



Welcome to OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH

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Weekday Liturgy of The Word/Mass – Tuesday and 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 November 2025 Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C

First Reading

[Malachi 3:19-20](#)

A reading from the prophet Malachi

The sun of righteousness will shine on you.

The day is coming now, burning like a furnace; and all the arrogant and the evil-doers will be like stubble. The day that is coming is going to burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, leaving them neither root nor stalk. But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness will shine out with healing in its rays.

Responsorial Psalm

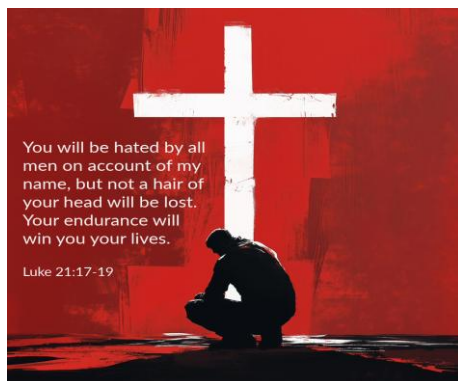
[Ps 97:5-9. R. see v.9](#)

(R.) The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

1. Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp with the sound of music. With trumpets and the sound of the horn acclaim the King, the Lord. (R.)

2. Let the sea and all within it, thunder; the world, and all its peoples. Let the rivers clap their hands and the hills ring out their joy at the presence of the Lord. (R.)

3. For the Lord comes, he comes to rule the earth. He will rule the world with justice and the peoples with fairness. (R.)



Second Reading

[2 Thessalonians 3:7-12](#)

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

Do not give anyone food who refuses to work.

You know how you are supposed to imitate us: now we were not idle when we were with you, nor did we ever have our meals at anyone's table without paying for them; no, we worked night and day, slaving and straining, so as not to be a burden on any of you. This was not because we had no right to be, but in order to make ourselves an example for you to follow. We gave you a rule when we were with you: not to let anyone have any food if he refused to do any work. Now we hear that there are some of you who are living in idleness, doing no work themselves but interfering with everyone else's. In the Lord Jesus Christ, we order and call on people of this kind to go on quietly working and earning the food that they eat.

Gospel Acclamation

[Luke 21:28](#)

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lift up your heads and see;

your redemption is near at hand.

Alleluia!

Gospel

[Luke 21:5-19](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Your endurance will win you your life.

When some were talking about the Temple, remarking how it was adorned with fine stonework and votive offerings, Jesus said, 'All these things you are staring at now – the time will come when not a single stone will be left on another: everything will be

destroyed.' And they put to him this question: 'Master,' they said, 'when will this happen, then, and what sign will there be that this is about to take place?' 'Take care not to be deceived,' he said, 'because many will come using my name and saying, "I am he" and, "The time is near at hand." Refuse to join them. And when you hear of wars and revolutions, do not be frightened, for this is something that must happen but the end is not soon.' Then he said to them, 'Nation will fight against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes and plagues and famines here and there; there will be fearful sights and great signs from heaven. 'But before all this happens, men will seize you and persecute you; they will hand you over to the synagogues and to imprisonment, and bring you before kings and governors because of my name – and that will be your opportunity to bear witness. Keep this carefully in mind: you are not to prepare your defence, because I myself shall give you an eloquence and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to resist or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, relations and friends; and some of you will be put to death. You will be hated by all men on account of my name, but not a hair of your head will be lost. Your endurance will win you your lives.'

Next Week's Readings (22nd/23rd Nov) – Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe - Year C

1st Reading: [2 Samuel 5:1-3](#) 2nd Reading: [Colossians 1:12-20](#) Gospel: [Luke 23:35-43](#)

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/>

Living the gospel

Comfort

We must remember that the gospel of Luke was written 50-plus years after the death of Jesus. Whilst Jesus may have said something like what is ascribed to him in this passage, we have to accept that the words are influenced to a great extent by the gospel writer. The gospel is not written as a biography but as a means of conveying a message about Jesus. To this end, the writer seeks to give comfort to his audience by having Jesus 'predict' all the things that have indeed come to pass in their community. The message to a struggling community is to 'keep going.'

Sunday Reflection...

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The Day of the Lord was believed to be the time when God would come in majesty and power to set all things right. We must remember that the descriptions in today's readings are metaphoric or symbolic in nature. As with all metaphors or symbols, we miss something of their profound meaning if we merely understand them literally. It is not helpful to relate elements of the description with particular aspects of the contemporary world. Belief in the Day of the Lord is a way of testifying to our faith in the righteousness of God.

Although the narrative readings for today concentrate on the disruptions that will accompany the coming of God, they also contain hints of the salvation that will finally arrive. Malachi speaks of the sun of justice that comes with healing rays; Luke promises that the faithful disciples will escape without a hair of their heads being destroyed. Just as the descriptions of the upheavals should not be understood literally, neither should these descriptions. It may be that the faithful followers of Jesus will suffer terrible agonies. The point here is that even in the midst of their pain, they will be protected. The healing rays of justice and the rescue of the lives of the upright are references to salvation. God does not come at the end to condemn, but to save. Furthermore, the suffering that precedes the end is intended for purification and refinement, not punishment. Christians are exhorted to live in this endtime with patient endurance of difficulties.

