



Welcome to **OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH**

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Parish Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9:00am - 1:00pm

Pastoral Coordinator: Jenny Ferguson - olol.pastoralcoordinator@twb.catholic.org.au

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

Weekday Mass - 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, 16th February 2025 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C

First Reading

[Jeremiah 17:5-8](#)

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah
A curse on those who trust in humanity; a blessing on those who trust in the Lord.

The Lord says this: 'A curse on the man who puts his trust in man, who relies on things of flesh, whose heart turns from the Lord. He is like dry scrub in the wastelands: if good comes, he has no eyes for it, he settles in the parched places of the wilderness, a salt land, uninhabited. 'A blessing on the man who puts his trust in the Lord, with the Lord for his hope. He is like a tree by the waterside that thrusts its roots to the stream: when the heat comes it feels no alarm, its foliage stays green; it has no worries in a year of drought, and never ceases to bear fruit.'

Responsorial Psalm

[Ps 1:1-4. R. Ps. 39:5](#)

(R.) Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

1. Happy indeed is the man who follows not the counsel of the wicked; nor lingers in the way of sinners nor sits in the company of scorners, but whose delight is the law of the Lord and who ponders his law day and night. (R.)

2. He is like a tree that is planted beside the flowing waters, that yields its fruit in due season and whose leaves shall never fade; and all that he does shall prosper. (R.)

3. Not so are the wicked, not so! For they like winnowed chaff shall be driven away by the wind. For the Lord guards the way of the just but the way of the wicked leads to doom. (R.)

Second Reading

[1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20](#)

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

If Christ is not raised from the dead, your faith is in vain.

If Christ raised from the dead is what has been preached, how can some of you be saying that there is no resurrection of the dead? For if the dead are not raised, Christ has not been raised, and if Christ has not been raised, you are still in your sins. And what is more serious, all who have died in Christ have perished. If our hope in Christ has been for this life only, we are the most unfortunate of all people. But Christ has in fact been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep.



Gospel Acclamation

[Luke 6:23](#)

Alleluia, alleluia!

Rejoice and be glad; your reward is great in heaven.

Alleluia!

Gospel

[Luke 6:17, 20-26](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Happy are the poor. Woe to the rich!

Jesus came down with the Twelve and stopped at a piece of level ground where there was a large gathering of his disciples with a great crowd of people from all parts of Judaea and from Jerusalem and from the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon who had come to hear him and to be cured of their diseases. Then fixing his eyes on his disciples he said: 'How happy are you who are poor: yours is the kingdom of God. Happy you who are hungry now: you shall be satisfied. Happy you who weep now: you shall laugh. 'Happy are you when people hate you, drive you out, abuse you, denounce your name as criminal, on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice when that day comes and dance for joy, for then your reward will be great in heaven. This was the way their ancestors treated the prophets. 'But alas for you who are rich: you are having your consolation now. Alas for you who have your fill now: you shall go hungry. Alas for you who laugh now: you shall mourn and weep. 'Alas for you when the world speaks well of you! This was the way their ancestors treated the false prophets.'

Next Week's Readings (22nd/23rd February 2025) – Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C
1st Reading: [1 Samuel 26:2. 7-9. 12-13. 22-23](#) 2nd Reading: [1 Corinthians 15:45-49](#) Gospel: [Luke 6:27-38](#)

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 Joesph, 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/>

SCRIPTURAL CONTEXT Message for all

Throughout the Gospel of Luke, the author is keen to demonstrate that the message of Jesus is for all people – not just the Jews, but for the Gentiles and Pagans as well. We can see this message revealed in the gathering of people who listened to Jesus' sermon on the plain. We're told there were people from all parts of Judea (all Jews) as well as people from the pagan lands of Tyre and Sidon. The first audiences of this gospel would immediately have recognised the significance of people from Tyre and Sidon standing alongside Jews from Judea.

Sunday Reflection...

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Paul teaches us that, united to Christ through faith and in baptism, we are united in his death and resurrection. With Christ we die to sin; with him we rise to a new life. We cannot wait to see proof of our transformation before we change our actions. The proof is in the lives we live in faith. To deny that we have died and been raised is to deny the resurrection of Christ. Paul insists that they cannot be separated. The challenge is to live in and out of this faith.

Both Jeremiah and Jesus introduce us to such a way of living. It is a way of paradox, a way that moves us beyond the self-centred standards of the world. The poor, the hungry, those who weep, and those who are persecuted are really the ones who are blessed. The victims of our social and economic systems, those who have been ravaged by war or have been made vulnerable by life itself are the ones who, if they place their trust in God, will be blessed in the end. They may appear to be the outcasts of this world, but, if they are filled with faith, they will inherit heaven. The wealth of this world and its pleasures are not the blessings that we might think they are. They can blind us to the real values of life and prevent us from dying to the world and living resurrected lives in Christ.



