



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, 19th October 2025 Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C

First Reading

[Exodus 17:8-13](#)

A reading from the book of Exodus

As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage.

The Amalekites came and attacked Israel at Rephidim. Moses said to Joshua, 'Pick out men for yourself, and tomorrow morning march out to engage Amalek. I, meanwhile, will stand on the hilltop, the staff of God in my hand.' Joshua did as Moses told him and marched out to engage Amalek, while Moses and Aaron and Hur went up to the top of the hill. As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage; when he let his arms fall, the advantage went to Amalek. But Moses' arms grew heavy, so they took a stone and put it under him and on this he sat, Aaron and Hur supporting his arms, one on one side, one on the other; and his arms remained firm till sunset. With the edge of the sword Joshua cut down Amalek and his people.

Responsorial Psalm

[Ps 120. R. v.2](#)

(R.) Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

1. I lift up my eyes to the mountains: from where shall come my help? My help shall come from the Lord who made heaven and earth. (R.)

2. May he never allow you to stumble! Let him sleep not, your guard. No, he sleeps not nor slumbers, Israel's guard. (R.)

3. The Lord is your guard and your shade; at your right side he stands. By day the sun shall not smite you nor the moon in the night. (R.)

3. The Lord will guard you from evil, he will guard your soul.

The Lord will guard your going and coming both now and for ever. (R.)

Second Reading

[2 Timothy 3:14 – 4:2](#)

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

This is how the people of God become equipped and ready for every good work.

You must keep to what you have been taught and know to be true; remember who your teachers were, and how, ever since you were a child, you have known the holy scriptures – from these you can learn the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and can profitably be used for teaching, for refuting error, for guiding people's lives and teaching them to be holy. This is how the man who is dedicated to God becomes fully equipped and ready for any good work. Before God and before Christ Jesus who is to be judge of the living and the dead, I put this duty to you, in the name of his Appearing and of his kingdom: proclaim the message and, welcome or unwelcome, insist on it. Refute falsehood, correct error, call to obedience – but do all with patience and with the intention of teaching.

Gospel Acclamation

[Hebrews 4:12](#)

Alleluia, alleluia!

The word of God is living and active; it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart.

Alleluia!

Gospel

[Luke 18:1-8](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

God will see those who cry to him vindicated.

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the need to pray continually and never lose heart. 'There was a judge in a certain town' he said 'who had neither fear of God nor respect for man. In the same town there was a widow who kept on coming to him and saying, "I want justice from you against my enemy!" For a long time he refused, but at last he said to himself, "Maybe I have neither fear of God nor respect for man, but since she keeps pestering me I must give this widow her just rights, or she will persist in coming and worry me to death."' And the Lord said, 'You notice what the unjust judge has to say? Now will not God see justice done to his chosen who cry to him day and night even when he delays to help them? I promise you, he will see justice done to them, and done speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on earth?'



Next Week's Readings (25th/26th Oct 2025) – Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

1st Reading: [Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18](#) 2nd Reading: [2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18](#) Gospel: [Luke 18:9-14](#)

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/>



Have you thought? A parable about God

When Jesus tells this parable about the widow and the judge, he is actually painting a picture about God for his disciples. This is not to suggest that God needs to be worn down by persistence but rather it is a description of what God is not. If such a wicked and unjust judge can eventually be worn down, how much more quickly will God respond to a just cause? Yet the parable is told to reinforce the need to pray continually. The continuous prayer is not to wear God down – like the judge – but rather to demonstrate the genuine need.

Sunday Reflection...

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Justice, Pope Leo says, 'cannot be reduced to the mere application of the law or the work of judges, nor limited to procedural aspects.' As the Pope points out, 'the persistence of the widow who urges the judge to recover his sense of justice' speaks to the real meaning of the concept. Justice means more than the keeping or enforcing of rules. Because justice is a cardinal virtue, the Pope reminds us, it should always inform and guide our consciences and actions. 'When justice is exercised,' he says, 'one places oneself at the service of individuals, society and the state, with full and unwavering dedication.'

Referring to 'the deep desire for justice that is present in each of us, the thirst for justice that is the key instrument for building the common good in every human society,' the Pope encourages us to consider what justice demands with respect to individual dignity and communal relationships. True justice, he affirms, 'establishes a circularity of social relations, which places the value of every human being at its core.' For Christians, therefore, justice cannot be selfish or dismissive. Rather, justice should positively orient our relations with each other. 'As we know,' the Pope continues, 'justice becomes concrete when it reaches out to others, when each person is given their due, until equality in dignity and opportunity among human beings is achieved.'

