



Welcome to OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH

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Weekday Liturgy of The Word/Mass – Tuesday and Thursday 10am

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We would like to acknowledge the Gialal and Jarowair peoples, Traditional Owners of this land and pay our respects to their Elders past and present.

Sunday, 5th October 2025 Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C

First Reading

[Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4](#)

A reading from the prophet Habakkuk

The just will live by faithfulness.

How long, Lord, am I to cry for help while you will not listen; to cry 'Oppression!' in your ear and you will not save? Why do you set injustice before me, why do you look on where there is tyranny? Outrage and violence, this is all I see, all is contention, and discord flourishes. Then the Lord answered and said, 'Write the vision down, inscribe it on tablets to be easily read, since this vision is for its own time only: eager for its own fulfilment, it does not deceive; if it comes slowly, wait, for come it will, without fail. See how he flags, he whose soul is not at rights, but the upright man will live by his faithfulness.'

Responsorial Psalm

[Ps 94:1-2. 6-9. R. v.8](#)

(R.) If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us. Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord. (R.)

2. Come in; let us bow and bend low; let us kneel before the God who made us for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand. (R.)

3. O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert when your fathers put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work.' (R.)

Second Reading

[2 Timothy 1:6-8. 13-14](#)

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

Never be ashamed of witnessing the Lord.

I am reminding you to fan into a flame the gift that God gave you when I laid my hands on you. God's gift was not a spirit of timidity, but the Spirit of power, and love, and self-control. So you are never to be ashamed of witnessing to the Lord, or ashamed of me for being his prisoner; but with me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God. Keep as your pattern the sound teaching you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. You have been trusted to look after something precious; guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

Gospel Acclamation

[1 Peter 1:25](#)

Alleluia, alleluia!

The word of the Lord stands for ever; it is the word given to you, the Good News.

Alleluia!

Gospel

[Luke 17:5-10](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

If you had faith!

The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith.' The Lord replied, 'Were your faith the size of a mustard seed you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea", and it would obey you. 'Which of you, with a servant ploughing or minding sheep, would say to him when he returned from the fields, "Come and have your meal immediately"? Would he not be more likely to say, "Get my supper laid; make yourself tidy and wait on me while I eat and drink. You can eat and drink yourself afterwards"? Must he be grateful to the servant for doing what he was told? So with you: when you have done all you have been told to do, say, "We are merely servants: we have done no more than our duty."'

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"Be uprooted and planted in the sea" and it would obey you.'

Luke 17:6

Next Week's Readings (11th/12th Oct 2025) – Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

1st Reading: [2 Kings 5:14-17](#) 2nd Reading: [2 Timothy 2:8-13](#) Gospel: [Luke 17:11-19](#)

Parish Activities

ANAM CARA – Wednesday 9.00am in the Presbytery

BAPTISM information mornings are held on the 1st Sunday of the month at 10.45am. 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 in the Quiet Room at the Church every Thursday after the 10am Mass.

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 1pm in the Presbytery.

LOURDES PRAYER GROUP - meet in the Quiet Room every Tuesday after the 10am Liturgy of The Word.

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 at 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/>

Historical Context

Servants & Slaves

When speaking about doing what is expected, Jesus uses the image of a servant or slave. Whilst this image may be a difficult one for us, Jesus is simply using an image that would have held meaning to his audience. The sense of doing what is expected without anticipating acclaim was best captured in the time by talking about a servant or slave. This does not suggest that Jesus condoned the practice of slavery or servitude – they were just cultural norms at the time. When Jesus spoke about these matters it was only to ensure that slave and servants were treated fairly.

Sunday Reflection...

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In our struggles to be faithful disciples, we frequently must endure periods when we feel abandoned by God. When we have been intent on serving God with genuine devotion, such times are particularly trying, for one would expect that God would not withdraw consolations. When this happens, the broken heart and the strained spirit cry out to God in complaint: How long? Why? We have all been worn down by life, tempted to give up, too weary to go on.

Faith in God is a gift for which we pray. It enables us to accomplish marvellous feats; with it we can move mountains. As unprofitable servants, we do not earn it; we have no right to claim it as our own. We are the ones from whom faithful service will be expected. We will be sent to plough the fields and tend the sheep. We will be called to serve at table.

The faith that is ours has been mediated to us through the community. We have heard about God and about Jesus from others, from our parents and families, from our teachers and those who preach, from those with whom we work and play. Faith comes from God, but through the mediation of the community. Timothy received faith from his mother and grandmother. It was strengthened in him through the imposition of Paul's hands and through his preaching of the word of God. Furthermore, what Paul taught had first been handed down to him from those who preceded him.

Scriptural Context

A lesson for the disciples

For the last few months, in the Sunday gospel readings, we have been working our way through the second half of the gospel of Luke. From the end of chapter 9 onwards, the gospel charts the journey of Jesus towards Jerusalem. Throughout this journey, Jesus teaches his disciples and attempts to prepare them for his departure and their need to step up and take on his ministry. Today's passage is an example of this instruction to the disciples. Jesus makes clear that they are being called to give their lives to faith in service of others without expecting any return – just as Jesus does!

Gospel Focus

Faith

The disciples ask Jesus to increase their faith, but their question – and the reply given by Jesus – does not make clear the faith that they want increased. Is it their faith in God; their faith in themselves; or their faith in the people they are called to serve? The response by Jesus suggests that, in fact, it is faith in all these things. Faith in God and faith in self are intrinsically linked and Jesus makes plain to the disciples that this faith must find its expression in selfless service to others.

