



Welcome to OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH

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Mass times: Saturday: 6:30pm Vigil | Sunday: 9.45am

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

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

Sunday, 12th October 2025 Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C

First Reading

[2 Kings 5:14-17](#)

A reading from the second book of the Kings
Naaman returned to Elisha, the prophet, and acknowledged the Lord.

Naaman the leper went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, as Elisha had told him to do. And his flesh became clean once more like the flesh of a little child. Returning to Elisha with his whole escort, he went in and stood before him. 'Now I know' he said, 'that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel. Now, please, accept a present from your servant.' But Elisha replied, 'As the Lord lives, whom I serve, I will accept nothing.' Naaman pressed him to accept, but he refused. Then Naaman said, 'Since your answer is "No," allow your servant to be given as much earth as two mules may carry, because your servant will no longer offer holocaust or sacrifice to any god except the Lord.'

Responsorial Psalm

[Ps 97:1-4. R. see v.2](#)

(R.) The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

1. Sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders. His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation. (R.)

2. The Lord has made known his salvation; has shown his justice to the nations. He has remembered his truth and love for the house of Israel. (R.)

3. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Shout to the Lord all the earth, ring out your joy. (R.)

Second Reading

[2 Timothy 2:8-13](#)

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

If we hold firm, we shall reign with Christ..

Remember the Good News that I carry. 'Jesus Christ risen from the dead, sprung from the race of David'; it is on account of this that I have my own hardships to bear, even to being chained like a criminal – but they cannot chain up God's news. So I bear it all for the sake of those who are chosen, so that in the end they may have the salvation that is in Christ Jesus and the eternal glory that comes with it. Here is a saying that you can rely on: If we have died with him, then we shall live with him. If we hold firm, then we shall reign with him. If we disown him, then he will disown us. We may be unfaithful, but he is always faithful, for he cannot disown his own self.

Gospel Acclamation

[1 Thessalonians 5:18](#)

Alleluia, alleluia!

For all things give thanks to God, because this is what he expects of you in Christ Jesus.

Alleluia!

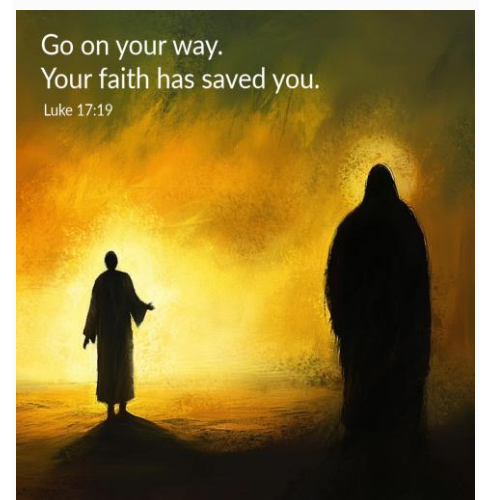
Gospel

[Luke 17:11-19](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

It seems that no one has returned to give thanks to God except this foreigner.

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus travelled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered one of the villages, ten lepers came to meet him. They stood some way off and called to him, 'Jesus! Master! Take pity on us.' When he saw them he said, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' Now as they were going away they were cleansed. Finding himself cured, one of them turned back praising God at the top of his voice and threw himself at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. The man was a Samaritan. This made Jesus say, 'Were not all ten made clean? The other nine, where are they? It seems that no one has come back to give praise to God, except this foreigner.' And he said to the man, 'Stand up and go on your way. Your faith has saved you.'



Next Week's Readings (18th/19th Oct 2025) – Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

1st Reading: [Exodus 17:8-13](#) 2nd Reading: [2 Timothy 3:14 – 4:2](#) Gospel: [Luke 18:1-8](#)

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 Leprosy

In ancient times, a wide variety of skin diseases were loosely labelled as 'leprosy'. Because of Jewish purity laws, people with skin diseases were automatically regarded as 'unclean' and were forced to live away from others. The assumption was that such disfigurement must be a punishment from God for sinful behaviour. When Jesus encounters the men they are outside the town and keep the required distance from Jesus. He tells them to go and show themselves to the priest, whose authority was relied upon to declare a person healed and fit to return to society after extensive ritual purification.

Sunday Reflection...

