

# Welcome to OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH

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

## Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> January 2025 Australia Day – Year C

### First Reading

[Isaiah 32:15-18](#)

A reading from the prophet Isaiah  
*The effect of justice will be peace.*

Once more there will be poured on us the spirit from above; then shall the wilderness be fertile land; and fertile land become forest. In the wilderness justice will come to live and integrity in the fertile land; integrity will bring peace, justice give lasting security. My people will live in a peaceful home, in safe houses, in quiet dwellings.

### Responsorial Psalm

[Ps 84:9-14](#)

(R.) The Lord speaks of peace to his people.

1. I will hear what the Lord God has to say,  
a voice that speaks of peace.  
His help is near for those who fear him and his glory will dwell in our land. (R.)

2. Mercy and faithfulness have met;  
justice and peace have embraced.  
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth and justice look down from heaven. (R.)

3. The Lord will make us prosper and our earth shall yield its fruit.  
Justice shall march before him and peace shall follow his steps. (R.)

### Second Reading

[Rom 12:9-13](#)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans.

*Instructions on how to live for the Lord.*

Do not let your love be a pretence, but sincerely prefer good to evil. Love each other as much as brothers should, and have a profound respect for each other. Work for the Lord with untiring effort and with great earnestness of spirit. If you have hope, this will make you cheerful. Do not give up if trials come; and keep on praying. If any of the saints are in need you must share with them; and you should make hospitality your special care.

### Gospel Acclamation

[Matthew 5:9](#)

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor  
and freedom to prisoners.

Alleluia!



### Gospel

[Luke 1:1-4. 4:14-21](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*The scriptures were fulfilled on this day.*

Seeing that many others have undertaken to draw up accounts of the events that have taken place among us, exactly as these were handed down to us by those who from the outset were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word, I in my turn, after carefully going over the whole story from the beginning, have decided to write an ordered account for you, Theophilus, so that your Excellency may learn how well founded the teaching is that you have received.

Jesus, with the power of the Spirit in him, returned to Galilee; and his reputation spread throughout the countryside. He taught in their synagogues and everyone praised him. He came to Nazara, where he had been brought up, and went into the synagogue on the sabbath day as he usually did. He stood up to read, and they handed him the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. Unrolling the scroll he found the place where it is written:

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for he has anointed me.

He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives and to the blind new sight, to set the downtrodden free, to proclaim the Lord's year of favour.

He then rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the assistant and sat down. And all eyes in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to speak to them, 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.'

Next Week's Readings (1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> February 2025) – The Presentation of the Lord – Year C

1st Reading: [Malachi 3:1-4](#) 2nd Reading: [Hebrews 2:14-18](#) Gospel: [Luke 2:22-40](#)

## 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** - 9.30AM 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 9:30am 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 after the 10am Mass every Tuesday.

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL** – meet the 1st Monday of each month at 6.30pm in the Quiet Room.

**SOCIAL JUSTICE** - meet 1st Sunday of the month at 10:30am 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 Framing

On either side of the quote from Isaiah in today's gospel there are very symmetrical actions. Before reading, Jesus stands, is handed the scroll and then unrolls the scroll. On completion he rolls up the scroll, hands it back and then sits down. There is a balance to every action. This framing or bracketing technique is used throughout the gospel of Luke as a cue to the audience. Whenever this framing occurs, it means that there is a very important teaching or action that occurs within the frame. On this occasion, the frame surrounds Jesus declaring his intentions for his ministry.

## Sunday Reflection...

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'Today,' as Pope Francis point out, is the word Jesus uses to begin his preaching. Today. Not tomorrow. Not then. Today.

The Pope invites us to reflect on the eternal *today-ness* of Jesus' message. This day, now, even with the very word 'today' as recorded in the Gospel of Luke, Jesus still speaks to his people.

Today, therefore, Jesus is still proclaiming his word. It is a proclamation, the Pope says, 'that runs through all ages and always remains valid.' We members of the living Body of Christ are called to continue proclaiming the fulfilment of scripture in Christ.

On another occasion the Pope turned his attention to the passage that Jesus quotes, those resonant lines from Isaiah about bringing 'good news to the poor.'