Thought of the week...



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

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Annual Parish Family Mass next weekend

Our annual Parish Family Mass will be held next weekend at the 9.45am Mass. This is an opportunity for all members of our community, new and old, to come together as one. A warm welcome is extended to all. Morning Tea will follow in the McMorro Centre (school hall) after Mass.

Please bring a plate to share if you can.

Setup will be at 8am in the school hall. Please come along and lend a hand

Please note: There will be no 6.30pm Mass on the 11th October.



Accommodation needed

If you or someone you know has a Granny Flat or other accommodation available for rent, please contact the Parish Office on 4634 153.

Accommodation available

St Vincent's Care Services (Lourdes Home), 227 Spring Street, Toowoomba, has a vacant independent unit for rent. The individual must be on the full pension and self-sufficient, even with in home care services attending. For further information, please call Leanne at SVCS on (07) 4592 6900.

Pope Francis' Monthly Prayer Intention for October

For collaboration between different religious traditions

Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice, and human fraternity.

Season of Creation

As the Season of Creation draws to a close, let us continue to explore actions we can take, both big and small, for the flourishing and protection of creation. Let us commit to prayer, reflection, conversations and action for the protection of creation and climate justice within our homes and communities.

Key Themes and Concepts:

Sacredness of Creation:

Viewing the universe not as a commodity but as a divine gift, a communion of subjects, and an expression of God's presence.

Ecological Conversion:

A necessary shift from a mindset of dominion and exploitation to one of love, reverence, and care for all of creation.

Interconnectedness:

Understanding the delicate and interlocking relationships between all parts of the Earth and recognizing humanity's integral role within this system.

Stewardship and Responsibility:

Acknowledging the Christian responsibility to act as stewards of the Earth, caring for it as an act of discipleship and reflecting God's love.

Addressing the Cry of Creation:

Responding to the ecological crisis and the suffering of the planet through prayer, action, and renewed commitment.



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

FILIPINO MASS HONORING STS PEDRO CALUNGSOD AND LORENZO RUIZ

Date: 4/10/25 Saturday **Time:** 11:00am

Where: St Patrick's Cathedral Toowoomba

All are welcome to join the 3rd year anniversary of the Filipino Mass in honour of Sts. Pedro Calungsod & Lorenzo Ruiz. Mass will be in English, and Morning Tea follows.

**** Note** Mass for Jubilee of Migrants at St Thomas More's is 5 October at 8:30am

CARITAS SERVICE FOR THE HOLY LAND

Date: 07/10/25 Tuesday **Time:** 12:00pm AEST

Where: Online via Zoom, [register for link here.](#)

Caritas Australia will host a Virtual Service of Remembrance on Tuesday, October 7th, marking two years since the escalation of conflict in the Holy Land, honouring all lives lost and praying for those still suffering.

The service will include prayers for peace and solidarity with those affected by the ongoing humanitarian crisis in Gaza. Attendees are encouraged to share a simple meal -such as rice, bread, and tea - after the service, in solidarity with those experiencing food insecurity.

Three Ways to Act:

- [Pray](#), during the service or in your own time
- [Write to your MP](#), urging action for peace and humanitarian support
- [Give to our Gaza Appeal](#), to support urgent relief efforts

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JUBILEE OF ORDINATION MASS

Date: 22/10/25 Wednesday **Time:** 11:00am

Where: St Patrick's Cathedral Toowoomba

All are warmly welcomed to attend Mass to recognise the ordination anniversaries of Fr Vince Carroll MSC (60 years), Fr Hermi Rafada PACEM and Fr Nandana Saparamadu (both 25 years). This special Mass is an opportunity to celebrate the ongoing service of these men to our community. Mass will be live-streamed via the diocese's website. (Please note lunch following is a private event)

MELBOURNE CUP HIGH TEA: THE DIGNITY PROJECT

Date: 2/11/25 Sunday **Time:** 2:00pm-4:30pm

Where: St Anthony's Parish Centre, Memory St Tmba

Cost: Entry via donation.

RSVP: 28/10/25 via justice@twb.catholic.org.au or 46361737 or 46130895

All welcome, bring your friends! Join us for a **fun afternoon of entertainment with trivia, multi-draw raffle, phantom call with sweep and more.** All money raised will go to support the Dignity Project, which helps refugees and asylum seekers living in the Toowoomba area. **High tea provided. Bar to purchase drinks.** **** All donations to multi-draw raffle gratefully accepted.**

OCTOBER: ROSARY FOR PEACE

With the October 7 feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, the Catholic Church traditionally dedicates the whole month to praying the Rosary. Pope Leo XIV has asked Catholics worldwide to pray the Rosary for peace in war-torn lands in October, the month the Church dedicates to the Holy Rosary. [Read more in CathNews.](#)

Public Rosary in the Park

Holy Rosary, Litany of Our Lady, short Adoration, Benediction. Sat 11th Oct 2pm-4pm in The Rose Garden, Sacred Heart Parish, Cnr North & Tor Sts, Wilsonton. Please bring a hat/umbrella and a chair or cushion if needed. If it is raining, we will meet at Sacred Heart Church. Contacts: Ann 0432 421 962/ Emilie 0420 542 508