Have you thought?

Gospel of prosperity

The sermon on the plain challenges our ideas about happiness and success – particularly those of us who live in a relatively prosperous society. Those who are rich and well regarded are actually condemned by Jesus. This also flies in the face of the so-called Gospel of Prosperity that has gained some prominence amongst Pentecostal churches in the last 20-30 years. This teaching holds that God blesses the faithful with wealth and influence. It doesn't take a lot to see how this teaching is out of step with the gospel blessing of the poor and cursing of the rich.

GOSPEL FOCUS

Treated as the prophets

As part of his sermon, Jesus announces, 'Happy are you when people hate you, drive you out, abuse you, denounce your name as criminal, on account of the Son of Man... This was the way their ancestors treated the prophets.' The prophets of the Old Testament were the chosen spokesmen of God. Their message was often unpopular and they were often threatened and berated for challenging the social order. To be treated in this way is in fact something of an affirmation that one's words and actions are reflecting the message of God. The Word of God is confronting and challenging!

Thought of the week...



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Please Pray For...

Recent Deaths: John Hanna

Anniversaries (14th-20th February): Bryan Burke, Eunice Mahoney, Graham Cosgrove, Mary Leach, Mel Murray, Dean Morrison, Patricia Vanderwal, Rev Msgr John Bergin, Rev Fr Michael Hayes, Rev Fr Michael Cronin

Those Who Are Sick: Peter Hickey, Kathie Ober, Brian Reardon, Jan Sullivan, 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

February Birthdays: Margaret Greer, Colleen Redinger, Pat McDonnell, Laura Bentley, Michael Kelly, Vic White, Bryan Carlin, Lyn Stephens

Parish News...

Sat 15/2	o 6.30pm Mass
Sun 16/2	o 9.45am Mass
Mon 17/2	o BUPA Visitation
Tue 18/2	o 10.30am Prayer Group in the Quiet Room
Wed 19/2	o 9am Anam Cara in the Presbytery o 6.30pm SPRED in the Church
Thu 20/2	o Mass 10am o 10.30am Craft in the Quiet Room
Fri 21/2	

Date Claimers:

- 23rd February – 10.45am Confirmation/First Communion Workshop 1
- 27th February – Office Closed
- 1st/2nd March – launch of Project Compassion
- 2nd March – Baptism Preparation
- 3rd March – 6.30pm Parish Council Meeting
- 4th March – Shrove Tuesday
- 5th March – Ash Wednesday

Thank You!!

Thank you to all those people who helped set up, serve and tidy up at last weekend's Farewell Mass and morning tea for Fr Quinlan. We are very blessed to have such a wonderful parish community.

Changes to weekday Mass/Liturgy of the Word (LOW)

From Monday 10th February, Mass/LOW will be offered every Thursday at 10am. The Parish Pastoral Council is seeking your opinion as to what other arrangements you would like considered. Please contact the Parish Office on 4634 1453 if you have any suggestions or comments.

A note from Fr Quinlan

It is a bit quieter around the Parish this weekend!! This note is just to offer my sincere thanks to everyone who made last Sunday such a success from the Liturgy Group, musicians and singers, the children from our school. To all the people who put out tables and chairs both in the Church and Hall. The catering corps who provided such a sumptuous morning tea and many other helpers who are always behind the scenes.

A special thanks to the Parish Pastoral Council for organising the changeover and welcome to Jamie and BJ. – we are in good hands.

Thank you to all the people who greeted me after the Mass – it was very touching and emotional but none the less appreciated.

I intend to hang around to annoy you for years to come.

New Email Addresses for Parish Office

Please update our contact details as the old addresses will be phased out in the very near future.

Parish Secretary (Karlie and Teresa) – ourladyoflourdesparish@twb.catholic.org.au

Pastoral Coordinator (Jenny) – lol.pastoralcoordinator@twb.catholic.org.au

Lenten Program

If you would like to be a part of the Parish Lenten Program or just wish to find out more information about it, please phone the office on 4634 1453 at your earliest convenience. It is not too late to join before Lent starts!

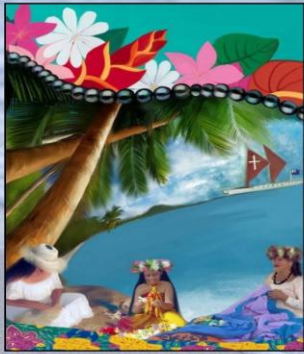
Parish Groups

Our parish has many active groups that provide opportunities to get to know other members of the Parish and foster community spirit. These groups offer us the opportunity to reach out and care for one another, to offer support and encouragement and to share joys and sorrows. If you would like to join a Parish Group or you would like more information about any of our Groups, please contact the Parish Office and we can put you in touch with the group leader.

