



# Welcome to OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH

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

## Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2025 The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ – Year C

### First Reading

Genesis 14:18-20

A reading from the book of Genesis

*Melchizedek brought bread and wine.*

Melchizedek king of Salem brought bread and wine; he was a priest of God Most High. He pronounced this blessing: 'Blessed be Abraham by God Most High, creator of heaven and earth, and blessed be God Most High for handing over your enemies to you.' And Abraham gave him a tithe of everything.

### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 109:1-4. R. v.4

(R.) You are a priest for ever, in the line of Melchizedek.

1. The Lord's revelation to my Master: 'Sit on my right: I will put your foes beneath your feet.' (R.)

2. The Lord will send from Zion your sceptre of power: rule in the midst of all your foes. (R.)

3. A prince from the day of your birth on the holy mountains; from the womb before the daybreak I begot you. (R.)

4. The Lord has sworn an oath he will not change. 'You are a priest for ever, a priest like Melchizedek of old.' (R.)

### Second Reading

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

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

*Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are proclaiming the death of the Lord.*

This is what I received from the Lord, and in turn passed on to you: that on the same night that he was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took some bread, and thanked God for it and broke it, and he said, 'This is my body, which is for you; do this as a memorial of me.' In the same way he took the cup after supper, and said, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Whenever you drink it, do this as a memorial of me.' Until the Lord comes, therefore, every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are proclaiming his death.

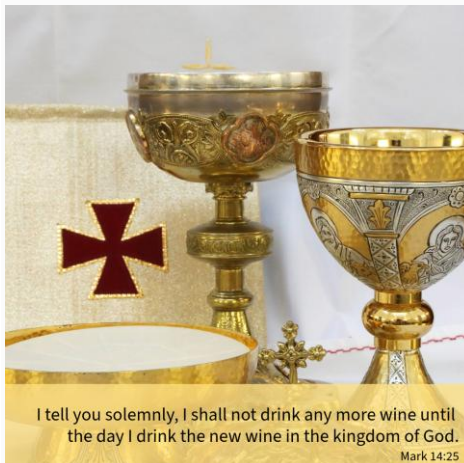
### Gospel Acclamation

John 6:51-52

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live for ever.

Alleluia!



I tell you solemnly, I shall not drink any more wine until the day I drink the new wine in the kingdom of God.

Mark 14:25

### Gospel

Luke 9:11-17

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

*They all ate and were filled.*

Jesus made the crowds welcome and talked to them about the kingdom of God; and he cured those who were in need of healing. It was late afternoon when the Twelve came to him and said, 'Send the people away, and they can go to the villages and farms round about to find lodging and food; for we are in a lonely place here.' He replied, 'Give them something to eat yourselves.' But they said, 'We have no more than five loaves and two fish, unless we are to go ourselves and buy food for all these people.' For there were about five thousand men. But he said to his disciples, 'Get them to sit down in parties of about fifty.' They did so and made them all sit down. Then he took the five loaves and the two fish, raised his eyes to heaven, and said the blessing over them; then he broke them and handed them to his disciples to distribute among the crowd. They all ate as much as they wanted, and when the scraps remaining were collected they filled twelve baskets.

Next Week's Readings (28<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup> June 2025) – Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles– Year C  
1st Reading: Acts of the Apostles 12:1-11 2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18 Gospel: Matthew 16:13-19

## 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, Jeni Bonnell, 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

#### Table fellowship

*In 1st Century Palestine, who you shared a meal with was a very political act. Your status in society was judged by who you kept company with and particularly with whom you shared food. At times, Jesus broke these rules and practiced open table fellowship – sharing meals with people of all stations in life and often being criticised for his actions by the Scribes and Pharisees. Part of Jesus' open table fellowship meant that he also ate with dignitaries and religious leaders, but he used these occasions to remind them of the inclusive message of God that they were ignoring.*

### Sunday Reflection...

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This Feast combines the previous feasts of Corpus Christi and the Precious Blood of Christ. It reminds us that the body and blood of Christ were offered as a sacrifice for us, and every time we re-enact this sacrifice, we renew his sacrifice. The Body and Blood of Jesus is the interim meal for the Christian community. We are to feed on it until the Lord returns. We see again the already-but-not-yet character of Christian eschatology, for the Lord has already returned. That means that the Eucharist meal is a re-enactment of Christ's death, an anticipatory celebration of his coming, and a thanksgiving banquet with him present.

