



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 Glabal and Jarowair peoples, Traditional Owners of this land and pay our respects to their Elders past and present.

Sunday, 8th June 2025 Pentecost Sunday – Year C

First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak different languages.

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech. Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome – Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 103:1, 24, 29-31, 34, R. v.30

(R.) Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

1. Bless the Lord, my soul! Lord God, how great you are, How many are your

works, O Lord! The earth is full of your riches. (R.)

2. You take back your spirit, they die, returning to the dust from which they came. You send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the earth. (R.)

3. May the glory of the Lord last for ever! May the Lord rejoice in his works! May my thoughts be pleasing to him. I find my joy in the Lord. (R.)

Second Reading

Romans 8:8-17

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you. So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live. Everyone moved by the Spirit is a son of God. The spirit you received is not the spirit of slaves bringing fear into your lives again; it is the spirit of sons, and it makes us cry out, 'Abba, Father!' The Spirit himself and our spirit bear united witness that

we are children of God. And if we are children we are heirs as well: heirs of God and coheirs with Christ, sharing his sufferings so as to share his glory.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come, Holy Spirit; fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Alleluia!

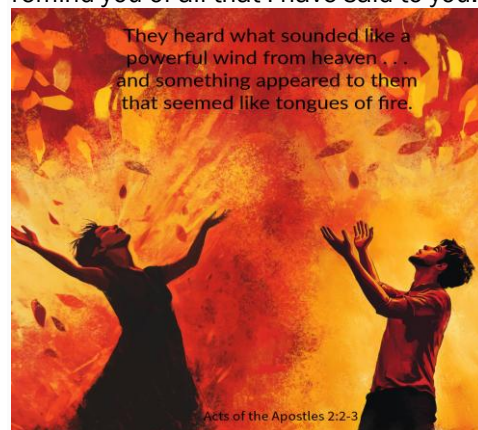
Gospel

John 14:15-16, 23-26

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

The Holy Spirit will teach you everything.

Jesus said to his disciples 'If you love me you will keep my commandments. I shall ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate to be with you for ever. If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him and make our home with him. Those who do not love me do not keep my words. And my word is not my own; it is the word of the one who sent me. I have said these things to you while still with you; but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I have said to you.'



Next Week's Readings (14th/15th June 2025) – The Most Holy Trinity – Year C

1st Reading: Proverbs 8:22-31 2nd Reading: Romans 5:1-5 Gospel: John 16:12-15

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, Ray Johnston, Bernadette Witham, 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

Pentecost

The word Pentecost comes from the Greek for fiftieth day. Pentecost Sunday ends the season of Easter and comes as a Sabbath day after seven weeks of seven days. In Jewish tradition the 50th day after the Passover was celebrated as a blessing of the harvest and rather than the unleavened bread of Passover it was celebrated by leavening the bread. It was for this reason that the disciples were gathered together when they experienced the Holy Spirit empowering them. In Christian tradition, Pentecost is celebrated as the arrival of the Spirit, promised by Jesus, that animated the disciples to spread the gospel of Jesus and gather believers to form what would eventually become the Church.

Sunday Reflection...

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We have been in the in-between time since the Ascension of the Lord. Today we celebrate the dramatic inbreaking of the time of fulfilment. We celebrate the fullness of the Spirit and the great gathering of nations. The feast also brings the Easter season to its conclusion. Today's readings recapitulate many themes that appeared throughout the Easter season: Christology, Trinitarian theology, reign of God, repentance, salvation, mission, universality. All are brought together as we are brought together into the body of Christ. The plan of salvation has been brought to its conclusion. Christ is exalted next to God and has sent his Spirit to fill the earth with God's power. The world is charged with divine energy; it needs but a spark to ignite it with life and with excitement. This vitality explodes into the extraordinary: tongues are loosed and speech overflows its linguistic constraints; charismatic gifts flood the valleys of human habitation; barred doors are burst open and frightened hearts are calmed. The Spirit of the Lord fills the whole world. We gather together to discover that God has gathered us for another. Strangers assemble to fulfil personal obligations and they experience a phenomenon that bonds them together for life. Individual religious devotion is swept up into communal divine revelation. Through the Spirit of God, we are reconciled to each other and then together we spend ourselves for the common good. The world is renewed; the community is revitalised; we come to know the mysterious yet all pervasive peace of Christ.



Have you thought? The Spirit

We can sometimes regard Pentecost as the day the Holy Spirit came into the world. However, the Spirit had long been active in the world before this event. In fact, even the second verse of Genesis Chapter 1 tells us that the Spirit hovered over the waters. The Old Testament is filled with references in which 'The Spirit of God came upon (him) with power' and the Spirit was evident at Jesus' baptism and throughout the gospels. Jesus is frequently described as being 'filled with the Spirit'. So, from the very beginning of creation the Spirit has moved in the world and continues to energize it today.

