1st Reading: Wisdom 18:6-9 2nd Reading: Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19 Gospel: Luke 12:32-48

Parish Activities

ANAM CARA – Wednesday 9.00am in the Presbytery

BAPTISM information mornings are held on the 1st Sunday of the month. Please phone the office if you wish to attend.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY - 9.45am 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 9:45am 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 at 10am every Tuesday in the Quiet Room.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL – meet the 1st Monday of each month at 6.30pm in the Presbytery Meeting Room.

SOCIAL JUSTICE - meet 1st Sunday of the month at 10:45am 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, Jeni Bonell, Jessica Ramos, Emma Dever, Melissa McLean, Julie Whittaker, Peter Castles, Georgina Humphrys, Brandon Joseph, 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. If you have any concerns about the safety of children, young people and adults at risk please contact our Parish Safeguarding Representatives, Sue Whitelegg or Jo and Ray Johnston on **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

Do not worry

This parable and teaching about the love of wealth is followed up by Jesus telling his disciples not to worry about what they will eat and what they will wear. He invites them to look to the birds of the air and flowers of the fields. God provides them with all that they need. Jesus tells his disciples to seek the kingdom and all the other necessities of life will be given to them as well. Rather than focusing on accumulating wealth as the rich man in today's parable, Jesus reassures his disciples that if they focus their lives on the kingdom they will have all that they need.

Sunday Reflection...

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Both the first reading and the psalm response speak about the transitoriness of life. Life is all we have and it is so fragile, so fleeting. When we realise this, we may fear that in the end we will have nothing to show for our lives. Such thoughts show that we have not learned the most basic lesson of life – life is to be lived!

The goods of the earth are both good and essential for survival and advancement. However, they do not satisfy the deepest longings of the human spirit. They provide us with pleasure and challenge, but they cannot shield us from the transitoriness of life itself. In the face of such impermanence, they are ultimately worthless. Life itself is the far greater good; goods only enhance life.

Recognising the transitoriness of life and the vanity of goods, we come to see that the only reality worthy of our total commitment is our relationship with God in Christ. Though made of dust and thus subject to perishability, we are joined with Christ and are promised imperishability. Having died to the vanities of this world, having taken off our old selves with their evil desires, we can now live as a new self, in generosity rather than greed, with openness to others rather than religious or gender or social biases. In our commitment to Christ we will discover that we can transform what is transitory in life by giving it away in love. If we can live in this way, life is anything but vanity!



Have you thought? Greed is good!

A crucial aspect of prayer is the attitude with which we view God. We trust in God's character that it is not a pointless exercise to ask for something. We trust that God is even more loving than a parent who tries to give their child what they need. If we did not make these basic assumptions about God, there would be little point in prayer. When our prayer lives falter at times, perhaps we need to first check out our relationship with God and our attitude towards God before trying to 'fix' the ways we pray.

Living the Gospel

This hoard of yours...

Our modern society is particularly dominated by a mindset of accumulating more than we might ever need. The saying 'Whoever has the most toys, wins' holds more than just a shred of truth for many people. Our consumerist lifestyle nurtures the desire to accumulate more and more 'stuff'. Every time we turn on the television there is a new 'must have' gadget. We talk about built-in obsolescence of manufactured goods and every new technological device makes older models redundant so that we feel we constantly have to 'up-grade'. How would we answer God's question, "so this hoard of yours, whose will it be then?"

Thought of the week...



Please Pray For...

Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries: (1st – 7th Aug) John Francis Roessler, Kathleen May Roessler, Cec Curr, Ron Green, Tom Arnell, Veronica Paul, Lesley Golightly, Kevin Boland, Rev Fr Peter Schultz, Rev Fr Mark Cosgrove

Those Who Are Sick: Peter Hickey, Kathie Ober, Brian Reardon, Van Vu, Eileen Reedy, Kevin Arnott, Carmel Green, Jasmine Fletcher, Margaret Conrick, Hazel Soriano, Tim & Olivia Zvirblis, Audrey Bentley, Yvonne Oliveiro, Gregory and Genia Casey, Noel Lipp, Michael (Micky) Lynch, Carmel & Ron O'Brien, Lillian Roberts, Brian Thomson, Peggy Thies, John Axtell, Noel O'Mara, Mick O'Mara, Patrick Wright

August Birthdays: Maria Morcom, Ashley Coonan, Sr Mary Cleary, Joan MacGinley, Terry McGovern, Ros Coonan, Carlos DeSilva, Pat O'Sullivan, Abbie Jones, Simon Ferguson, Sarah Kelly

Parish News...