The multiplication of the loaves and the fishes prefigures the eschatological banquet of fulfilment. Its miraculous bounty assures us of the abundance of that future banquet.

Its miracle of multiplication prefigures the miracle of Jesus as he changed the bread and wine into his own body and blood. Jesus handed himself over as food and drink on the very night that he was handed over by others. The banquet that he prepared was a celebration of the new covenant; it was an eschatological banquet of thanksgiving. This feast invites us to enter through either the past, the present or the future, for each one will lead us to the mystery that we celebrate: the mystery of the sacrifice of Christ; the mystery of the sacred bread and wine of the future; the mystery of the eschatological banquet of the present.

### gospel focus

#### Give them something yourselves

*In the gospel, the disciples encourage Jesus to send the crowds away to find food for themselves. Jesus tells the disciples, "Give them something to eat yourselves." This is a challenge and a test of the disciples – a chance for them to be like Jesus. He calls them to act with compassion and do what he would do to feed the people. But the disciples fail to grasp either his meaning or the opportunity and the miracle is left to Jesus. Jesus believed that they could feed the people if they tried but the disciples didn't have that same faith in themselves.*



### Have you thought?

#### Twelve baskets?

*The gospel passage tells us that after the five thousand people had eaten as much as they wanted, the remaining scraps filled twelve baskets. What is significant about twelve baskets of left-overs? Twelve was an important number – it represented the twelve tribes of Israel. Whenever the gospels mention twelve things they are symbolically talking about the nation of Israel. In this case, the message is that no matter how many people feast on the message of Jesus and accept the reign of God, there will still be enough to 'feed' the twelve tribes of Israel. No one need be left out!*

### Thought of the week...





## Please Pray For...

**Recent Deaths:** Patricia Gasparini

**Anniversaries: (20<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> Jun)** Johannes Van Dongen, Jennifer Gabbett, Stanley Patrick (Pat) Collins, Helen Phelan, Tony Drew, Terry Tewes, Daphne Pobar, June Maree Davis, Sheila Strickland, Desley Byrne, Rev Fr Francis Hall

**Those Who Are Sick:** 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

**June Birthdays:** Cassie Soriano, Ben Saunders, Helen McQuillan, June Burke, Joyce Smith, Sr Nancy Doyle, Jose Dias, Margaret Graham, Gen Schoorl, Agnes Hale, Patrick Kelly, Trish Shepherd, Rosie Glassey, Clare Ferguson, Anne Allport

## Parish News...

Sat 21/6	o 10.30am Willett Family Baptism o Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ o <b>6.30pm Mass</b>
Sun 22/6	o <b>9.45am Mass</b>
Mon 23/6	
Tue 24/6	o Nativity of John the Baptist o <b>10am Liturgy of the Word</b> o 10.30am Prayer Group in the Quiet Room
Wed 25/6	o 9am Anam Cara in the Presbytery o 6.30pm SPRED in the Church
Thu 26/6	o <b>10am Mass</b> o 10.30am Craft & Friendship in the Presb Meeting Room o 2pm SVDP Meeting
Fri 27/6	o The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

### Date Claimers:

29<sup>th</sup> June – Saints Peter and Paul (Peter's Pence Collection)

29<sup>th</sup> June – Gauci Family Baptism

6<sup>th</sup> July – ATSI Sunday

### New Mass Times Survey

The Parish Pastoral Council welcomes any comments, ideas or suggestions you have to offer. Please click [here](#) to complete the online form, scan the QR code below or pick up a paper copy from the tables at the entrances to the church. Your feedback and suggestions are very important to us.



### Support the Vinnies CEO Sleepout 19<sup>th</sup> June

The Vinnies CEO Sleepout is a one-night event held on one of the longest and coldest nights of the year. Hundreds of CEOs, business owners as well as community and government leaders sleep outdoors to support the many Australians who are experiencing homelessness and people at risk of homelessness. Each CEO Sleepout participant commits to raising a minimum amount of funds to help Vinnies provide essential services to the people who need them. Click [here](#) to donate.

## New Planned Giving Envelopes

Thank you to all who completed the Planned Giving form for 2025/2026. The new envelopes will be available on the table at the back of the church from this weekend. You may notice that we are using left-over envelopes from previous years. We have done this to help reduce costs and importantly, paper consumption, which is one way to help care for creation, a central theme of Laudato Si'.