Living the gospel

Come, Holy Spirit

'Come, Holy Spirit', or its Latin, Vene Sancte Spiritus, has become the basis of countless prayers and hymns over many hundreds of years. To this day, it remains a powerful invocation that can be used in prayer or meditation. Three simple words convey a wealth of meaning. The invitation for the Spirit to 'Come' indicates recognition of the need for the Spirit's intervention and openness to accept the guidance that the Spirit brings. It is a powerful, simple prayer that can be used at the outset of any significant undertaking or whenever you find yourself in need of inspiration.

Thought of the week...



Please Pray For...

Recent Deaths

Anniversaries: (6th - 12th Jun) Francis 'Frosty' O'Neill, Clive Butler, Noel Pobar, Anthony Bolton, Allen Palmer Thomson, Bridget (Agnes) Purcell, Bernadette O'Dea, Brian O'Shea, Vera Hines, Eileen Tafe, Rev Fr Charles Casey, Rev Fr Joseph (Pat) Hall

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

June Birthdays: Cassie Soriano, Ben Saunders, Helen McQuillan, June Burke, Joyce Smith, Sr Nancy Doyle, Jose Dias, Margaret Graham, Gen Schoorl, Agnes Hale, Patrick Kelly, Trish Shepherd, Rosie Glassey, Clare Ferguson, Anne Allport

Parish News...

Sat 7/6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Pentecost o 6.30pm Mass
Sun 8/6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o 9.45am Mass
Mon 9/6	
Tue 10/6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o 10am Liturgy of the Word o 12.30pm Funeral for Margaret Casey o 10.30am Prayer Group in the Quiet Room o Glenvale Villas Visitation
Wed 11/6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o 9am Anam Cara in the Presbytery o 6.30pm SPRED in the Church
Thu 12/6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o 10am Private Funeral o 10.30am Craft & Friendship in the Presb Meeting Room o 2pm SVP Meeting
Fri 13/6	

Date Claimers:

15th June – Most Holy Trinity
 15th June – 9.45am Celebrating Fr Costigan's retirement
 16th June – BUPA Visitation
 22nd June – Most Holy Body and Blood
 24th June – Nativity of John the Baptist
 27th June – The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
 29th June – Saints Peter and Paul

Presbyteral Ordination of BJ Perrett

Bishop Ken Howell warmly invites the faithful of the Toowoomba Diocese to the Presbyteral Ordination of BJ Perrett on Thursday 3rd July at St Patrick's Cathedral at 6.30pm. There will be light refreshments after Mass in the Cathedral Centre.

RSVP 15/6/25 stpatrickscathedral@twb.catholic.org.au

Choir For BJ's Ordination

If you love to sing, St Pat's invites you to join them for the Ordination of BJ Perrett on Thursday 3 July at 6.30pm. Choir practice begins at 6.30pm on Thursday 5 June at St Patrick's Cathedral (enter via Neil St). Please phone Vicky Coccozza on

With Heartfelt Thanks

Farewell and Thank You Fr Costigan

Please join us on Sunday 15th June at the 9.45am Mass to thank Fr Costigan for his years of generous service and friendship to our parish community. Morning Tea will follow after Mass. Please bring a plate to share if you can.

Parish Planned Giving Program

Your regular support of our Planned Giving Program helps us plan and budget for everyday expenses, repairs and maintenance of our parish facilities and meet our Diocesan and Parish commitments. Contributions can be made through Direct Debit or Planned Giving envelopes. Click [here](#) to access the Online Form or **paper copies are available at the back of the church.** If you would like additional information, please contact the Parish Office. Thank you for your generous contributions.

SPRED End of Financial Year Appeal

Please click [here](#) to donate to the SPRED Appeal.



New Mass Times Survey

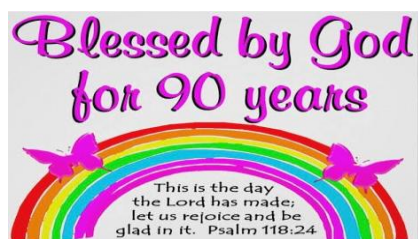
When the new Mass times were introduced in February, the Parish Pastoral Council committed to conducting a review of the new arrangements following a trial until Pentecost. The Parish Pastoral Council welcomes any comments, ideas or suggestions you have to offer. Please click [here](#) to complete the online form, scan the QR code below or pick up a paper copy from the tables at the entrances to the church. Your feedback and suggestions are very important to us.



