



Welcome to **OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH**

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Reconciliation: Saturday 4.45pm

Mass times: Saturday: 6:00pm Vigil | Sunday: 9.30am & 5.30pm

Tuesdays at 10am

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We acknowledge and respect the living culture of the Gialal and Jarowair peoples, past, present and emerging, the traditional custodians of the land on which we meet.

Sunday, 2nd October 2022 Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

First Reading

[Hab 1:2-3; 2:2-4](#)

A reading from the prophet Habakkuk

The just will live by faithfulness.

How long, Lord, am I to cry for help while you will not listen; to cry 'Oppression!' in your ear and you will not save?

Why do you set injustice before me, why do you look on where there is tyranny?

Outrage and violence, this is all I see, all is contention, and discord flourishes.

Then the Lord answered and said, 'Write the vision down, inscribe it on tablets to be easily read, since this vision is for its own time only: eager for its own fulfilment, it does not deceive; if it comes slowly, wait, for come it will, without fail. See how he flags, he whose soul is not at rights, but the upright man will live by his faithfulness.'

Responsorial Psalm

[Ps 94:1-2, 6-9, R. v.8](#)

(R.) If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us. Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord. (R.)

2. Come in; let us bow and bend low; let us kneel before the God who made us for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand. (R.)

3. O that today you would listen to his voice!

'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert when your fathers put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work.' (R.)

Second Reading

[2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14](#)

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

Never be ashamed of witnessing the Lord.

I am reminding you to fan into a flame the gift that God gave you when I laid my hands on you. God's gift was not a spirit of timidity, but the Spirit of power, and love, and self-control. So you are never to be ashamed of witnessing to the Lord, or ashamed of me for being his prisoner; but with me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God.

Keep as your pattern the sound teaching you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. You have been trusted to look after something precious; guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

Gospel Acclamation

[1 Pt 1:25](#)

Alleluia, alleluia!
The word of the Lord stands for ever;
it is the word given to you, the Good News.
Alleluia!

Gospel

[Lk 17:5-10](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

If you had faith!

The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith.' The Lord replied, 'Were your faith the size of a mustard seed you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea", and it would obey you.

'Which of you, with a servant ploughing or minding sheep, would say to him when he returned from the fields, "Come and have your meal immediately"? Would he not be more likely to say, "Get my supper laid; make yourself tidy and wait on me while I eat and drink. You can eat and drink yourself afterwards"? Must he be grateful to the servant for doing what he was told? So with you: when you have done all you have been told to do, say, "We are merely servants: we have done no more than our duty."'

Next Week's Readings (8th/9th October 2022) – Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C
1st Reading: [2 Kgs 5:14-17](#) 2nd Reading: [2 Tm 2:8-13](#), Gospel: [Lk 17:11-19](#)

Parish Activities

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT - Friday afternoons in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel from 1:00pm - 5:30pm.

ANAM CARA – Wednesday 9.30am in the Presbytery

BAPTISM information nights are held on the 1st Wednesday 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.

CRAFT & FRIENDSHIP GROUP - meet every Thursday at 10:00am in the quiet room at the church.

ECUMENISM GROUP - meet the fourth Saturday of each month at 9:30am in the Children's Liturgy Room followed by a cuppa.

LITURGY GROUP - meet every 4th Monday of the month at 7:00pm in the presbytery.

LOURDES PRAYER GROUP - meet after the 10am Mass every Tuesday.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL – meet the first Monday of each month at 6.30pm in the Presbytery.

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 second and fourth Thursday mornings in the quiet room at the church at 8:00am.

Parish Councillors

Cristianne Dias, Jon Dwan, Robie Jayawardhana, Jo Johnston, Ray Johnston, Candice Poulton, Julius Soriano, Sue Whitelegg and Bernadette Witham.

Parish Safeguarding Children & Vulnerable Adults Representatives:

Our Parish is committed to supporting the right of everybody to be and feel safe. Concerns about the safety of children or vulnerable persons may be raised with our Parish Safeguarding Representatives (**Joe & Sarah Kelly 0437 839 838**). If you believe anybody is at immediate risk of harm you should phone 000. Further details of safeguarding procedures can be found on the noticeboard.

Toowoomba Diocese Safeguarding Resources can be found at <https://www.twb.catholic.org.au/professional-standards-safeguarding-children-the-vulnerable-policy/>

Historical Context

Servants & Slaves

When speaking about doing what is expected, Jesus uses the image of a servant or slave. Whilst this image may be a difficult one for us, Jesus is simply using an image that would have held meaning to his audience. The sense of doing what is expected without anticipating acclaim was best captured in the time by talking about a servant or slave. This does not suggest that Jesus condoned the practice of slavery or servitude – they were just cultural norms at the time. When Jesus spoke about these matters it was only to ensure that slave and servants were treated fairly.

Sunday Reflection...

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In our struggles to be faithful disciples, we frequently must endure periods when we feel abandoned by God. When we have been intent on serving God with genuine devotion, such times are particularly trying, for one would expect that God would not withdraw consolations. When this happens, the broken heart and the strained spirit cry out to God in complaint: How long? Why? We have all been worn down by life, tempted to give up, too weary to go on.