Historical Context

Expectation

When the gospel of Mark was written around the year 75 of the 1st Century, the people of that community firmly believed that the world was about to end and that Jesus' return to earth was going to happen any day. Another 10 or so years later, the communities of the gospels of Matthew and Luke were enduring persecution and great hardship. They felt that surviving through this time of struggle would be rewarded with the return of Jesus. However, by the time of the gospel of John, another 10 years later, we see an acceptance that the end is still to come some time in the future.

Scriptural Context

Apocalyptic writing

Hollywood has done very well out of movies about the end of the world and the term 'apocalypse' has come to have this meaning. However, 'apocalypse' comes from the Greek word meaning, 'to lift a veil' or 'to reveal'. The apocalypse is not the end of the world, but rather the revelation that will come at the end of the world. Writings such as today's gospel passage about what will happen at the end of the world and how God will be revealed are described in the Christian tradition as 'apocalyptic writing'. The most famous of these writings is the book of Revelation.

Thought of the week...

Only wearing 1 glove today, the weather forecast says it's going to be cold, but on the other hand it may be warm.



Please Pray For...

Recent Deaths: Bryan Carlin

Anniversaries: (14th – 20th Nov) Sr Joan MacGinley, Colleen Alloway, Agnes 'Mary' Collins, Mary Cosgrove, Kathleen Humphrey, Lilian McCormack, Ellen Davies, Ven A/Deacon Leo Hayes, Rev Fr Francis Leonard, Rev Fr Peter Murphy,

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 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,

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 15/11	o 6.30pm Mass (World Day of the Poor)
Sun 16/11	o 9.45am Mass & Children's Liturgy (World Day of the Poor)
Mon 17/11	o BUPA Visitation
Tue 18/11	o 6am – 6.55am Reconciliation o 7am Mass o 10am Liturgy of the Word o 10.30am Prayer Group in the Quiet Room
Wed 19/11	o 9am Anam Cara in the Presbytery
Thu 20/11	o 10am Mass o 11am Craft Group in the Quiet Room o 5.30pm Mass o 6pm – 7pm Adoration with Benediction
Fri 21/11	

Date Claimer

- Fri 28th Nov – Seniors' Christmas Party 10am
- Sat 29th Nov/Sun 1st Dec – First Sunday of Advent
- Sun 30th Nov – Parish Carols Night 5.30pm
- Mon 1st Dec – Parish Pastoral Council meeting 6.30pm

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 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/retired/young at heart 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 or by email to ourladyoflourdesparish@twb.catholic.org.au by the end of this weekend.



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.

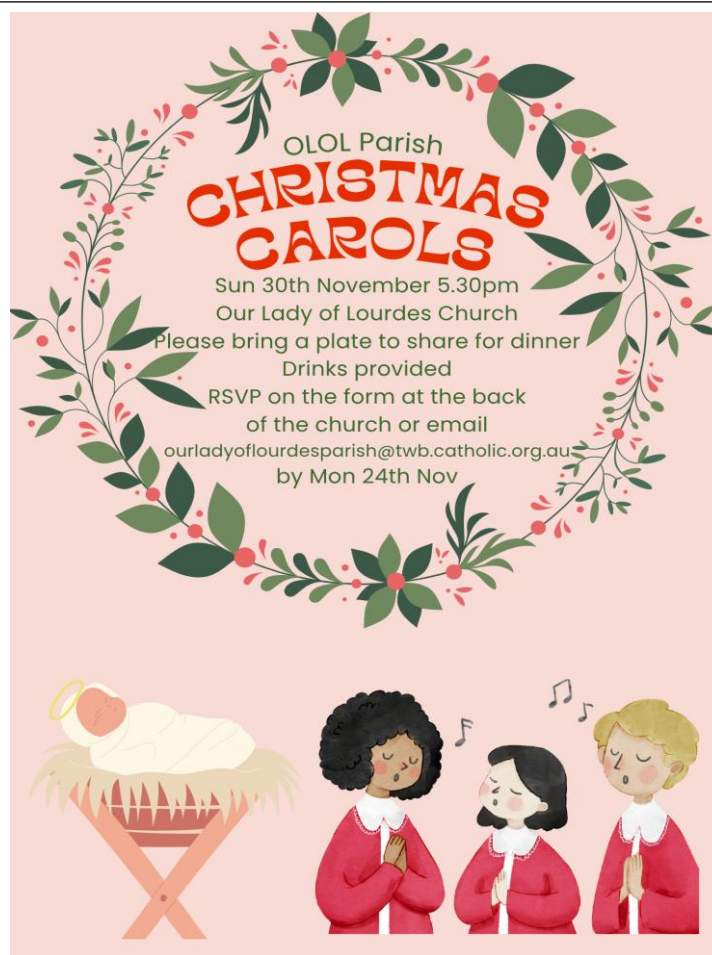
Musicians, singers, actors and performers of any age who might like to spread the joy of the Christmas season by sharing their talents at the Carols night are very welcome. Please contact the parish office if you'd like to contribute your talent. Please bring a plate of finger food to share if you are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

Vinnies Christmas Appeal

The OLOL St Vincent de Paul Conference is seeking donations for their Christmas Appeal. Your generous donations of non-perishable foods, non-alcoholic drinks, toiletries, toys and books can provide urgent relief for those in our community doing it tough this Christmas, brighten their Christmas and give them hope for a better future. Donations can be left in the plastic tubs in the Church foyer.



