



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 Gialal and Jarowair peoples, Traditional Owners of this land and pay our respects to their Elders past and present.

Sunday, 23rd November 2025 Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe - Year C

First Reading

[2 Samuel 5:1-3](#)

A reading from the second book of Samuel
They anointed David king of Israel.

All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron. 'Look' they said 'we are your own flesh and blood. In days past when Saul was our king, it was you who led Israel in all their exploits; and the Lord said to you, "You are the man who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you shall be the leader of Israel."' So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David made a pact with them at Hebron in the presence of the Lord, and they anointed David king of Israel.

Responsorial Psalm

[Ps 121:1-5](#). R. [see v.2](#)

(R.) Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

1. I rejoiced when I heard them say:
'Let us go to God's house.'

And now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem. (R.)

2. Jerusalem is built as a city
strongly compact.
It is there that the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord. (R.)

3. For Israel's law it is,
there to praise the Lord's name.
There were set the thrones of
judgement of the house of David. (R.)

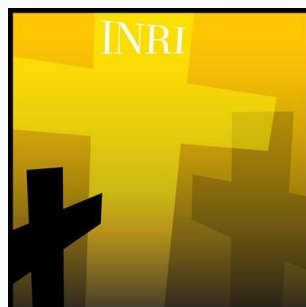
Second Reading

[Colossians 1:12-20](#)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

He has taken us into the kingdom of his beloved Son.

We give thanks to the Father who has made it possible for you to join the saints and with them to inherit the light. Because that is what he has done: he has taken us out of the power of darkness and created a place for us in the kingdom of the Son that he loves, and in him, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins. He is the image of the unseen God and the first-born of all creation, for in him were created all things in heaven and on earth: everything visible and everything invisible, Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignities, Powers – all things were created through him and for him. Before anything was created, he existed, and he holds all things in unity. Now the Church is his body, he is its head. As he is the Beginning, he was first to be born from the dead, so that he should be first in every way; because God wanted all perfection to be found in him and all things to be reconciled through him and for him, everything in heaven and everything on earth, when he made peace by his death on the cross.



Gospel Acclamation

[Mark 11:9, 10.](#)

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our Father; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Alleluia!

Gospel

[Luke 23:35-43](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Lord remember me when you come into your kingdom.

The people stayed there before the cross watching Jesus. As for the leaders, they jeered at him. 'He saved others,' they said, 'let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One.' The soldiers mocked him too, and when they approached to offer him vinegar they said, 'If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.' Above him there was an inscription: 'This is the King of the Jews.'

One of the criminals hanging there abused him. 'Are you not the Christ?' he said. 'Save yourself and us as well.' But the other spoke up and rebuked him. 'Have you no fear of God at all?' he said. 'You got the same sentence as he did, but in our case we deserved it: we are paying for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong. Jesus,' he said, 'remember me when you come into your kingdom.' 'Indeed, I promise you,' he replied, 'today you will be with me in paradise.'

Next Week's Readings (29th/30th Nov) – First Sunday of Advent - Year A
1st Reading: [Isaiah 2:1-5](#) 2nd Reading: [Romans 13:11-14](#) Gospel: [Matthew 24:37-44](#)

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/>

Scriptural Context

Shepherds and Criminals

The gospel of Luke is underlined by a message of hope for those who are afflicted, outcast and poor. In this gospel, the message and ministry of Jesus are directed specifically to these lowly ones. The significance of the role played by the poor is highlighted by the framing of the whole narrative in this gospel: the birth of Jesus is celebrated by shepherds and his death is accompanied by criminals. Shepherds and criminals – two classes of people on the absolute fringe of society; not dignitaries or wise men from afar – are witness to the birth and death of Jesus.

Sunday Reflection...

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This feast celebrates the power and authority of Christ by creating a collage of images that capture one or more characteristics of Christ's kingship. Each image reinterprets the concept of king, investing it with new meaning. Gathered together they create a kind of litany that extols the kingship of Christ. Shepherd and commander call to mind the care and protection that Christ lavishes on those who place themselves under his care. King of Israel is a sign of universal rule. Image of the Invisible God acclaims the divine origin of Christ and of the rule that he exercises over all. First born of all Creation places Christ over the entire created world. Source of all Created Things acknowledges both the sovereignty of Christ and his importance as the model after which all things were fashioned. Head of the Body, the Church underscores the intimacy and interrelationship that exist between Christ and all those who are joined to him through faith and baptism. Firstborn of the Dead not only acclaims Christ's resurrection, but it also guarantees the resurrection of those who will follow him into death. Crucified King is clearly the image that reinterprets all other images. The entire liturgical year is brought to completion in the last words of the gospel: 'Today you will be with me in Paradise.' These are the words that we all long to hear, words that are empty when coming from one who has no authority, but charged with power when spoken by the one who is king over us all.