### Tennis Court resurfacing

On Monday 23rd June, work is commencing to have the surface of the tennis court repaired and the fence straightened. A small number of car spaces will be used by the contractors for equipment and vehicles. All safety measures will be adhered to.

### Toowoomba Winter Shelter Program

For the past two years, St Theresa's Parish and St Thomas More's Parish have been participating in the Toowoomba Winter Shelter program. Last year, they opened their doors, providing up to 10 guests with the opportunity for a meal, a hot shower, and a warm place to sleep for the night. This year, we will be hosting guests every Friday night for 13 weeks, alternating between the two locations. This is an opportunity for the wider Catholic community to participate and support. For more information, please contact Matt Boyd at [cityboyd03@gmail.com](mailto:cityboyd03@gmail.com) or phone 0427 058 655.

### New Archbishop of Brisbane

Pope Leo XIV has appointed Sandhurst Bishop Shane Mackinlay as the new Archbishop of Brisbane. Archbishop Mark Coleridge welcomes the appointment of his successor, a gifted man, who will be a distinguished addition to the line of Brisbane Archbishops.



	Altar Servers	Welcomers	Commentary	Ministers of the Word	Offertory Procession	Extraordinary Ministers	Ipad Operator	Piety Stall
28 <sup>th</sup> June at 6.30pm	E & L Ward	P & J O'Sullivan	J Wilson	J Soriano J Adriano	M Cushway J Johnston	H. R Campbell W. M McLean W. J Johnston	M Connell	J Sullivan
29 <sup>th</sup> June at 9.45am	E Young	T Ryan K Langdale	T O'Mara	J Anderson P Murphy	Dias Family	H. C Anderson W. S Rosentreter W. R Fallon	K Langdale	P Town

## Weekly Spotlight on our Parish Groups and Mass Ministries

### Altar Server

Altar Servers have a very special ministry. Their primary role is to assist the Priest in the celebration of the Mass. Children who have received their First Holy Communion are eligible to serve and will be provided with the necessary training.

### Collectors

This ministry is responsible for the collection of the monetary gifts offered by the community for the work of the church.

### Commentator

The role of the Commentator is to welcome the gathered community and introduce the celebration. The Commentator also leads the Responsorial Psalm in the absence of a Cantor and reads the Prayers of the Faithful.

### Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC) assist the Priest in the distribution of the Body and Blood of Christ to those gathered. EMHC may opt to distribute the Body of Christ only or both the Body and Blood of Christ.

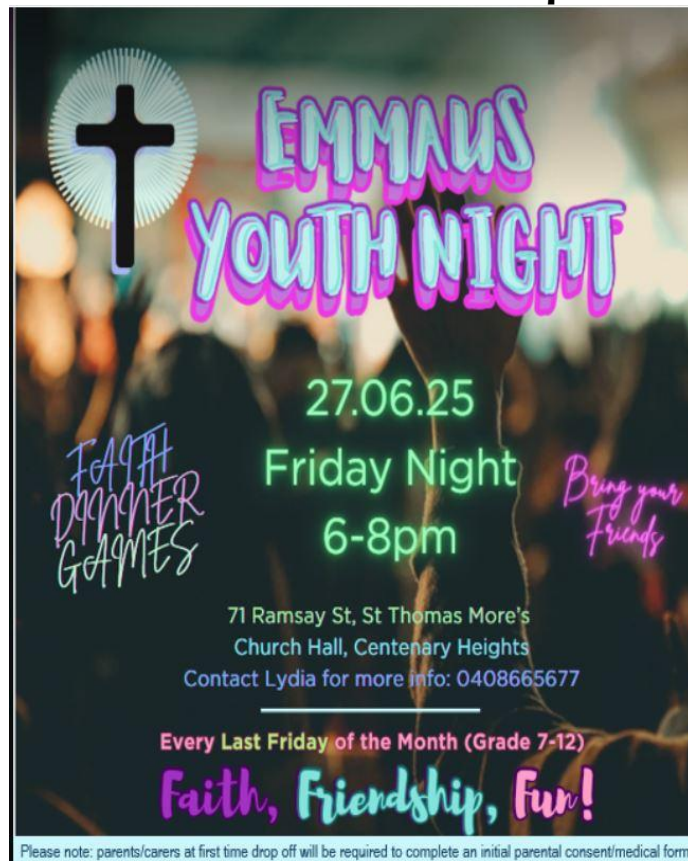
### I-pad Operator for PowerPoint

This ministry is responsible for the operation of the I-pad to display the hymns and prayers during the Mass.