Date	Welcomers	Commentary	Ministers of the Word	Offertory Procession	Extraordinary Ministers	Ipad Operator	Piety Stall
22 nd Nov at 6.30pm	G Schoorl M Cushway	G Ferguson	M McLean R O'Brien	Ward Family	H. R Johnston W. K Ober W. L Walsh	Regan Family	G Schoorl
23 rd Nov at 9.45am	Anderson Family	K Langdale	C Anderson M Conrick	Watson Family	H. A Courname W. P Murphy W. S Rosentreter	A Winder	A Suhr



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.

Palms International Volunteering

Discover Palms International Volunteering [online](#) in these two special sessions where you'll hear how skill-exchange makes a lasting impact in communities in our Southeast Asian region.

1. Explore our [GAP YEAR opportunities](#) for (18-25yo) Year 12 graduates and university students, that could shape your future.

Date: Thursday 4 December 2025
Time: 6pm or 9pm AEDT (NSW/VIC/ACT/TAS)

2. Join our [TIMOR-LESTE ENCOUNTER](#) Information session for those who would like a short taste and tour of Palms placements to Timor-Leste from 14-27 May 2026.

Date: Monday 8 December 2025
Time: 7.30pm-8.30pm AEDT (NSW/VIC/ACT/TAS)

Venue: ONLINE-Scan the QR code or register at palms.org.au/events

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E NEWS UPDATE

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

RED WEDNESDAY AT ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL

Date: 19/11/25 Wednesday

Time: 7:00am Mass

Where: St Patrick's Cathedral, Toowoomba

We are lucky to live in a country that allows everyone to practise their faith openly and freely. Many are not so fortunate, oppressed and worse for openly living as Christians. Next Wednesday, all are welcome to Mass, which will be offered to persecuted Christians around the world, and in the evening, St Pat's will be lit in red. You can find out more about this initiative at <https://rednovember.org/>

TOOWOOMBA HOSPICE CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Date: 30/11/25 Sunday

Time: 5:00pm - 7:00pm

Where: Toowoomba Hospice, 57B O'Quinn Street Tmba

Cost: Gold coin donation

Kick off the festive season with Toowoomba Hospice. Bring your family and friends for an evening of carols performed by the Toowoomba Municipal Band and High-Altitude Harmony, plus a visit from Santa. Food and drink are available, as well as a raffle. Bring a chair or blanket for a fun evening supporting Toowoomba Hospice.

[Newsletter ad/social media promo](#)

IGNITE YOUTH - SUMMER CAMP 2026

Date: 8-11/1/26

Where: QCCC Mapleton, 70 Obi Obi Rd Mapleton (Sunshine Coast region)

Cost: \$370 pp, also costs for travel and merch (late fees apply after 2/1/26, [buy tickets](#))

Summer Camp is four unforgettable days away, filled with fun and getting closer to Jesus. Huge outdoor games, swimming, amazing rallies, dance parties and 300 new friends to make! Aimed at young people in Grades 7-12 in 2026, Summer Camp is run by a team of experienced and emerging Catholic youth leaders who will accompany young people on a journey to discover more about themselves, Jesus and His hope for their lives.

Find out more and register at igniteyouth.com/summercamp

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

The people behind our open doors – meet our Vincentians! Click [here](#)

World Day of the Poor Sunday 16th Nov

Pope Leo XIV has designated Sunday 16th November 2025 as the World Day of the Poor. The theme, *You are My Hope*, draws from the Psalmist's cry for hope in the face of hardship, emphasising that this hope is rooted in God's promise. In his message, the pope says, "The poor are not a distraction for the Church, but our beloved brothers and sisters, for by their lives, their words and their wisdom, they put us in contact with the truth of the Gospel. The celebration of the World Day of the Poor is meant to remind our communities that the poor are at the heart of all our pastoral activity." Pope Leo XIV adds, "It is my hope, then, that this Jubilee Year will encourage the development of policies aimed at combatting forms of poverty both old and new, as well as implementing new initiatives to support and assist the poorest of the poor." As we are about to enter the season of Advent, let us not forget those who struggle just to eat one meal each day. Catholic social teaching provides a vision for a just society, recognising the dignity of all people and prioritising the needs of the poor and the vulnerable. Taken from Majellan Media

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