Sat 2/8	o 6.30pm Mass
Sun 3/8	o 9.45am Mass (Teachers' Mass) o 10.30am Baptism prep in the Presbytery
Mon 4/8	
Tue 5/8	o 10am Liturgy of the Word o 10.30am Prayer Group in the Quiet Room
Wed 6/8	o 9am Anam Cara in the Presbytery o 6.30pm SPRED
Thu 7/8	o 10am Mass o 10.30 am Craft Group in the Quiet Room
Fri 8/8	o 10.15am Prayer Celebration for St Mary of the Cross MacKillop (Prep – Yr 3)

Date Claimers:

3rd–10th Aug – Vocations Awareness Week
 10th August – 2nd Sacramental Workshop at 10.45am
 12th August – Glenvale Villas Visitation
 15th August – 11.15am Mass for The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 17th August – Morning Tea for Fr BJ Perrett
 18th August – BUPA Visitation

Homelessness Week 2025

Homelessness Week 2025 will be held from Monday 4th August to Sunday 10th August and aims to raise awareness of the impact of homelessness, the solutions needed to end homelessness, and advocate for change via national and local community events, media and social media activities. This year's theme is "Homelessness Action Now". Click [here](#) for more information.



OLOL 75th Anniversary in 2026

All interested parishioners are invited to form a sub-committee to plan and celebrate the OLOL 75th anniversary in 2026. If you'd like to help shape our 75th year of faith and service, please contact the Parish Office on 4634 1453 or email ourladyoflourdesparish@twb.catholic.org.au

OLOL Staff Thank You Mass – This Sunday

The theme for Catholic Education Week this year is Communities of Faith, Hope and Love. This theme captures the essence of what it means to be part of a Catholic School community. Faith ignites growth. Hope fuels support. Love welcomes all. Together these pillars nurture students' spirits, empower teachers, and embrace families, creating a vibrant learning community where everyone thrives. At the 9.45am Mass this Sunday 3rd August the parish will acknowledge and celebrate the dedication of all those involved in Education within the diocese especially of our school and parish community.

Morning tea will follow the Mass so please bring a plate to share if you can.



Special Celebrations for the Missionary Sisters of Service

On the 15th August, Sr Mary Cleary and Sr Nancy Doyle will celebrate 60 years since they made their first profession and Sr Margaret Windsham and Sr Cecilia Bailey will celebrate 70 years since they joined the MSS. We pray that God's loving grace, which you bestowed on so many while serving families in remote parts of Queensland, will be yours in abundance. Happy celebrating ladies. We will keep you all in our prayers.

Birthday Wishes

Congratulations and best wishes to Carmel O'Brien who turned 80 on the 31st July and to Sr Mary Cleary who celebrates her 85th Birthday on the 3rd August. May you both be blessed with an abundance of peace and joy today and always. Happy Birthday Carmel and Sr Mary!



Safeguarding Young People

Australian Catholic Safeguarding Ltd is holding a free webinar "Recognising online coercive control in young people's lives" on Tuesday 5th August 1.30pm to 2.30pm. Click [here](#) for more information and to register.

Date	Altar Servers	Welcomers	Commentary	Ministers of the Word	Offertory Procession	Extraordinary Ministers	Ipad Operator	Piety Stall
9 th Aug at 6.30pm		Hoopert Family	B Witham	R O'Brien J Wilson	M & M Quinn	H. K Ober W. G Ferguson W. D Clark	J Soriano	J Sullivan
10 th Aug at 9.45am		Anderson Family	M Ondrus	T O'Mara T Ryan	A Suhr K Langdale	H. S Rosentreter W. B Denny W. A Cournane	J Anderson	A Suhr

Weekly Spotlight on our Parish Groups and Mass Ministries

Liturgy Part 1

Aged Care Facilities

BUPA Glenvale, Glenvale Villas and Village Court Gardens are aged care facilities situated in our parish and members of our community visit, prepare and provide Liturgy of the Word or Holy Communion on a regular basis linking the residents to the wider faith community. They also arrange for the residents to receive the Sacrament of Anointing twice a year.

