



Welcome to OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH

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Weekday Mass - 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, 6th July 2025 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday – Year C

First Reading

Isaiah 66:10-14

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

I will send toward Jerusalem peace like a river.

Rejoice, Jerusalem, be glad for her, all you who love her! Rejoice, rejoice for her, all you who mourned her! That you may be suckled, filled, from her consoling breast, that you may savour with delight her glorious breasts. For thus says the Lord: Now towards her I send flowing peace, like a river, and like a stream in spate the glory of the nations. At her breast will her nurslings be carried and fondled in her lap. Like a son comforted by his mother will I comfort you. And by Jerusalem you will be comforted. At the sight your heart will rejoice, and your bones flourish like the grass. To his servants the Lord will reveal his hand.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 65:1-7, 16, 20. R. v. 1

(R.) Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

1. Cry out with joy to God all the earth, O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise. Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds! (R.)

2. 'Before you all the earth shall bow; shall sing to you, sing to your name!' Come and see the works of God, tremendous his deeds among men. (R.)

3. He turned the sea into dry land, they passed through the river dry-shod. Let our joy then be in him; he rules for ever by his might. (R.)

4. Come and hear, all who fear God. I will tell what he did for my soul. Blessed be God who did not reject my

prayer nor withhold his love from me. (R.)

Second Reading

Galatians 6:14-18

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Galatians

The marks I carry on my body are those of Jesus Christ.

The only thing I can boast about is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom the world is crucified to me, and I to the world. It does not matter if a person is circumcised or not; what matters is for him to become an altogether new creature. Peace and mercy to all who follow this rule, who form the Israel of God. I want no more trouble from anybody after this; the marks on my body are those of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, my brothers. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 16:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church; the gates of hell will not hold out against it.

Alleluia!

Gospel

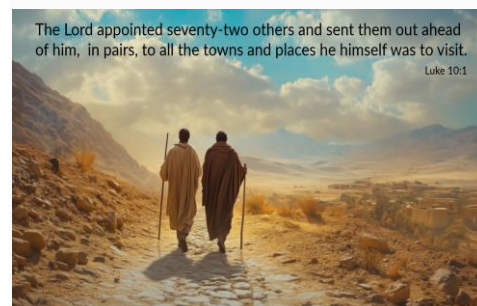
Luke 10:1-12, 17-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Your peace will rest upon him.

The Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them out ahead of him, in pairs, to all the towns and places he himself was to visit. He said to them, 'The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest. Start off now, but remember, I am sending you out like lambs among wolves. Carry

no purse, no haversack, no sandals. Salute no one on the road. Whatever house you go into, let your first words be, "Peace to this house!" And if a man of peace lives there, your peace will go and rest on him; if not, it will come back to you. Stay in the same house, taking what food and drink they have to offer, for the labourer deserves his wages; do not move from house to house. Whenever you go into a town where they make you welcome, eat what is set before you. Cure those in it who are sick, and say, "The kingdom of God is very near to you." But whenever you enter a town and they do not make you welcome, go out into its streets and say, "We wipe off the very dust of your town that clings to our feet, and leave it with you. Yet be sure of this: the kingdom of God is very near." I tell you, that on that day it will not go as hard with Sodom as with that town.' The seventy-two came back rejoicing. 'Lord,' they said, 'even the devils submit to us when we use your name.' He said to them, 'I watched Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Yes, I have given you power to tread underfoot serpents and scorpions and the whole strength of the enemy; nothing shall ever hurt you. Yet do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you; rejoice rather that your names are written in heaven.'



Next Week's Readings (12th/13th July 2025) – Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

1st Reading: Deuteronomy 30:10-14 2nd Reading: Colossians 1:15-20 Gospel: Luke 10:25-37

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/>

gospel focus

Blessing & Curse

The 72 who are sent out are given very clear instructions about how to respond when their message is welcomed and when it is rejected, but in both cases they are to tell the town, "The kingdom of God is very near." In the case of a welcoming town, these words serve as a blessing, but for an unwelcoming town the same words are a threat or curse. For those who welcome the kingdom it will be a blessing but for others it will be a curse: changing boundaries and redistributing power; bringing down the mighty and lifting up the lowly.

Sunday Reflection...

