

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, 9th November 2025 The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica – Year C

First Reading

Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

I see water flowing from the temple and all who were touched by it were saved.

The angel brought me to the entrance of the Temple, where a stream came out from under the Temple threshold and flowed eastwards, since the Temple faced east. The water flowed from under the right side of the Temple, south of the altar. He took me out by the north gate and led me right round outside as far as the outer east gate where the water flowed out on the right-hand side. The man went to the east holding his measuring line and measured off a thousand cubits; he then made me wade across the stream; the water reached my ankles. He measured off another thousand and made me wade across the stream again; the water reached my knees. He measured off another thousand and made me wade across again; the water reached my waist. He measured off another thousand; it was now a river which I could not cross; the stream had swollen and was now deep water, a river impossible to cross. He then said, 'Do you see, son of man?' He took me further, then brought me back to the bank of the river. When I got back, there were many trees on each bank of the river. He said, 'This water flows east down to the Arabah and to the sea; and flowing into the sea it makes its waters wholesome. Wherever the river flows, all living creatures teeming in it will live. Fish will be very plentiful, for wherever the water goes it brings health, and life teems wherever the river flows. Along the river, on either bank, will grow every kind of fruit tree with leaves that never wither and fruit that never fails; they will bear new fruit every month, because this water comes from the sanctuary. And their fruit will be good to eat and the leaves medicinal.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 45:2-3, 5-6, 8-9, R. v.5

(R.) The waters of the river gladden the city of God.

1. God is for us a refuge and strength, a helper close at hand, in time of distress: so we shall not fear though the earth should rock, though the mountains fall into the depths of the sea. (R.)

2. The waters of a river give joy to God's city, the holy place where the Most High dwells. God is within, it cannot be shaken; God will help it at the dawning of the day. (R.)

3. The Lord of hosts is with us: the God of Jacob is our stronghold. Come, consider the works of the Lord, the redoubtable deeds he has done on the earth. (R.)

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 3:9-11, 16-17

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

You are the temple of God.

You are God's building. By the grace God gave me, I succeeded as an architect and laid the foundations, on which someone else is doing the building. Everyone doing the building must work carefully. For the foundation, nobody can lay any other than the one which has already been laid, that is Jesus Christ. Didn't you realise that you were God's temple and that the Spirit of God was living among you? If anybody should destroy the temple of God, God will destroy him, because the temple of God is sacred; and you are that temple.

Gospel Acclamation

2 Chronicles 7:16

Alleluia, alleluia!

I have chosen and sanctified this house, says the Lord, that my name may remain in it for all time.

Alleluia!

Gospel

John 2:13-22

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

He spoke about the temple of his own body.

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market'. Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up'. The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said.

Next Week's Readings (15th/16th Nov) – Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

1st Reading: [Malachi 3:19-20](#) 2nd Reading: [2 Thessalonians 3:7-12](#) Gospel: [Luke 21:5-19](#)

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](https://www.twb.catholic.org.au/safeguarding-policy-resources/) can be found at

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gospel focus

The Temple

Jesus' attack on the misuse of the Temple is often interpreted as an attack on the entire Temple system that operated at his time. The Temple was the centre of Jewish faith and there was an entire hierarchy and politicised structure that surrounded and supported the Temple. This elite Temple class effectively ruled the manner in which people could pray and offer sacrifice. It is this distancing of everyday people from the opportunity to worship that Jesus was seeking to 'cleanse' from the Temple. The gospel makes clear that people do not need this structure to enter into a prayerful relationship with God.

Sunday Reflection...

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The basilica of St John Lateran is the cathedral of Rome, the mother church of all Roman Catholic churches.

The temple was the place on earth where God dwelt amid the people. It was God's presence, not the worship performed there, that made it a sacred site. There is something incarnational about this presence of God. It is manifested in the concrete, in something with shape and character. Still, as important as the temple may be, it is only a building. Paul insists that we are the temple of God; we are the manifestation of God in the world today. The Spirit of God dwells in us, making the believing community the living temple of God.