Historical Context

Christ the King

The Feast of Christ the King was introduced to the liturgical calendar by Pope Pius XI in 1925. The establishment of the feast took place in a world that had suffered through the First World War and was unknowingly heading towards the Second World War. In this setting, the world was experiencing a dramatic growth in secularism and an even more dramatic growth in dictators who were rising to power in various states. The introduction of the feast was a call back from the secular and a call to remember Christ as having authority above and beyond any earthly leader.

Gospel Focus

A kingdom of inclusion

In response to the criminal's faith, Jesus assures him, 'today you will be with me in paradise'. There is a certainty and immediacy about the response. Jesus does not tell him that some time in the future he will be rewarded for his faith. No, it is today that the criminal will join Jesus in paradise. It is an expression of the welcome and inclusion that Jesus has extended to the outsider and undervalued throughout his ministry. It is a clear indication that the Kingdom of God that Jesus has worked to bring about is a kingdom of inclusion and welcome.

Thought of the week...

Where do bad rainbows go?

To prism. It's a light sentence, but it gives them time to reflect.

Please Pray For...

Recent Deaths: Bryan Carlin

Anniversaries: (21st – 27th Nov) Delphine Cailgott, Lois Rose Moran, Jenny Packer, Dorothy Shannon, John Johnstone, Maria Johnstone, Peter Clanchy, John Murphy, Gary Stahlhut, Johannah Parsons, Fr John Dowd, Fr William McCormack,

Those Who Are Sick: Garry Birch, 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 22/11	o 6.30pm Mass
Sun 23/11	o 9.45am Mass & Children's Liturgy
Mon 24/11	
Tue 25/11	o 6am – 6.55am Reconciliation o 7am Mass o 10am Liturgy of the Word o 10.30am Prayer Group in the Quiet Room
Wed 26/11	o 9am Anam Cara in the Presbytery o 6.30pm SPRED
Thu 27/11	o 10am Funeral Mass for Bryan Carlin o NO Craft Group today o 2pm SVDP Meeting in Quiet Room o 5.30pm Mass o 6pm – 7pm Adoration with Benediction
Fri 28/11	o 10am Mass followed by Seniors Christmas Party in the McMorrow Centre

Craft & Friendship Group

There will be no Craft Group on the 27th November and the last gathering for this year will be on Thursday 11th December at 11am. Craft Group will return on Thursday 22nd January 2026.

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.

New Mass Rosters

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered for a mass minstry for the upcoming year. The new mass rosters have now been completed and emailed out to all volunteers. There are paper copies on the notice board for those without an email address. The new rosters commence on the weekend of the 6th/7th December.

Break Open the Word for Readers – Year A

The Break Open the Word books for Year A are now available on the table at the back of the church. As these books are expensive, we are using books from previous years. This means that dates do not correspond, and a few Feasts/Sunday Readings are out of order. We know you are very clever people who will simply find the correct Feast/Sunday for your reading preparation. If you do happen to have difficulties, please ask one of the Liturgy Group members or contact the Parish Office.

Advent Setup

Set-up and decorating of the church for the Advent season will occur on Thursday, 27th November at 1pm. All are welcome to come and help.

Parish Christmas Carols – Next Sunday



Date	Welcomers	Commentary	Ministers of the Word	Offertory Procession	Extraordinary Ministers	Ipad Operator	Piety Stall
29 th Nov at 6.30pm	Hoopert Family	B Witham	N Doyle J Adriano	M & M Quinn	H. B Witham W. K Walsh W. E Castles	Kelly Family	W Hoopert
30 th Nov at 9.45am	A Cournane R Fallon	J Coman	J Bonell A Cournane	A Suhr	H. P Murphy W. R Fallon W. J Axtell	K Kruger	C & S Dias

An Invitation to a Historic Moment – Cardinal Bychok Visits Toowoomba

This coming March, the Catholic Diocese of Toowoomba warmly invites parishioners to join in welcoming His Eminence Mykola Cardinal Bychok CSsR, our Australian Cardinal, on his first-ever visit to our Diocese. Celebrate this special occasion at a breakfast on Friday March 27th or dinner on Thursday 26th March, with proceeds supporting the restoration of St Patrick's Cathedral's leadlight windows. Tickets and more information now available – book at: www.twb.catholic.org.au/cathedral



Prayer to Christ The King

Lord, Jesus Christ,
Our Sovereign King

The beginning and end of all things,
You have made your Church to be a people that bears
witness to the goodness and beauty of your kingdom.