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Although the gospel is a report of ministerial commissioning, it contains elements of discipleship in general. Most obvious is the disciples' dependence on Jesus. They are not independent missionaries; they are followers. Furthermore, there is a communal dimension of discipleship. While there is certainly a personal relationship between Jesus and each disciple, discipleship itself is not a singular privilege that one hugs to oneself to the exclusion of others.

Disciples minister to the needs of others, whatever those needs may be and with whatever abilities the disciple may possess. There are various kinds of healing: a friendly smile, a word of gratitude, a soothing touch. We can teach the lessons of life in classrooms, in playrooms, in kitchens, in boardrooms. There are many ways that we can cast out the demons that hold our world by the throat; demons of poverty and oppression, demons of addiction and slavery, demons of disdain and neglect, demons of hatred and violence. If they are not cast out by us, then by whom?

The life of discipleship is not an unmixed blessing. Because disciples are marked by the sign of the cross, they must expect suffering. Because they do not live according to the standards of the world, disciples will be judged as fools. Some of them will be subjected to even greater suffering. Still, the disciple proclaims that true fulfilment is only found in God! In reality, it is the world that is upside down, not the life of discipleship. And it is the cross that sets things right.

Living the gospel

Discipleship

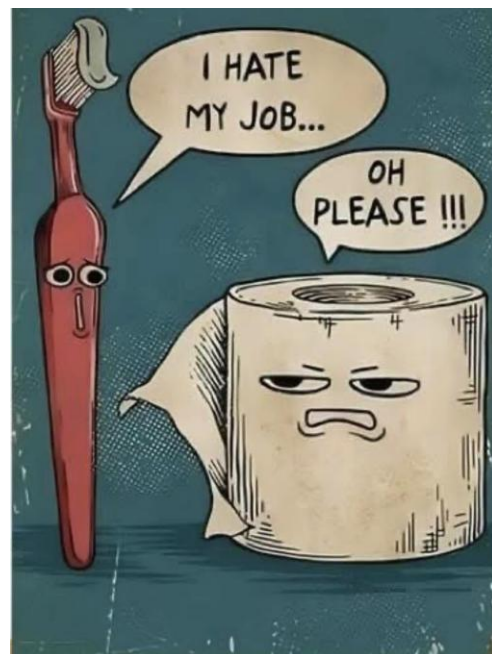
Today's gospel passage immediately follows the passage used last week that spelt out the difficulties of discipleship. Having explained how hard it is to be a disciple, Jesus sends his followers out to 'have a go' at being a disciple. When they come back successful he tells them not to be boastful or proud at their achievements but rather to be happy that their "names are written in heaven". In other words, anything they accomplished was because they were 'known' by God and that God was working through them. Disciples make themselves 'known' to God and God works through them to accomplish great things!



Have you thought? The harvest

This gospel is often used to make a point about the need for vocations to priestly and religious life. Jesus makes the comment that "the harvest is rich but the labourers are few." This image of labourers in the harvest is often applied to the work of priests and other religious vocations. However apt the image may be, when we read it in the context of the whole passage we can see that this sending out of the 72 was a general challenge to live out the call to discipleship – to go out into the world and bring about the kingdom.

Thought of the week...



Please Pray For...

Recent Deaths: Marie Logan

Anniversaries: (4th – 10th July) Allan Bougoure, Carmel Randall, Edna O'Rourke, Barbara Murphy, Terry O'Connell, Ron Klease, Alan Taylor, Lorna Trueman, Mary Burke, Mark McIvor, Moira Cronin, Ross Harms, Bernardette McLennan, Lester Rodgers, Michael Hanna, Rev Fr Simon O'Dea, Rev Fr Ralph Underwood, Rev Fr John Clancy, Rev Fr William Moran

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

July Birthdays: Teresa Lee, Cleber Dias, Margaret Naismith, Mary Ondrus, Eloise & Jemima Khoo, Elin Thomson, Lachlan See, Julie See, Glyn Ferguson, Sr Cecilia Bailey, Anne Mullins, Barry Coonan, Carmel O'Brien

Parish News...