Faith in God is a gift for which we pray. It enables us to accomplish marvellous feats; with it we can move mountains. As unprofitable servants, we do not earn it; we have no right to claim it as our own. We are the ones from whom faithful service will be expected. We will be sent to plough the fields and tend the sheep. We will be called to serve at table.

The faith that is ours has been mediated to us through the community. We have heard about God and about Jesus from others, from our parents and families, from our teachers and those who preach, from those with whom we work and play. Faith comes from God, but through the mediation of the community. Timothy received faith from his mother and grandmother. It was strengthened in him through the imposition of Paul's hands and through his preaching of the word of God. Furthermore, what Paul taught had first been handed down to him from those who preceded him.

Gospel Focus

Faith

The disciples ask Jesus to increase their faith, but their question – and the reply given by Jesus – does not make clear the faith that they want increased. Is it their faith in God; their faith in themselves; or their faith in the people they are called to serve? The response by Jesus suggests that, in fact, it is faith in all these things. Faith in God and faith in self are intrinsically linked and Jesus makes plain to the disciples that this faith must find its expression in selfless service to others.

Scriptural Context

A lesson for the disciples

For the last few months, in the Sunday gospel readings, we have been working our way through the second half of the gospel of Luke. From the end of chapter 9 onwards, the gospel charts the journey of Jesus towards Jerusalem. Throughout this journey, Jesus teaches his disciples and attempts to prepare them for his departure and their need to step up and take on his ministry. Today's passage is an example of this instruction to the disciples. Jesus makes clear that they are being called to give their lives to faith in service of others without expecting any return – just as Jesus does!

Thought of the Day...

Start each day with a positive thought, like:
"I can go back to bed in just 17 short hours."

Cool Funny Quotes.com

Please Pray For...

Recent Deaths: James (Jim) Williams, Christopher Cronin

Anniversaries: Edith Polkinghorne, Allan Axtell, Mick Patterson, Phyllis Halford, Hughie Pedersen, Carmel Stephens, Bernadette Walsh, Elizabeth Borcsok, Lloyd Arnold, Sydney Johnson, Fr Ray O'Leary, Fr Clarence Leahy, Fr Neil O'Donoghue, **Those Who Are Sick:** Michael (Micky) Lynch, Kevin Boland, George Streidl, Ros Kettle, Frank Kenneally, Carmel & Ron O'Brien, Lillian Roberts, Brian Thomson, Fr Don Murray, Judy Reardon, Peggy Thies, John Axtell, Ted Schulz, Noel O'Mara, Mick O'Mara, Patrick Wright, **October Birthdays:** Fr John Quinlan, Annette Bishop, Brian Bowe, Ann Suhr, Dorothy O'Connor, Jenny Packer, Bernadette Smith, Sr Pat Quinn, Larry Ryan, Matt Stower, Isabella Dwan, Angus Dwan, Carol Rawlinson

Parish News...

Sat 01/10/22	Mass 6.00pm
Sun 02/10/22	Mass 9.30am Mass 5.30pm
Mon 03/10/22	
Tue 04/10/22	Funeral James (Jim) Williams 10am Prayer Group 10.30am
Wed 05/10/22	
Thu 06/10/22	Craft Group 10.00am
Fri 09/10/22	Funeral Chris Cronin 10am

2022 Date Claimers:

- 9th October – Family Mass at 9.30am
- 23rd October – World Mission Sunday
- 25th October – Anointing Mass & Morning Tea 10am

Transport to Anointing Mass

If you would like transport to the Anointing Mass please contact the Parish Office on 4634 1453 as soon as possible.

Pre-Order Available

At the back of the church, you will find pre-order forms for the following publications:

1. God's Word 2023
2. Ordo 2023
3. Columban Art Calendar 2023
4. Daily Mass Book 2023
5. Heart of the Disciple 28 day Advent Reflection
6. Incarnate Advent & Christmas Daily Reflections

Please put your name on the list if you'd like to order and we will advise you when they arrive.

Wanted Part-time gardener

(mostly weeding)

Private residence in Newtown

Hours & pay negotiable

Enquiries: Frank & Mary, ph. 4639 2135

Potted Plants for Sale

The potted plants at the front of the church are for sale for \$25 ea. Please contact the parish office on 4634 1453 or email lol.pariah@bigpond.com or alternatively place your money in a marked envelope and place on the collection plate at Mass and take a pot home with you.

You are invited to the Parish Family Mass

Set up for the Family Mass will be at 8.30am Sunday 9th October. Please come along and lend a hand.

9.30am, Sunday 9th October 2022
in the Church.

There will be balloons, jelly-cups and face painting for the young and young at heart. Please bring a plate of morning tea to share after Mass.

Please note: There will be no 6pm Mass on the 8th Oct and no 5.30pm Mass on the 9th October.



New Council Signage & Wheel Stops

Please Note: The Council have erected a "No Entry" sign at the top of the driveway on Holberton St. **Holberton St is now Exit Only.** There are also wheel stops on the Carparks at the bottom of the carpark. Please be careful!!