Today's readings offer us two pictures of the temple of God, two characterisations of the community of believers. In one, the temple has become a marketplace, and the community is preoccupied with the business of the world. In Ezekiel, we see water from the temple transforming everything in its path. As water flowed from the temple in Ezekiel's vision, so grace flows from the temple that is the people of God. Which image more closely characterises the community of which we are a part? Are we able to transform the wilderness of our world into a place that is teeming with life? Is the community truly the presence of God in the world today? Or is the temple simply a place where ritual is performed but the concerns of God take second place to the affairs of the world?

Historical Context

The Lateran Basilica

Today we celebrate the feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica. The Lateran Basilica is the cathedral church of the Pope, who also holds the position of Bishop of Rome. It is considered the most important Catholic church because it contains the Cathedra Romana, the symbol of the teaching authority of the Bishop of Rome. The basilica was first dedicated in 324 after the property was donated to the Church by Emperor Constantine, the first Roman emperor to accept Christianity. Whilst we celebrate the dedication of this most important church, at the same time we celebrate all churches throughout the world.



Have you thought? Basilica?

What is a Basilica, and how does it differ from a cathedral or church? The Latin word originally simply described a public building. Once the Roman Empire adopted Christianity, the name came to mean a large, important church. So the term has both architectural and ecclesial meanings. Only the pope can declare a particular church to be a basilica. When this happens the basilica is given specific symbols and insignia that identify it as a basilica and of greater importance as a church building. There are approximately 1500 basilicas around the world, some identified as major basilicas and others as minor basilicas.

Thought of the week...

THINGS MY MOTHER TAUGHT ME:

1. My mother taught me about WEATHER. "Your room looks like a tornado hit it."
2. My mother taught me about RELIGION. "You better pray that comes out of the carpet."
3. My mother taught me about TIME TRAVEL. "If you don't straighten up I'm going to knock you into the middle of next week."
4. My mother taught me about OSMOSIS. "Shut your mouth and eat your supper."
5. My mother taught me about the CIRCLE OF LIFE. "I brought you into this world, I can take you out."
6. My mother taught me about ENVY. "There are millions of less fortunate children in the world who don't have wonderful parents like you."
7. My mother taught me about RECEIVING. "You are going to get it when we get home."
8. My mother taught me about GENEALOGY. "Shut that door... You think you were raised in a barn?"
9. My mother taught me about JUSTICE. "One day you'll have kids... I hope they turn out just like you!"
10. My mother taught me about LOGIC. "Because I said so, That's why."
11. My mother taught me about STAMINA. "You'll sit there until your spinach is gone."
12. My mother taught me about IRONY. "Keep crying. I'll give you something to cry about."

Please Pray For...

Recent Deaths: Patrick Wright, Ann Mackinlay

Anniversaries: (7th – 13th Nov) Winifred O'Shea, Thelma Quinn, Ian Gawthrop, Jim Maher, Gerard Metcalf, Denis Downs, Gladys Davidson, Roy Arnell, Sr Joan MacGinley, Colleen Alloway, Rev Fr Cornelius Cahalane, Rev Fr Charles Daly

Those Who Are Sick: Sr Cecilia Bailey, Peter Reynolds, 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 Oliveira, 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,

November Birthdays: Helen Stein, Cristianne Dias, Joshua Newman, Ivy Ryan, Grace Ryan, Cathy Morris, Marg Roessler, Kev Roberts, Margaret McNab, Jenny McDonald, Frank Jones, Audrey Bentley, Fr Kerry Costigan

Parish News...