	Altar Servers	Welcomers	Commentary	Ministers of the Word	Offertory Procession	Extraordinary Ministers	Ipad Operator	Piety Stall
14 th June at 6.30pm	T Kelly J Whittaker	Hoopert Family	B Witham	J Wilson N Doyle	M & M Quinn	H. P Hoopert W. K Ober W. L Walsh	M McLean	K Ward
15 th June at 9.45am	J Poulton	A Cournane R Fallon	M Ondrus	T O'Mara T Ryan	Ryan Family	H. J Coman W. B Denny W. C Watson	J Anderson	V Barker

Birthday Wishes

Wishing Agnes Hale every blessing for her 90th birthday on the 7th June and a year filled with much joy, peace and love.



☀ Volunteer Opportunity ☀

Lead Our Parish Maintenance Team Are you someone who takes pride in keeping things running smoothly? Do you have a heart for service and a knack for spotting if an item needs repair or the ability to identify potential hazards? Our parish is looking for a **Volunteer Maintenance Team Leader** to be the point of contact for maintenance tasks and projects for our beloved church grounds and buildings. If you are able and interested to assist, please contact the Parish Office for further information.

🔔 We are Looking for New Youth Group Leaders!

We are looking for two new Youth Group Leaders to guide and inspire the young people in our parish. The Youth Group has previously met every 4 – 6 weeks for a shared meal, fun activities and faith-based conversations. If you are interested in leading the Youth Group, or have any questions please contact the Parish Office.



SPRED Fundraising evening at the Repertory Theatre "The Sunshine Boys"

Tuesday 8th July 7pm for a 7.30pm start. Tickets \$25.00. Includes wine on arrival, light supper at interval and 5 X tickets in multi-draw raffle. Call the SPRED office for bookings and ticket collection arrangements. Bank details for direct deposit available.

Office - Cnr Hume & Jellico St 9am – 3.30pm Mon - Thurs
Ph: 4632 8427 / spred@twb.catholic.org.au

Sacrament of First Reconciliation

Enrolments are now open for the First Reconciliation Program for 2025. Please click [here](#) for the Initial Information Letter which includes a link to the registration form. Registrations close on the 13th June. Please contact the office if you have any queries.

Support the Vinnies Winter Appeal

Your generous support can help vulnerable people in our communities at risk of or experiencing homelessness with the urgent help they need to break free from the cycle of poverty and homelessness. [Click here to donate](#)



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

BISHOPS' SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMISSION CALLS FOR PEACE

A message from Bishop Ken Howell "I welcome this statement on behalf of the Australian Bishops. News reports astound us as we see innocent children suffering the wounds of war and of malnutrition. Families have been shattered by the destruction of their homes, and the death of family members. Our hearts ache as misery abounds where peace has been ruptured by violent acts of aggression. Let there be peace now!" [Read the full message here.](#)

UPDATE: JUMPERS AND JAZZ IN JULY WARWICK

Date: 17-27/7/25

Apart from the two Jazz Masses at St Mary's Church Warwick, other events as part of the local festival include church tours and morning tea as well as yarnbombed trees in the outdoor precinct.

Church tours daily at 9:30am - 4:30pm

Morning tea Sunday 20/7/25 - Saturday 26/7/25 at 9:30am - 12:30pm

[See Newsletter/Social Media ad](#)

SCAM UPDATE: BEWARE!

We have received reports that another scam email is circulating, this time appearing to come from Fr Brian Noonan and asking for gift cards. If you have received this email, please ignore it, report the email to the provider it appears to come from (e.g. Gmail) and delete the message. It's a timely reminder that while the diocese may solicit donations to support ministries, the request will always be through legitimate channels in an open and transparent manner. The bishop, clergy, staff, and ministries of the Diocese of Toowoomba will NEVER contact parishioners asking for gift cards and requesting secrecy. If in doubt, please contact your local parish or the diocesan office to confirm.

NOMINATIONS OPEN: SOCIAL JUSTICE AWARDS

The Social Justice Commission was established in 2002, and in its second year of operation, the commission created the Social Justice Awards. The purpose of the Awards is twofold: to raise the profile of the Commission and various social justice issues, and to affirm great work by individuals and groups in an area of justice that sometimes involves lonely and difficult work. The Awards are usually made in December of each year to coincide with World Human Rights Day (10 December). Nominations are now open to individuals or groups working for social justice in our diocese. There is also a second award for a young person or group who has contributed to the work of social justice in our diocese. Nominations close 2/8/25.

[See the letter from Dr David Tutty, Executive Officer of the Social Justice Commission, for further details and the nomination pro forma.](#)

VATICAN WEBSITE REDESIGN

The Holy See's official website Vatican.va has a new, modern design, presenting papal teaching to the world in a more accessible format. [Read more about the behind-the-scenes of the redesign.](#)