Children's Liturgy Assistant

This person acts as a support for the Children's Liturgy leader and the children. No experience or active participation is necessary, however you must hold a current Blue Card (the Parish Office can support you with this) and be familiar with the Diocesan Safeguarding Policies.

Children's Liturgy Leaders

Children's Liturgy is held on Sunday mornings during school terms at the 9.45am Mass and is designed for children between Prep and Year 4. The aim is to gather the children in a separate space to celebrate Liturgy in a way that is more appropriate to their level of understanding and enable the children to take a more conscious and active part in the liturgical celebration. Activities include hearing the scripture and celebrating it through craft, drawing, drama and song. A current Blue Card or exemption card is necessary.

National Vocation Awareness Week

National Vocation Awareness Week (3rd Aug to 10th Aug) is dedicated to inviting all Catholics to reflect on God's call in their lives. It is a crucial opportunity to promote the importance of vocations and discernment in the Church, allowing people to explore their calling, and encourage their next step in following the call of God. How will you respond to God's call this week? How will you encourage others in their call? For more information click [here](#).

Prayer for Vocations

God our Father, You created us with a specific purpose for life; this is vocation. Please help us to hear, understand, and follow Your call with our whole hearts, especially when it seems most difficult. We ask that You inspire people whom You call to the priesthood and consecrated life to courageously follow Your will.

Send workers into Your great harvest
so that the Gospel is preached,
the poor are served with love,
the suffering are comforted,

and Your people are strengthened by the sacraments.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



ENEWS UPDATE

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

VOCATIONS PANEL

Date: 4/8/25 Monday **Time:** 6:15pm **Where:** Micah Centre, Tmba Catholic Schools Office Neil St Tmba

Veritas is hosting a Vocations Panel following Mass next door at St Patrick's Cathedral. Discerning? Curious? Simply interested in hearing others' story? Come for the surprise guest speakers! All are warmly welcome to attend.

ABRAHAMIC FAITHS GATHERING

Date: 6/8/25 Wednesday **Time:** 5:45pm

Where: Garden City Mosque, 217 West Street Tmba

Organised by the Downs & Toowoomba Churches Together, the evening will begin with a short presentation by each faith group on "How do we show love?". A light dinner will follow.

[See flyer for details.](#)

WEBINAR: CONVERSATIONS ON HOPE

Date: 14/8/25 Thursday **Time:** 12:30pm-1:30pm

Where: Online

Cost: Free, [register via Humanitix](#)

Together with NCLS Research, Tearfund Australia has conducted the Global Hope Project, surveying Australians on their experiences of hope over time.

In this hour-long lunchtime webinar, you'll discover:

- Latest national research on Australians' views and experiences of hope
- Reflections on the applications and insights of these findings
- Stories from guest practitioners as they share insights and learnings

The speakers will be Dr Ruth Powell, Director of NCLS Research, who will present the latest data from the Australian Community Survey, and a guest speaker from Tearfund, who will offer reflections on how these findings can inform ministry and mission.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE 2025 SPRED APPEAL

We are so grateful for the incredible support shown by the community during this year's SPRED Appeal. Thanks to your generosity, we've achieved one of our strongest fundraising outcomes in recent years, helping us continue to grow and support inclusive religious education.

👉 More donors joined us this year

✉ Contributions came from both online and postal channels

👤 Thousands engaged with our stories and updates on our socials

Your kindness and commitment make a real difference. Whether you donated, shared a post, or helped spread the word - thank you for being part of the SPRED family.

CARITAS AUSTRALIA: PRAY FOR GAZA

On a daily basis, we are all hearing reports of the ongoing humanitarian crisis in Gaza that has claimed over 58,000 lives to date, with tens of thousands more wounded or missing under rubble. The situation continues to deteriorate at an alarming rate, with severe shortages of food, safe drinking water, and emergency shelter. Gaza is the most dangerous place in the world for children. Over 13,000 children have been killed. Caritas is calling for an immediate and permanent ceasefire. Pope Leo XIV encourages us, "one and all, to build bridges through dialogue and encounter, joining together as one people, always at peace". If you are able to support Caritas Australia's Gaza Appeal, please donate online at www.caritas.org.au/gaza or phone 1800 024 413