'The poor are indeed at the centre of the Gospel', the Pope reminds us, attracting the notice of Jesus right from the very beginning.

'Let us ask ourselves,' the Pope therefore suggests, 'what does it mean to evangelise the poor? It means first of all drawing close to them, it means having the joy of serving them, of freeing them from their oppression, and all of this in the name of and with the Spirit of Christ.'

## Have you thought? Different accounts

The gospel of Luke begins, 'Seeing that many others have undertaken to draw up accounts of the events that have taken place among us ...'. It indicates that there were many different accounts of Jesus' life circulating at the time of writing. In the years following Jesus' death there developed many different oral traditions that described the life and teachings of Jesus. A large number of these traditions were written down as what are now regarded as non-canonical or apocryphal writings – not recognised as part of the 'canon' of the Bible. They include gospels of Thomas, Peter, Mary, Phillip and Barnabas.

## HISTORICAL CONTEXT Theophilus

The gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles are written by the same person, or at least the same community. They are often regarded as a single work - Luke-Acts – as one flows directly into the other. Both books begin with an inscription to Theophilus. The Greek name, Theophilus, translates as 'lover of God'. Some scholars suggest that the name is a pseudonym for any lover of God or someone in particular whose identity must be shielded. Others argue that Theophilus was an influential Roman who had taken a great interest in the early Christian movement.

## Thought of the week...



**9 out of 10 Husbands  
agreed that their wives are  
always right.  
The 10th one has not been  
found since the study was  
conducted.**

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## Please Pray For...

**Recent Deaths:** Anthony Joseph

**Anniversaries:** Michael Drew, Anna Rebl, Shirley Schad, Agnes Hayes, Margaret Hurley, Christian Oberholzer, Stephen Logan, Jim Brown, Lynette Davis.

**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

**January Birthdays:** Faye Kroh, Desley O'Connell, Margaret White, Russell Campbell, Pee Wee Clark, Chloe Soriano, Brandon Joseph, Molly Ferguson, Karlie Ward, Lily Ward, Jo Johnston.

## Parish News...

Sat 25/1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o No Individual Reconciliation</li> <li>o <b>6pm Mass</b></li> </ul>
Sun 26/1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o <b>9.30am Mass – Australia Day Morning Tea</b></li> <li>o <b>5.30pm Mass</b></li> </ul>
Mon 27/1	o Parish Office closed due to public holiday
Tue 28/1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o <b>Mass/Liturgy of the Word 10am</b></li> <li>o <b>10.30am Prayer Group in the Quiet Room</b></li> </ul>
Wed 29/1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o 9am Anam Cara in the Presbytery</li> <li>o <b>Mass/Liturgy of the Word 10am</b></li> </ul>
Thu 30/1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o <b>Mass/Liturgy of the Word 10am</b></li> <li>o Craft Group 10.30am in the Quiet Room</li> <li>o St Vincent de Paul 2pm in the Quiet Room</li> </ul>
Fri 31/1	

### Date Claimers

- o 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb – Parish Council Meeting Presbytery Meeting Room 6.30pm
- o 8<sup>th</sup> Feb – **NO 6PM Mass**
- o 9<sup>th</sup> Feb – Farewell and Welcome combined Parish Morning Tea following the 9.30am Mass. **No 5.30pm Mass**
- o 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb – Workshop 1 Sacraments of Confirmation and Communion

### Office Closure

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January for the Australia Day Public Holiday.

### Australia Day Mass with Morning Tea

Please join us for morning tea following the 9.30am Mass this Sunday for Australia Day.



## Prayer of the First Nations Peoples

Father of all, you gave us the Dreaming.  
You have spoken to us through our beliefs.  
You then made your love clear to us in the person of Jesus.

We thank you for your care.  
You own us. You are our hope.  
Make us strong as we face the problems of change.  
We ask you to help the people of Australia to listen to us and respect our culture.  
Make the knowledge of you grow strong in all people,  
so that we can make a home  
for everyone in our land.  
Amen



## Australia Day Prayer

Generous God,  
we give thanks for this ancient and beautiful land,  
a land of despair and hope,  
a land of wealth and abundant harvests,  
a land of fire, drought and flood.  
We pray that your Spirit may continue to move in this land  
and bring forgiveness, reconciliation, and an end to all injustice  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.