Sat 8/11	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ 6.30pm Mass (Prison Sunday)
Sun 9/11	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ 9.45am Mass & Children's Liturgy (Prison Sunday)
Mon 10/11	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ 11am Funeral Mass for Ann Mackinlay
Tue 11/11	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ 6am – 6.55am Reconciliation○ 7am Mass○ 10am Liturgy of the Word○ 10.30am Prayer Group in the Quiet Room
Wed 12/11	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ 9am Anam Cara in the Presbytery○ 6.30pm SPRED
Thu 13/11	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ 10am Mass○ 11am Craft Group in the Quiet Room○ 2pm SVDP Meeting○ 5.30pm Mass○ 6pm – 7pm Adoration with Benediction
Fri 14/11	

Date Claimers:

- 11th November – Glenvale Villas Visitation
- 11th November – Remembrance Day
- 15th November – World Day of The Poor
- 17th November – BUPA Visitation

Month of the Holy Souls

We invite you to record in the Remembrance book at the back of the church the names of your family and friends who have died so that as a community we might remember them in our prayers.

We remember and pray for all our loved ones who have passed away.

SPRED Thanksgiving Mass

SPRED will be holding their end of year Thanksgiving Mass at St Theresa's Parish on Sunday 16th November at 11.00am. All are very welcome to attend.

Raising Funds to restore St Patrick's Cathedral

[Click here](#) for your chance to win great prizes!

Closes 8pm Thurs 11th Dec.

Drawn 9am Monday 15th Dec.



Seniors' Christmas Party

All seniors are invited to the OLOL Seniors' Christmas Party on Friday 28th November. Celebrations will begin with Mass at 10am followed by morning tea and lunch in the school hall and entertainment by the school children. No cost. Please RSVP on the form at the church entrance.



OLOL Parish Carols Night

All parishioners are warmly invited to our annual Parish Carols night on Sun 30th Nov from 5.30pm. Please join us for dinner and carols and hopefully, a visit from Santa.

Musicians, singers, actors and performers of any age who might like to spread the joy of the Christmas season by sharing their talents at the Carols night are very welcome. Please contact the parish office if you'd like to contribute your talent. Please bring a plate of finger food to share if you are able. Drinks will be provided. RSVP on the form at the entrance to the church.



Remembrance Day 11th November

Almighty and eternal God, from whose love in Christ we cannot be parted, either by death or life: Hear our prayers and thanksgivings for all whom we remember this day; fulfil in them the purpose of your love; and bring us all, with them, to your eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Date	Welcomers	Commentary	Ministers of the Word	Offertory Procession	Extraordinary Ministers	Ipad Operator	Piety Stall
15 th Nov at 6.30pm	P & J O'Sullivan	J Johnston	C Ferguson R Johnston	E & P Castles	H. D Clark W. S Kelly W. J Kelly	M Cushway	J Sullivan
16 th Nov at 9.45am	T Ryan K Langdale	J Anderson	J Axtell B Trencerry	R Fallon A Courmane	H. B Denny W. A Courmane W. G Birch	T Ryan	R Coonan

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Many Catholics are surprised to discover that St Peter's Basilica is not the Cathedral Church of Rome. The Cathedral of Rome is the Church of St John Lateran. It is here the Pope comes on various liturgical occasions during the year, and when he wants to speak especially to the people of Rome, to the members of his own local church. The Lateran Basilica was dedicated to Christ the Saviour in the fourth century. The anniversary has been celebrated as a feast of the Latin Church on this date since the twelfth century. It honours the local Church of Rome as a link with earliest Christian tradition and as a sign of our communion in Christ.

Missionary Sisters Cent Sale

The Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver are holding a Cent Sale in St Patrick's Cathedral Centre, 123 Neil St on Saturday November 22. The doors open at 1.00pm for a 1.30pm start. A delicious afternoon tea will be served, and cost is \$10 which includes 2 free sheets of tickets. Children aged 12 and under are free. There are many excellent prizes and the multidraw includes a ham, a homemade Christmas cake, a hamper, fruit and vegetable trays. All proceeds go to the Missions. Sisters can be contacted on 07 46321818.

Parish Pastoral Council Update Nov '25

The Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) extends much gratitude to the Liturgy Group, the musicians and choristers, those who helped with setup and cleanup, OLOL School and all those who attended and helped celebrate our parish family at the Family Mass on 12th October.