Working Bee Saturday 22nd October

The gardening group have organised a working bee for Saturday 22nd October from 8am-11am. Please bring your gardening tools, wheelbarrows etc and lend a hand. Morning tea will be provided.



One Million Children Praying the Rosary

We are inviting families, parishes, catechists, and teachers to pray together with children on the 18th of October for peace and unity in the world. Prayer materials have been prepared for you to spread the word and be inspired when gathering the children to pray the rosary together. To register and learn more visit: www.aidtochurch.org/one-million-children

Time	Altar Servers	Welcomers	Commentary	Ministers of the Word	Extraordinary Ministers	I pad Operator	Piety Stall
8 th Oct at 6pm	NO MASS						
9 th Oct at 9.30am	E Dwan A Dwan L Anderson	L Wagner V Bowe	P Murphy	M Ondrus J Kelly	Cleber Dias	N Ryan	R Coonan
9 th Oct at 5.30pm	NO MASS						

SPRED Fundraising Event 2022

2022 SPRED Fundraising Event
An Evening at the Repertory Theatre
Monday 24th October 7pm for 7.30pm start

BLITHE SPIRIT
A COMEDY
By NOEL COWARD

TICKETS ON SALE NOW!!
SEAT ONLY... \$20
SEAT + 5 MULTI-DRAW RAFFLE TICKETS...\$25
Includes Wine & Snack on arrival



Tickets available from SPRED Office
Cnr. Hume & Jellicoe Streets
9am – 3.30pm Monday – Thursday
SPRED Centre 4632 8427 / spread@trcb.catholic.org.au

Season of Creation - Beginnings & Endings

Margaret-Mary Flynn 16th August 2022

As we adjust to a world much less predictable than we assumed, we realise that we are fragile and mortal creatures. We, like the birds that fly overhead, like the seasons that pass and come again, have beginnings and endings, existing in time and space. Here and gone.

When the 7th century Viking King Edwin of Northumbria was considering whether to convert from their Norse beliefs to Christianity, he and his people considered what the missionary monks from Rome preached about the Christian Triune Creator-God, and their own gods. The decision needed deep wisdom.

Two pathways that remain in the human heart and soul for each of us. It was the counsel of his own wise advisers that they followed.

‘The present life of man upon earth, O King, seems to me in comparison with that time which is unknown to us like the swift flight of a sparrow through mead-hall where you sit at supper in winter, with your Ealdormen and thanes, while the fire blazes in the midst and the hall is warmed, but the wintry storms of rain or snow are raging abroad. The sparrow, flying in at one door and immediately out at another, whilst he is within, is safe from the wintry tempest, but after a short space of fair weather, he immediately vanishes out of your sight, passing from winter to winter again. So this life of man appears for a little while, but of what is to follow or what went before we know nothing at all.

‘If, therefore, this new doctrine tells us something more certain, it seems justly to be followed in our kingdom.’ – Saint Bede the Venerable

FIX-IT SOLUTIONS

In a world in which science and technology have an answer to every problem, or appear to be ‘on the edge of a breakthrough’, it’s easy to be satisfied with a fix-it solution. And indeed, we are fortunate to live in our age, in which even pandemics can be studied and addressed, offering hope, healing and dignity. That’s a good enough answer, we conclude.

But something deep in the hearts of Edwin, his warriors and counsellors, the missionaries with ‘the words of eternal life’, the old ones and young ones, wanted more. They were looking for the deep wisdom that lies beneath the foundation of our being, the context in which we move and have our being.

And for me that answer is love. Before God created the world, he did what he has always done and will do: he loved. After all, God is love. Everything God does or does not do has to do with love.

Adapted from <https://www.madonnamagazine.com.au/article/in-search-of-more>



**Party
Time!**

**Sunday
30 October
2022
6PM – 9PM**

**St Anthony’s Parish Centre
3 Memory Street, Harristown**

**You are invited to the annual
Melbourne Cup Fundraising
Night of Horsing Around!**

Please bring a plate of finger food to share

Music | Trivia | Phantom Call | Bar & Shared Food

Book your free tickets here: <https://www.trybooking.com/CCYGH>

OR CONTACT SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMISSION – 4613 0895 | justice@twb.catholic.org.au

All money raised will go to support Refugees and Asylum Seekers living in the Toowoomba area

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

A weekend experience for married couples, priests and religious, away from the distractions of everyday living. Take time out of your busy schedule, to invest in your most precious asset and revitalise your Sacrament. This is a unique opportunity to reconnect, rekindle and refresh your relationship. It gives you the opportunity to grow in your relationship with your spouse or your community.

Our last live-in weekend for 2022 will be held from Friday evening 14 October to Sunday afternoon 16 October (including Mass) at Santa Teresa, Ormiston.

For bookings/details contact Maria and David Murphy:
0481 307 821 qldbookings@wwme.org.au

Pope Francis’ Prayer Intention for Oct ‘22 A Church Open to Everyone

We pray for the Church; ever faithful to, and courageous in preaching the Gospel, may the Church be a community of solidarity, fraternity and welcome, always living in an atmosphere of synodality.

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