By your Holy Spirit, you have united us as one body,
called to live as one family of God.

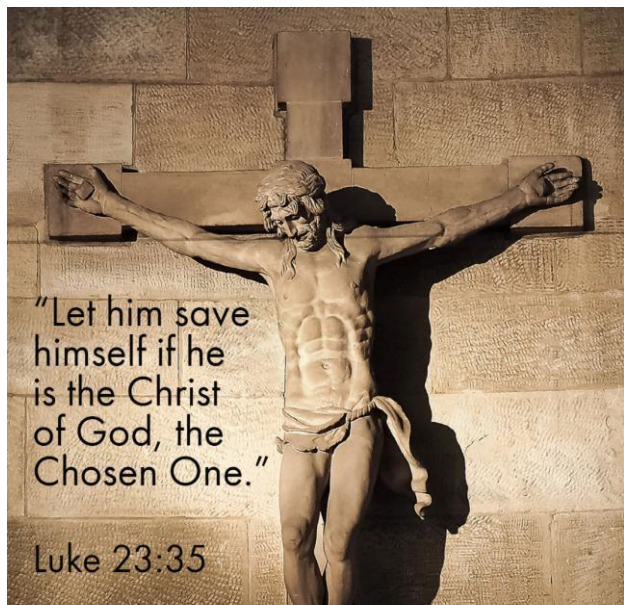
Fill our hearts with your grace,
that we would be close to you

by being close to the vulnerable and marginalized.

Give us the patience to share one another's burdens,
And give us the courage to always be friends of the truth.

May we remain with you always.

Amen



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

CARITAS - EMERGENCY APPEAL ASIA STORM RELIEF

Due to the devastating storms hitting Vietnam and the Philippines, Caritas Australia have launched an emergency appeal. For information on the current situation and the support we're providing review these:

[Donate to Asia Storm Relief | Caritas Australia](#)

[Caritas Australia launches Asia Storms Appeal for the Philippines and Vietnam](#)

CHRISTMAS CARDS

The Mukuru Promotion Centre (MPC), a ministry of the Sisters of Mercy in Kenya, is organising a fundraiser to help the marginalised youth in the slums by promoting their artistic talents via Christmas Cards. Each card has an inspiring verse focusing on the true message of Christmas, written by Sr Maureen Mohen RSM. By purchasing a packet of 10 cards and envelopes for \$15, you not only receive beautiful Christmas cards designed by young Kenyan artists but also make a significant impact on the lives of marginalised youth in Nairobi slums. [See flyer for more.](#) To order contact Sr Kathy Kettle Mb: 0418 926 590 Email: kkettle@mercy.org.au

ESAFETY COMMISSION - FREE WEBINARS

To mark this year's [16 Days of Activism against Gender-based Violence](#), the eSafety Commission is hosting a series of webinars focused on empowering Australians to recognise and respond to tech-based abuse. Whether you're a parent, carer, team leader or someone who wants to learn more, these sessions will give you practical advice and tools to keep you and others safe. Please note: These sessions are designed for people 18 years and over.

Introduction to Tech based abuse: Knowing how to respond

Tuesday 25 November 2025, 2:00-3:00pm AEDT

[REGISTER HERE](#)

Recognising online coercive control in young people's lives

Monday 1 December 2025, 12:30-1:15pm AEDT

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REMINDER: UPCOMING EVENTS

SYCHAR HOUSE OF PRAYER & SPIRITUALITY: [Please view the website](#) for current happenings.

ANNUAL ANGLICAN ROMAN CATHOLIC RECONCILIATION SERVICE: 18/11/25 @ 11:00am, St Stephen's Cathedral Brisbane. [See flyer for details.](#)

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL: 30/11-2/12/25, Melbourne.

ST MARY'S WARWICK CENTENARY: Save the date - 15/3/26 [Banner for newsletter/social media/emails](#)

JUBILEE OF MIGRANTS CROSS: Save the date - 22/6-5/7/26