OLOL parish will celebrate 75 years in 2026. Planning is in the very early stages and the PPC welcomes any comments, ideas and suggestions you may have.

The PPC is considering additional lighting in the church carpark.

The Jubilee of Migrants Cross will be making a pilgrimage through the diocese in June/July 2026. More information to follow.

Christmas Vigil Mass will be held at the Salo Centre at 6pm on Wednesday 24th December and Christmas Day Mass at 8am in the church.

Celebrate the season of giving with a Caritas Australia Global Gift.

With every Christmas Global Gift, you're giving more than a card; you're providing life-changing support to families around the world. Your donation helps vulnerable communities, while the card spreads joy to your loved one.

Step 1: Choose a cause that matters to you.

Step 2: Make a life-changing donation by purchasing a card.

Step 3: Share your meaningful gift with someone you care about.

Click [here](#) to find out more



Pope Leo's Monthly Intention – November

Each month, the Pope invites Catholics around the world to pray with him for a particular intention. The intention for November 2025 is as below:

For the prevention of suicide.

Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.



Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network



ENEWS UPDATE

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

ST SAVIOUR'S COLLEGE TOOWOOOMBA: MCAULEY HOUSE BOARDING FAREWELL

Date: 15/11/25 Saturday **Time:** 10:00am

Where: St Saviour's College Toowoomba, College Hall

As the 2025 school year ends, St Saviour's College marks the closure of McAuley House after more than a century of service. Since 1923, McAuley House has been a home for generations of young women, offering a Mercy education to students from rural Queensland and PNG.

Join us for a conclusion Mass celebrated by Bishop Ken Howell followed by morning tea at the College Hall.

Past pupils, staff, families, and friends are invited to share stories, photos, and memorabilia. Please email contributions to jessica.wade@twb.catholic.edu.au

All are welcome to this special celebration of McAuley House's legacy.

SAVE THE DATE: ST MARY'S WARWICK CENTENARY

Dates: 15/3/26

Mark your diary for 2026. St Mary of the Assumption Church Warwick will be celebrating 100 years! More details of events to follow.

[Banner for newsletter/social media/emails](#)

WEBINAR: VOLUNTEER MANAGEMENT

Date: 13/11/25 Thursday **Time:** 1:00pm-2:00pm AEDT

Where: Online **Cost:** Free

Volunteers are the lifeblood of our church communities, whether they're sizzling sausages, coordinating fundraisers, or providing vision and leadership in the boardroom. Without them, we'd be lost! Yet many groups still struggle to recruit, support and retain their volunteers effectively.

Join the Institute of Community Directors Australia for this webinar to learn practical strategies to strengthen your volunteer management — and make sure the people who give so much feel valued, supported and inspired to stay. [Find out more and register here.](#)

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST: CHURCHES OF ITALY WITH FR FRANCO

Proposed Dates: 8-21/6/26

As part of Warwick's Centenary celebrations, Magi Pilgrimages has offered the opportunity to join a pilgrimage to Italy. With 10 to 19 participants, the group can join an Australian pilgrim group; with 20+ participants, a parish group can be formed. If you're interested, [find out more here](#) and contact the Warwick Parish on warwick@twb.catholic.org.au or 07 4661 1033.

REMINDER: UPCOMING EVENTS

SYCHAR HOUSE OF PRAYER & SPIRITUALITY

[Please view the website](#) for current happenings.

ANNUAL ANGLICAN ROMAN CATHOLIC RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Service: 18/11/25 @ 11:00am, St Stephen's Cathedral Brisbane. [See flyer for details.](#)

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL

30/11-2/12/25, Melbourne.

JUBILEE OF MIGRANTS CROSS

Save the date - 22/6-5/7/26

Parishes, schools and diocesan ministries are welcome to submit information and events to promote to imctaggart@twb.catholic.org.au