### Mass Coordinators

Mass Coordinators ensure that all those rostered on to serve in Mass Ministries are present and find replacements when necessary.

## Toowoomba Catholic Youth Group



**EMMAUS YOUTH NIGHT**

27.06.25  
Friday Night  
6-8pm

71 Ramsay St, St Thomas More's Church Hall, Centenary Heights  
Contact Lydia for more info: 0408665677

Every Last Friday of the Month (Grade 7-12)  
**Faith, Friendship, Fun!**

*Faith Dinner Games*  
*Bring your Friends*

Please note: parents/carers at first time drop off will be required to complete an initial parental consent/medical form

## ENews UPDATE

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

### TOOWOOMBA DIOCESE: YOUTH MINISTRY OFFICER

Applications are invited for the full-time position of Youth Ministry Officer with the Catholic Diocese of Toowoomba. The Youth Ministry Officer will play a key role in promoting and supporting youth ministry across the Diocese of Toowoomba. This position focuses on empowering young people to develop a deep relationship with Christ and to participate actively in the life of the Church. A position description is available by emailing [slynych@twb.catholic.org.au](mailto:slynych@twb.catholic.org.au) or calling 07 4632 7589.

[Apply through SEEK listing.](#)

Applications close Wednesday 2/7/25 at 5:00pm.

### MAKING SYNODALITY WORK IN OUR LIVES AND OUR PARISHES

**Date:** 26/6/25 Thursday

**Time:** 7:00pm

**Where:** [Online via Zoom](#)

**Cost:** Free

Catholicism is experiencing an amazing era of change. We hope that the concepts and ideas from the recent *Synod on Synodality* will become part of our parishes and dioceses. This webinar will reflect on the current state of Australasian Catholics eight months after the final session. The event will be moderated by Christina Reymer and she will be joined by Bishop Tim Norton, Dr Elissa Roper and Steph Jorna. Gail Gill will give the concluding summary. [Register to receive link.](#)

### BISHOP VINCENT PRESENTS SERIES: A CONVERSATION WITH MAURICIO LOPEZ

**Date:** 23/7/25 Wednesday

**Time:** 6:00pm

**Where:** Livestream (St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, Parramatta)

**Cost:** Free

Originally from Mexico and based in Latin America, Mauricio currently serves as Executive Secretary of the Ecclesial Conference of the Amazon (CEAMA). The CEAMA is responsible for implementing the outcomes of the 2019 Amazon Synod. The Amazon Synod effectively called for bold new paths for evangelisation and the care of creation as the Amazon is a region of the earth deeply affected by environmental degradation, economic injustice and marginalisation of its Indigenous peoples.

[Find out more and register for the livestream here.](#)

### REPERTORY THEATRE FUNDRAISER: THE SUNSHINE BOYS

**Date:** 8/7/25 Tuesday

**Time:** 7:00pm

**Where:** Repertory Theatre, Margaret St Tmba

Enjoy a night at the theatre and support SPRED. Tickets \$25, includes welcome drink, light supper and tickets in multi-draw raffle. Purchase tickets from SPRED Ph 07 4632 8427 or email

[spred@twb.catholic.org.au](mailto:spred@twb.catholic.org.au)

[See flyer](#)

### ST THOMAS MORE'S PARISH: PARISH COORDINATOR

We are looking for a Parish Coordinator in a part-time role, who works with enthusiasm and efficiency, has a strong Catholic faith, and is passionate about the mission and ministry of the Church. As an integral member of our parish team working alongside the Priest Director, you will play a central role in addressing both administrative and pastoral needs, ensuring smooth operations and helping to share the Good News of Jesus with others. The successful candidate will be a welcoming first point of contact for parishioners and visitors, demonstrating excellent communication skills and a capacity to manage the day-to-day operations of Parish life. For a position description, please contact the Parish Office: [stthomasmoresparish@twb.catholic.org.au](mailto:stthomasmoresparish@twb.catholic.org.au)

Applications close 13/7/25.