Time	Altar Servers	Welcomers	Commentary	Ministers of the Word	Offertory Procession	Extraordinary Ministers	I pad Operator	Piety Stall
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Feb at 6pm</b>	E Ward L Ward	G Schoorl M Cushway	J Soriano	C Ferguson R O'Brien	N & D Clark	H. W Hoopert W. R Campbell W. B Witham	Kelly Family	D Clark
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Feb at 9.30am</b>	S Dias J Dias	Anderson Family	J Coman	T O'Mara T Ryan	A Cournane A Suhr	H. P Murphy W. M McLean W. R Fallon	J Anderson	P Town
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Feb at 5.30pm</b>		Hickey Family	M Whitelegg	R Johnston J Johnston	A Brown C Brown	H. A Beeston W. J Sullivan W. J Axtell	Desley Salty	V Barker

# OLOL Parish Farewell & Welcome

9th February 2025  
9.30am Mass

Please join us to  
Farewell Fr Quinlan and  
Welcome Fr Jamie & BJ

Morning Tea will be shared  
after Mass  
Please bring a plate to share

Please note: There will be no 6pm or  
5.30pm Mass that weekend

## Volunteer Position available

We are seeking eager and reliable families or individuals to assist with keeping the parish lawn (during the school holidays), hedges and carpark area (all year round) clean and tidy. The parish will supply the lawn mower, fuel, line trimmer and blower vac. Workplace Health and Safety training and induction will be provided. Please contact the Parish Office.



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## NEW MASS TIMES

From 15th/16th Feb 2025

SATURDAY VIGIL 6.30PM

SUNDAY MASS 9.45AM

## Prayer to Begin a School Year

*God of wisdom and might,  
we praise you for the wonder or our being,  
for mind, body and spirit.*

*Be with our children as they begin a new school year.*

*Bless them and their teachers and staff.*

*Give them strength and grace as their bodies grow;  
wisdom and knowledge to their minds as they search for  
understanding; and peace and zeal to their hearts.*

*We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## Changes to Individual Reconciliation

From 15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> February Individual Reconciliation will not be offered here at OLOL. Reconciliation is held on Saturdays from 8am – 9am at St Patrick's Cathedral, Saturdays at 4.15pm (& by appointment) at St Anthony's Parish, Fridays 12.30pm at Sacred Heart, Saturday 7am at Holy Name and by appointment at St Theresa's Parish.

## Adopt a Liturgy 2025

The Liturgy Group is keen to hear from anyone that might like to consider adopting just one parish celebration. For some of us, owning one small job rather than committing to something on a regular basis would better suit our job demands, family commitments and personal interests.

The Liturgy group has developed wonderful resources for each of their celebrations making the coordination much less time consuming and complicated and the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference provides resources too. It's probably much easier than you think! The Liturgy Group and the parish staff will provide all the support you need.

Suitable celebrations to adopt are:

Australia Day	OLOL Feast Day
Anzac Day	ATSI Sunday
World Day for Grandparents	Social Justice Sunday
Migrant and Refugee Sunday	

Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

## Job Vacancy – Admin Support Officer, St Anthony's Parish, Toowoomba.

St Anthony's Parish Community is looking for an Admin Support Officer to work up to 20 hours per week. Days and hours are negotiable. Please submit resume to Fr. Jamie Collins ([admin@stanthonysparish.com.au](mailto:admin@stanthonysparish.com.au)) by 10<sup>th</sup> February.

## Confirmation and First Eucharist 2025

Enrolments are now open for the Confirmation and First Eucharist program for 2025. Children in Year 4 or above and have received the Sacrament of Reconciliation are eligible to enrol.

- Please click [here](#) for the Initial Parent Letter including program dates and full information.
- Please click [here](#) for the Registration Form. **Registrations close on the 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2025.** No enrolments will be accepted after this date.