Sat 05/7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o ATSI Sunday o 6.30pm Mass
Sun 06/7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o 9.45am Mass o 10.30am Baptism Prep in the Presbytery
Mon 07/7	
Tue 08/7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o 10am Liturgy of the Word o 10.30am Prayer Group in the Quiet Room o Glenvale Villas Visitation
Wed 09/7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o 9am Anam Cara in the Presbytery
Thu 10/7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o 10am Mass o 10.30 am Craft & Friendship in the Presb Meeting Room o 2pm SVDP Meeting
Fri 11/7	

Date Claimers:

12th/13th July – Sea Sunday

14th July – Parish Council meeting Presbytery Meeting Room

17th July – Holy Hour Praying for Vocations from 5.30pm

20th July – 1st Workshop Sacrament of Reconciliation

A Word of Thanks

All praise and thanks to God for the gift of His Son, Jesus Christ, who by the power of the Holy Spirit continues to provide labourers for His abundant harvest. Thanks be to all those who have prayed for me, supported me, and formed me as I prepared for ordination to the priesthood. Thanks be to all those men and women who had a hand in the Rite of Ordination; a lot of effort and organisation was involved! I thank especially the choir and schola who so beautifully gave voice to our praise. Thank you for taking time out of your weeks to rehearse, learn new pieces, and endure singing in the cold. Thank you to those who ensured the liturgy ran smoothly and those who cleaned up afterwards. Thank you to all involved! I deeply appreciate your prayers and support and look forward to a life-time of service to you. Thank you and God bless you! Fr Perrett

Congratulations on your ordination to the Priesthood Fr Perrett 3rd July 2025

May God bless you abundantly as you begin your ministry, guiding you to spread His love and grace to all those you serve. May your journey be filled with joy, peace, and continued growth in faith.

ATSI Sunday Welcome

As we gather this Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday (6 July), we pause to honour this sacred day set apart in the life of the Church – a day that recognises and celebrates the deep faith, culture, and enduring presence of the First Peoples of this land.

ATSI Sunday stands not only as a significant moment of prayer and reflection in its own right, but also as the spiritual doorway into NAIDOC Week (6-13 July), inviting the whole nation to listen, learn, and walk more gently in relationship with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. Around the warmth of the campfire flame – an ancient and living symbol of truth-telling, Spirit, and community – we remember that this land has always been held, known, and loved by its First Peoples. On this day, as Church and community, we are called to honour their strength, their vision for life lived in harmony with Country, and the legacy they offer to us all.

<https://www.sosj.org.au/atsi-sunday-naidoc-week-2025/>



Belated Birthday Wishes

Wishing Lindsay Borger a belated Happy 80th Birthday for the 25th June. We hope you enjoyed your special day.



	Altar Servers	Welcomers	Commentary	Ministers of the Word	Offertory Procession	Extraordinary Ministers	Ipad Operator	Piety Stall
12 th July at 6.30pm	G Hoopert A Mendoza	Hoopert Family	L Borger	L Walsh J Kelly	Kelly Family	H. P Hoopert W. R O'Brien W. M Cushway	Regan Family	W Hoopert
13 th July at 9.45am	J Dias E Young	Dias Family	P Murphy	M Ondrus C Watson	Blumke Family	H. Cristianne Dias W. B Denny W. A Cournane	Dias Family	A Suhr

Weekly Spotlight on our Parish Groups and Mass Ministries

Family Engagement Part 1

Casserole Club

Members of the Casserole Club cook meals and bake goods to be delivered to families or individuals who are recently bereaved or ill or in other times of need. Volunteers are always welcome.

Catering & Hospitality Committee

The role of this group is to provide hospitality at parish events and liturgies throughout the year such as morning teas and sausage sizzles. Tasks may include purchasing, setting up tables and chairs, serving, cleaning up. On these occasions "Many hands make light work". This is a great opportunity to meet Parishioners you may not already know.

Communion to the Sick and Housebound

This group provides visitation and Holy Communion for those within our community who are sick or lonely and for the frail and elderly who are no longer able to attend Mass, helping to maintain contact with the church community and promoting a strong sense of belonging.