[Quotes from Address for the Jubilee of Justice, 20 September 2025:

[https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-](https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/speeches/2025/september/documents/20250920-giubileo-operatori-giustizia.html)

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Scriptural context

Since chapter 9 of this Gospel, Jesus has been making a steady journey towards Jerusalem and the events of the Passion that await him there. This whole second half of the gospel is a series of teaching moments as Jesus seeks to prepare his disciples to continue his ministry after he has gone. Remembering that the gospel is written 50 or more years after the events described, the gospel writer has also deliberately structured these teaching moments for the audience of believers struggling day by day to live out the message and ministry of Jesus. As such, these teachings are just as important for modern audiences.

Different View Convincing God

Does this teaching about the need for continual prayer mean that God needs to be convinced of our cause? Does a one-off prayer not get heard? Is God swayed by the force of numbers? Can the prayers of ten people carry more weight than the prayers of one? All these questions miss the point of the parable. It is not God who needs our prayers, but we who have to recognise, through prayer, our need for God's mercy and gracious love. The constancy of prayer is not to convince God but to remind ourselves of our dependence upon God.

Thought of the week...

I JUST FIRED MYSELF FROM
CLEANING MY HOUSE... I DIDN'T
LIKE MY ATTITUDE, AND I GOT
CAUGHT DRINKING ON THE JOB.



Please Pray For...

Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries: (17th – 23rd Oct) Walter Williams, Marg Coorey, Colleen Lynch, Mavis Myles, Irene Oakes, Kathleen Elliott, George Streidl, Fr Roger Burke

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 18/10	o 6.30pm Mass World Mission Sunday
Sun 19/10	o 9.45am Mass World Mission Sunday Children's Liturgy
Mon 20/10	o BUPA Visitation
Tue 21/10	o 6am – 6.55am Reconciliation o 7am Mass o 10am Liturgy of the Word o 10.30am Prayer Group in the Quiet Room
Wed 22/10	o 9am Anam Cara in the Presbytery o Jubilee Mass St Patrick's Cathedral 11am o 3.30pm Hilltop Visitation o 6.30pm SPRED
Thu 23/10	o 10am Anointing Mass o 11am Craft Group in the Quiet Room o 5.30pm Mass o 6pm – 7pm Adoration with Benediction
Fri 24/10	

Date Claimers:

- 23rd October – Anointing Mass 10am
- 28th October – Liturgy Group Meeting 1pm Presbytery
- 1st November – All Saints Day
- 2nd November – All Souls Day

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.

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.

Raising Funds to restore St Patrick Cathedral

[Click here](#) for your chance to win great prizes!
Closes 8pm Thurs 11th Dec.
Drawn 9am Monday 15th Dec.



McAuley House Boarding Closes

As the 2025 school year draws to a close, so too does a significant chapter in the history of St Saviour's College. McAuley House, the College's boarding facility, will officially close its doors after more than a century of service. Since welcoming its first boarders in a draughty timber dormitory around 1923, McAuley House has been a nurturing and empowering home for generations of young women. Over the past 100 years, it has provided thousands of girls—many from rural and remote Queensland and PNG communities, with access to a Mercy education of distinction, founded on the mission of Catherine McAuley. To honour this legacy, Bishop Ken Howell will celebrate a Conclusion Mass on Saturday, 15th November at 10:00am, followed by a Morning Tea at the front of the College Hall. This event will be a special opportunity for the wider community to reflect on and celebrate the impact McAuley House has had on the lives of so many.

Principal, Jessica Wade, warmly invites past pupils, staff, families, and friends to share their stories, photographs, and memorabilia to help commemorate this occasion. If you have memories to contribute, please contact Jessica via email at jessica.wade@twb.catholic.edu.au. All are welcome to attend this heartfelt celebration honouring the contribution of McAuley House.

Pope Leo XIV's Apostolic Exhortation – Dilexi Te (I have loved you)

Australia's bishops are encouraging Catholics to study the first Apostolic Exhortation – Dilexi Te (I have loved you) – which was released by Pope Leo XIV last week. Pope Francis had begun writing the document, focused on the theme of love for the poor, before he died and Pope Leo decided to make it his own with the addition of some reflections. Bishop Timothy Harris, chair of the Bishops Commission for Social Justice, Mission and Service, said it was an important document in that it drew focus on love for the poor. "In studying Dilexi Te, we can come to appreciate the close connection between Christ's love and his summons to care for the poor." [Click here](#) for the full Dilexi Te exhortation. A paper copy can be found on the noticeboard or contact the Parish Office for a printed copy.