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The first reading for today is a narrative about healing, gratitude, conversion and worship. Israel had many regulations governing leprosy (cf. Leviticus 13-14). Washing was part of the rite of reincorporation into the community, but it was not itself a remedy for the illness, as is the case here. Miraculously the waters of the Jordan transformed Naaman's flesh into that of a child. When Naaman realised that he had been cured, his indebtedness prompted him to return to Elisha and offer a gift in thanksgiving. Having experienced the power of Elisha's God, he proclaims that there is no other God. This story champions monotheism and universalism. It demonstrates God's love and concern for all. The psalm praises God as king over all. God is first depicted as a triumphant warrior, whose right hand and outstretched arm have brought victory. The divine warrior is the one who conquers the primordial forces of chaos. This psalm focuses on Israel's salvation by God. This victory is really vindication meted out in order to rectify a previous injustice. It follows God's recall of the covenant promises made to the house of Israel. The psalm also features the relationship between God's saving action and the promises that God made. It is because of the promise made to the ancestors that the divine warrior stepped in and triumphed over Israel's enemies. Paul exhorts Timothy to remember the heart of the gospel that Paul has preached: Jesus Christ is raised from the dead; he is a descendant of David. The first statement of the testimony is the very basis of Christian faith. The fact that he came from the line of David shows that he fulfilled all of the expectations and promises that were associated with that royal family. This is the gospel to which Paul committed himself and for which he was now suffering imprisonment. The agony and indignity that Paul bears are seen by him as a share in the 'birthpangs of the messiah', that necessary suffering that would precede the birth of the reign of God.



Have you thought? On the Borders

When Jesus encounters the ten men, he is travelling along the border between Galilee and Samaria. The level of distrust between the Jews of Galilee and the Samaritans were deep and abiding. The land that fell between the two countries was sparsely populated and mostly barren. That Jesus should encounter the men in this environment is not surprising for these men literally and metaphorically were at the border of society. Not welcome in any town, the men roamed the very edges of society. They lived their whole lives on the borderline – welcome nowhere and belonging nowhere.

gospel focus

Where are they?

"The other nine, where are they?" asked Jesus. Why would the other nine not have come back to give thanks? It is insufficient to say that the miraculous healing these men experienced changed their lives. Being healed of this disease meant so much to them: they could return to their families; they could return to work; they could touch another person; they could walk among other people; they could join in prayer at the synagogue. As they hurried back toward town they must have been overwhelmed by the possibilities and opportunities that lay before them. But they neglected to acknowledge the source of their great joy!

Thought of the week...



Please Pray For...

Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries: (10th – 16th Oct) Jeanette Joseph, Roslyn Kruger, Ellen Williamson, Kath Wynne, Helena McIlwain, Brain Sharpe, Patrick Cleary, Vince Stephens, Rev Fr Michael Mahon

Those Who Are Sick: Sr Cecilia Bailey, Robyn Fallon, 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

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

Parish News...

Sat 11/10	o No 6.30pm Mass
Sun 12/10	o 9.45am Mass - Family Mass in the church followed by morning tea in the school hall
Mon 13/10	
Tue 14/10	o 6am – 6.55am Reconciliation o 7am Mass o 10am Liturgy of the Word o Glenvale Villas Visitation o 10.30am Prayer Group in the Quiet Room
Wed 15/10	o 9am Anam Cara in the Presbytery o 3.30pm Hilltop Visitation o 6.30pm SPRED
Thu 16/10	o 10am Mass o 10.30am Craft Group in the Quiet Room o 5.30pm Mass o 6pm – 7pm Adoration with Benediction
Fri 17/10	

Date Claimers:

- 18th/19th October – World Mission Sunday
- 20th October – BUPA Visitation
- 23rd October – Anointing Mass 10am

Birthday Wishes

Happy 81st Birthday to Bernadette Smith! May God hold you in the palm of His hand on your special day and always.



Transport to Anointing Mass

If you would like transport to the Anointing Mass on Thursday 23rd October at 10am, please contact the Parish Office on 4634 1453 as soon as possible.

Annual Parish Family Mass this Sunday

This weekend our parish community will come together as one to celebrate our Parish Family with Mass in the church at 9.45am followed by Morning Tea, facepainting and balloon twisting in the school hall. A warm welcome is extended to all so please come along and join in the fun. 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. **No 6.30pm Mass on the 11th October.**



Gardening support

One of our parishioners is looking for someone to do some occasional pruning and weeding. If you think you might be able to manage an hour or two occasionally, please contact the Parish Office on 4634 1453.



Parish Pastoral Council Update

A big congratulations to the 23 children who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation in September!

We're excited about the new look in the Children's Liturgy Room and the Quiet Room, making them cosier for families and meeting groups.

The church has had a nice exterior clean and sparkling windows.

Join us for Family Mass this Sunday at 9:45 a.m. Don't forget to bring a plate for Morning Tea—there will be face painting and balloons for the kids!

To support young people, new parishioners or those for whom English is their second language, additional Mass parts will now be included in the PowerPoints.

Wishing Fr. Jamie a wonderful holiday this month!