Friendship and Craft Group

This group meets after Mass every Thursday morning in the Quiet Room making rugs, beanies and scarves for Eva's place, preemie babies and the homeless. They also make Baptism bibs and stoles and support the Hospice, St Vincent de Paul, Retired Priests, Caritas and Qld Cancer. All sorts of craft are welcome and there is always someone to help if you'd like to learn. You don't even have to be doing craft, just come along for the friendship, a cuppa and a biscuit.

Gardening Group

The gardens in the church are maintained by a dedicated group of volunteers. Members of the group "adopt" a garden bed to care for and then come together on occasions for a working bee. There is always work to be done keeping the gardens looking their best so more green thumbs are always welcome.

Holy Hour Thursday 17th July

Adoration from 5.30pm (Confession available).
Vespers from 6.10pm and Benediction at 6.30pm
Praying for Vocations and socialising with the seminarians.
Supper to follow.

We need cakes & slices for Winter Shelter

Are you able to bake for our Winter Shelter guests? If so, please indicate on the form at the entrance to the church. We are looking for 3 people for each Friday night during the winter months. Baking can be delivered to St Theresa's and St Thomas More's on the required date. If you are unable to make the delivery, please contact Jo Johnston (0418 733 615) or Jenny Ferguson at the parish office and we will try to make some arrangements for you.



ENews UPDATE

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

CROWS NEST PARISH WINTER SOUNDS CONCERT

Date: 19/7/25 **Time:** 2:00pm

Where: St Matthew's Church Hall, Creek St Crows Nest

Cost: \$20 for adults and \$15 for Concession holders and those under 18 years.

An afternoon of Warm Wintery Sounds by Bell'Amore - a handbell ensemble from Toowoomba and local Choirs - Yackatoon and For the Love of Singing (FLOS). The concert will be followed by a delicious afternoon tea. This event is a fundraiser to assist in the completion of local, well needed, accommodation.

Contact Janine on crowsnestparish@twb.catholic.org.au or 0435575226 to purchase tickets.

[Follow the Facebook event page for updates.](#)

SEARCHING FOR GOD THROUGH AWARENESS OF THE TRUE SELF

Date: 29/7-2/9/25 Tuesdays

Time: 9:45am for 10:00am start - 12:30pm

[Book through TryBooking](#)

Six Tuesday morning sessions will explore "Merton's Palace of Nowhere" with James Finley, co-facilitated by Elaine Morzone and Moyalial Tokmak. Session themes are: upon learning to see; the foundation of the false self; the true self in the world; the true self in religious searching; the realisation of the true self; the insight.

[See flyer to learn more.](#)

THE CONTEMPLATIVE WAY: REFLECTIONS WITH JAMES FINLEY (repeat)

Date: 6/8-3/9/25 Wednesdays

Time: 9:45am for 10:00am start - 12:30pm

[Book through TryBooking](#)

Co-facilitated by Elaine Morzone and Moyalial Tokmak. The five sessions look at the contemplative way, discovering what is within our hearts, learning to see what is always before our eyes and learning not to do violence to the fragility of our waiting. This is a repeat of a previous session.

[See flyer to learn more.](#)

AWAKENING TO HOPE: A MORNING OF CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER THIS JUBILEE YEAR

Date: 6/9/25 Saturday

Time: 8:45am for 9:00am start - 12:30pm

[Book through TryBooking](#)

We will gather in the quiet, in the heart of a wounded world. This is a space for lament and love, our lament for the earth and our longing for God. The session will weave together scripture, contemplative music, poetry, and a labyrinth walk, allowing participants to deeply engage with Pope Francis' vision of hope.

[See flyer to learn more.](#)

HARNESSING THE POWER OF STORYTELLING AND ORAL TRADITIONS IN FORMATION DESIGN

Date: 9/7/25 Wednesday **Time:** 3:00pm-4:00pm

[Get Zoom Link Through LinkedIn](#)

formation.org.au, in partnership with ACU and Catholic Mission, invites you to a NAIDOC Week 2025 event. Why is storytelling so powerful, and how can it be done well? How do we foster deep listening across ministries, cultures, and generations? What does it mean to re-story, and how does it shape identity and mission? How can storytelling and oral tradition guide the way we design formation for Mission? In 2025, the Jubilee Year of Hope and the 50th anniversary of NAIDOC Week, we celebrate the theme "The Next Generation: Strength, Vision & Legacy."

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