Date	Welcomers	Commentary	Ministers of the Word	Offertory Procession	Extraordinary Ministers	Ipad Operator	Piety Stall
25 th Oct at 6.30pm	G Schoorl M Cushway	C Ferguson	J Wilson S Kelly	D & N Clark	H. M Cushway W. J Sullivan W. R O'Brien	J Soriano	D Clark
26 th Oct at 9.45am	A Cournane R Fallon	T O'Mara	J Anderson M Cash	Denny Family	H. Cristianne Dias W. A Cournane W. P Murphy	K Langdale	V Barker

With gratitude

Thank you for your generous support of the **2025 Priests Retirement Foundation Appeal**.

With Fr Hal Ranger as our ambassador, we shared the story of a life devoted to joyful service. Your kindness helped honour that legacy and ensured our retired priests are cared for with dignity, compassion, and love.

This year's campaign was a great success. For the first time, we combined digital outreach with a physical mailing, and thanks to your support, we saw a significant increase in engagement and giving across the Diocese.

Your prayers, gifts, and encouragement made a real impact. We are so grateful to have you as part of our diocesan family. Thank you for caring for those who cared for us!

Warm Regards and gratitude from the Catholic Diocese of Toowoomba.

Prayers for the Dead

Sunday 9th November 3pm – 5pm

St Anthony's Parish is hosting a 'prayers for the dead' event in the month of the Holy Souls.

The afternoon will begin at 3:00pm at St Anthony's with a short exhortation, before all those gathered process to the Drayton and Toowoomba Cemetery. People are welcome to drive if the walk (approx. 2km) is too much for them.

There will be prayers and devotions at the cemetery upon arrival (roughly 3:40pm), before processing back to St Anthony's for solemn Evening Prayer for the Dead.

It's anticipated the prayers will conclude around 5:00pm. Light supper and refreshments will follow.

People can walk or drive to the cemetery. Please bring hat/umbrellas. Bottled water is available. For more information, please call St Anthony's Parish on 4636 1737.

Australian Catholic Youth Festival 2025

Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF) is a national gathering of Catholic young people established by the Australian Bishops more than ten years ago. Run over three days, the Festival provides young people from all across Australia with the opportunity to come together to connect, deepen their relationship with Jesus, be empowered to live their faith in the world and experience the breadth of the Church in Australia. The Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne is excited to be hosting ACYF from 30 November – 2 December 2025 and is looking forward to welcoming thousands of young people to Melbourne. [Click here](#) to find out more.

ENews UPDATE

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

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.](#)

JUBILEE OF ORDINATION MASS

Date: 22/10/25 Wednesday **Time:** 11:00am

Where: St Patrick's Cathedral Toowoomba

All are warmly welcomed to attend Mass to recognise the ordination anniversaries of Fr Vince Carroll MSC (60 years), Fr Hermi Rafada PACEM and Fr Nandana Saparamadu (both 25 years). This special Mass is an opportunity to celebrate the ongoing service of these men to our community. Mass will be live-streamed via the diocese's website. (Please note lunch following is a private event)

TRIVIA NIGHT

Date: 8/11/25 Sunday **Time:** 6pm

Where: Mary MacKillop School Hall Highfields

Tickets \$20 must be purchased prior to the event and include Pizza. Contact alan.mcnaught@bigpond.com or Mary MacKillop Catholic College. See [flyer](#) for more details.

Applications open for the Australian Young Catholic Women's Fellowship

The Bishops Commission for Evangelisation, Laity and Ministry is pleased to announce applications are now open for the Australian Young Catholic Women's Fellowship for 2026/2027. The Fellowship, which is offered over a two-year period, is a key initiative reflecting the Australian bishops' ongoing commitment to formation of women for missionary leadership. Applications close at 5pm AEDT on 24th November. [Click here](#) for more information.



This week, you're invited to partner with the Church in Zambia to help women overcome poverty and mothers give birth safely.

The Women's Cooperative, led by Sr Jane will provide women with the training and support required to break the cycle of scarcity, and the Chilonga Mission Hospital is determined to ensure every woman and baby receives a safe and dignified start to life.

During World Mission Sunday, we are called to be 'Missionaries of hope among all peoples', and we invite you to extend Christ's love to those in need in Zambia. You can support this work by using the appeal envelope, going online at catholicmission.org.au/mission, or scanning the QR code. Your gift will also assist many other Church programs around the world.



Free call: 1800 257 296
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