For questions or more info, feel free to reach out via email at ourladyoflourdesparish@twb.catholic.org.au or phone 4634 1453. – Parish Pastoral Council

Date	Welcomers	Commentary	Ministers of the Word	Offertory Procession	Extraordinary Ministers	Ipad Operator	Piety Stall
18 th Oct at 6.30pm	P & J O'Sullivan	J Soriano	J Johnston J Joseph	M Cushway J Johnston	H. R O'Brien W. J Sullivan W. M Cushway	M McLean	K Ward
19 th Oct at 9.45am	Dias Family	C Hudson	J Coman C Rawlinson	A Cournane	H. T O'Mara W. J Axtell W. C Watson	M Conrick	C & S Dias

Anti-Poverty Week

Anti-Poverty Week will run from Sunday 12th October to Saturday 18th October. A diverse network of individuals and organisations, including St Vincent de Paul, have come together for 23 years to raise awareness and understanding of poverty and encourage us to take action collectively to end it. The group supports three campaigns that are acting to end poverty: *End Child Poverty*, *Raise the Rate and Everybody's Home*. The key message is: Poverty exists. Poverty hurts us all. We can all do something about it. Click [here](#) to learn how you can help.



Public Rosary in the Park – All Welcome

When: Saturday 11th October, 2pm – 4pm

Where: The Rose Garden, Sacred Heart Parish, Cnr North & Tor Sts, Wilsonton.

Program: Holy Rosary, Litany of Our Lady, short Adoration, Benediction.

Piety Stall. EFTPOS available.

(Please bring a hat/umbrella & a chair or cushion if needed. If it is raining, we will meet at Sacred Heart Church).

Contacts: Ann 043 242 1962/Emilie 042 054 2508

Melbourne Cup Fundraiser

"Come for High Tea"

Sunday, 2 November 2025, St Anthony's Parish Centre, 3 Memory Street Harristown 2pm to 4.30pm

All money raised will go to support the Dignity Project, which helps refugees and asylum seekers living in the Toowoomba area. Entry by donation. Bring your friends!

High tea provided. Bar to purchase drinks. A fun afternoon of entertainment | Trivia | Multi-draw raffle | Phantom call | Sweep | Song and poems

For catering purposes RSVP is required by Tuesday 28 October 2025 Contact justice@twb.catholic.org.au OR 46361737 or 46130895 All donations to multi-draw raffle gratefully accepted.

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.



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

APOSTOLIC EXHORTATION: DILEXI TE

The Holy See Press Office has announced that Pope Leo XIV signed his first Apostolic Exhortation, *Dilexi te*, last Saturday morning. The document will be presented on Thursday, 9 October, at a press conference at 11:30am Rome time (this is 7:00pm our local time).

JUBILEE OF MARIAN SPIRITUALITY

Date: 11/10/25 Saturday **Time:** 5:00pm (following Mass)

Where: St Thomas More's Church Tmba

The Jubilee of Marian Spirituality recognises the ways that devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary can strengthen the faith life of individuals and, in turn, the Church. Join us for a Marian reflection with Meryl Tracey. [See ad for details.](#)

A NIGHT OF STORYTELLING WITH PROF. JACKIE HUGGINS AND NGAIRE JARRO

Date: 16/10/25 Thursday **Time:** 6:00pm

Where: St William's School Grovely (Brisbane)

Cost: Free, RSVP for catering grovely@bne.catholic.net.au or Ph 07 33628785

Join us for an unforgettable evening of truth, laughter, and resilience as we gather to hear the powerful stories of Auntie Rita and Jack of Hearts, two voices whose journeys reflect the heart of Indigenous culture and spirit. Through the ancient art of storytelling, their daughters Jackie Huggins and Ngaire Jarro, will share moments of deep struggle, cultural survival, and personal triumph. [See flyer for further details.](#)

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY 19TH OCTOBER

We are pleased to welcome Bishop Edwin Mulandu from Zambia to our diocese. He will be celebrating Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral on Saturday, 18/10/25 at 10:00am. Bishop Edwin will be speaking about the mothers and babies' hospital project in Zambia. All are welcome to attend.

ST STEPHEN'S CONCERT SERIES 2025 - JUBILEE!

Date: 26/10/25 Sunday **Time:** 3:00pm

Where: St Stephen's Cathedral, Brisbane

Cost: Various, see [TryBooking for ticket prices](#)

Hear St Stephen's come alive in a kaleidoscope of sound! Cathedral Director of Music Christopher Trikili will be joined by the Cathedral Brass to celebrate Queensland's most frequently heard pipe organ. Works by: Dubois, Gigout, Bach and Gabrielli.

[See flyer for further details.](#)

2025 Catholic Mission Church Appeal next weekend

For women like Sharon, who must choose between feeding their children or selling their crops to survive, and Grace, who risked her life traveling 160km for safe childbirth, hope comes through Sr Jane and Kayula. Through sustainable farming, Sr Jane helps women provide for their families. At the Chilonga Mission Hospital, Kayula ensures mothers and babies receive the dignity and care they deserve.

This World Mission Month, we invite you to extend your generosity to help enhance the vital work of the Church. Your support can make a significant difference to the lives of many, offering hope to the people of Zambia.



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