	Altar Servers	Welcomers	Commentary	Ministers of the Word	Offertory Procession	Extraordinary Ministers	I pad Operator	Piety Stall
22 nd Feb at 6.30pm	E Ward L Ward	Hoopert Family	B Witham	N Doyle J Soriano	M & M Quinn	H. P Hoopert W. M Cushway W. R Campbell	G Schoorl	W Hoopert
23 rd Feb at 9.45am	J Dias E Young	Anderson Family	M Ondrus	T O'Mara T Ryan	A Cournane P Town	H. J Coman W. A Cournane W. S Rosentreter	J Anderson	P Town

World Day of Prayer 2025

Cook Islands
'I made you wonderful'



Friday March 7th, 2025

10am South Toowoomba Baptist Church
279 Geddes St, Centenary Heights

6.30pm Lifeworks Uniting Church
615 Boundary St, Glendale

Contact: Mary Tibben - amtibben@bigpond.com

St Patrick's Day Dinner Dance

Come and enjoy a great night out to celebrate the Feast of St Patrick!

Saturday 15th March from 6.30pm at the Cathedral Centre on Neil Street. Tickets include your meal, live Irish Band and dancing, Irish Sing-A-Long- Local Band. Cost is \$50 per person and you can purchase your tickets by phoning the Cathedral's parish office on 4637 1500 or at <https://www.trybooking.com/CYTLF>



FRI 28 FEB

12pm - 4pm | Last Tour 3pm

OPEN DAY

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ENews UPDATE

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

WALKING THE LABYRINTH - AN IMAGINAL IONIAN PILGRIMAGE

Date: 15/3/25 Saturday

Time: 8:30 am for a prompt 9:00 am start (until 11:30 am)

Where: Sychar House of Prayer and Spirituality, 69 Margaret Street Tmba

Ever wanted to travel to Iona, visit its sacred places and walk the "St Columba Labyrinth"? Inspired by their recent trip there, Randal and Susan Dennings will facilitate an imaginal Ionian pilgrimage for us all. [See flyer for details.](#) [Book now via Try booking](#)
See what else is on offer at [Sychar by visiting the diocesan website.](#)

ST PATRICK'S SCHOOL MITCHELL CENTENARY CELEBRATION

Date: 3/5/25 Saturday **Time:** Day commences at 12:30pm

Where: St Columba's Church and St Patrick's School, Mitchell

Past students, staff and the community are warmly welcome to join the celebration of this wonderful milestone for St Patrick's School. Celebrations will start with Mass at St Columba's Church at 12:30pm, followed by memorabilia display and a chance to walk down memory lane from 2:00pm, and finishing with camp oven dinner from 5:00pm (\$20pp). Please contact the school office on 07 4623 1448 to book for dinner. [See Facebook post for further details.](#)

NATIONAL LITURGY AND MUSIC CONFERENCE

Date: 1-3/10/25 **Where:** Hilton, Adelaide

Registrations are now open for the National Liturgy & Music Conference, "Pilgrims of Hope: Transformed through Sacrament & Song", presented by the Australian Pastoral Musicians Network and the National Liturgical Council. A biennial gathering, this year's conference will feature:

- Keynote speakers Fr Ricky Manalo & Rita Ferrone and Fr Richard Leonard SJ
- Mini-Keynotes featuring short presentations from six inspirational Australian voices
- Breakout Blocks offering 50+ Workshop options
- Daily Liturgy & Prayer Experiences
- Networking Opportunities with delegates from throughout Australia & NZ
- Optional Conference Dinner
- Resource Exhibits

Visit the [Conference Website](#) for further information, or [visit TryBooking to register today.](#)

SAVE THE DATE: NATSICC ASSEMBLY - PILGRIMS OF HOPE

Date: 29/9-3/10/25 **Where:** Rydges, Hunter Valley NSW

The NATSICC National Assembly is an opportunity for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholics to come together with those working alongside them in the Church to celebrate the gifts that First Australians bring to the Australian Catholic Church.

To find out more, [visit the assembly website.](#) To register your interest in receiving information and updates on the event, email assembly@natsicc.org.au

Have any suggestions or need help?

One of the aims of the Parish Pastoral Council is to support and develop the ongoing life of our parish community. If you have any suggestions, concerns or need help in any way, please see a member of the Parish Pastoral Council. They are available before and after Mass to assist.

Suggestion Box

