



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, 4th September 2022 Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

First Reading

[Wis 9:13-18](#)

A reading from the book of Wisdom

Who can comprehend the will of God?

What man can know the intentions of God? Who can divine the will of the Lord? The reasonings of mortals are unsure and our intentions unstable; for a perishable body presses down the soul, and this tent of clay weighs down the teeming mind. It is hard enough for us to work out what is on earth, laborious to know what lies within our reach; who, then, can discover what is in the heavens? As for your intention, who could have learnt it, had you not granted Wisdom and sent your holy spirit from above? Thus have the paths of those on earth been straightened and men been taught what pleases you, and saved, by Wisdom.

Responsorial Psalm

[Ps 89:3-6. 12-14. 17. R. v.1](#)

(R.) In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

1. You turn men back into dust and say: 'Go back, sons of men.' To your eyes a thousand years are like yesterday, come and gone, no more than a watch in the night. (R.)

2. You sweep men away like a dream, like grass which springs up in the morning. In the morning it springs up and flowers: by evening it withers and fades. (R.)

3. Make us know the shortness of our life that we may gain wisdom of heart. Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever? Show pity to your servants. (R.)

4. In the morning, fill us with your love; we shall exult and rejoice all our days. Let the favour of the Lord be upon us: give success to the work of our hands. (R.)

Second Reading

[Phlm 9-10, 12-17](#)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to Philemon

Receive him, not as a slave anymore, but as a very dear brother.

This is Paul writing, an old man now and, what is more, still a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for a child of mine, whose father I became while wearing these chains: I mean Onesimus. I am sending him back to you, and with him – I could say – a part of my own self. I should have liked to keep him with me; he could have been a substitute for you, to help me while I am in the chains that the Good News has brought me. However, I did not want to do anything without your consent; it would have been forcing your act of kindness, which should be spontaneous. I know you have been deprived of Onesimus for a time, but it was only so that you could have him back for ever, not as a slave any more, but something much better than a slave, a dear brother; especially dear to me, but how much more to you, as a blood-brother as well as a brother in the Lord. So if all that we have in common means anything to you, welcome him as you would me.

Gospel

[Lk 14:25-33](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

All who do not renounce their possessions cannot be my disciples.

Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way and he turned and spoke to them. 'If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple. Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. 'And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to see if he had enough to complete it? Otherwise, if he laid the foundation and then found himself unable to finish the work, the onlookers would all start making fun of him and saying, "Here is a man who started to build and was unable to finish." Or again, what king marching to war against another king would not first sit down and consider whether with ten thousand men he could stand up to the other who advanced against him with twenty thousand? If not, then while the other king was still a long way off, he would send envoys to sue for peace. So in the same way, none of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.'

Next Week's Readings (10th/11th September 2022) – Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C
1st Reading: Ex 32:7-11. 13-14 2nd Reading: 1 Tm 1:12-17 Gospel: Lk 15:1-32

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**

Radical poverty

The earliest Christian communities were characterized by a redistribution of all wealth and possessions to ensure that the needs of every single member were met. This was the first interpretation of Jesus' teaching to give up possessions to embrace discipleship. Modern religious life, grounded in the monastic traditions of the Middle Ages, embraces a radical poverty in order to free religious from societal notions of status and power so that they might more freely and openly serve others. Lack of possessions and wealth brings a humility and openness that is almost impossible when playing the game of 'keeping up with the Joneses'.

Sunday Reflection...

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The wisdom tradition from which the first reading is taken is rooted in the fact that life is a series of choices. The epistle and the gospel reading provide us with examples of the way Christians should choose. Finally, the psalm's description of the fleeting nature of life sets the context and tone of our decision-making. Discipleship demands that, in the face of all the choices available to us, we keep our priorities straight. In the gospel, Jesus insists that we must be single minded. We must cling to the one thing necessary, and that one thing is authentic discipleship. In choosing Jesus, we choose other things as well. We choose new relationships with the very people to whom we have already been committed. Those who were slaves, or lower class, or employees, or providers of service are now regarded as sisters and brothers in Christ. In choosing Jesus, we also choose the cross. We choose to live in a way that calls us to travel the high road: to forgive offences committed against us; to live simply so that others can simply live; to take responsibility for the moral character of society. The fleeting nature of life as characterised in the psalm forces us to look at the meaning of life. When the day dawns for us to return to dust, what will we have gained from life? The realisation of our finiteness and the transitory nature of life should help us to set our priorities right and should give us the courage to remain faithful to them.

Scriptural **context**

Honor and Shame

The first example of counting the cost that Jesus relates is about a man building a house without the means to complete it suffering the fate of his neighbors making fun of him. Whilst the thought of neighbors laughing at our mistake may not be too serious to us, it was a devastating thought in the 1st Century. A social code of honor and shame dominated the world view at the time. To be shamed by your actions or by the actions of others was humiliating and lowered social status. Jesus frequently used the honor-shame code to make his point and challenge social expectations.

Living the gospel

Give up my possessions?

We live in an era of extraordinary wealth in some countries contrasted against extraordinary poverty and need in other countries. Accumulation of possessions has become a driving force in our society. Flat screen televisions, iPods, multiple computers, games consoles, portable DVD players, multifunction cell phones are all 'must-have' items. The thought of surrendering such items may be almost impossible to consider. However, Jesus' message about being a disciple calls to us. How can some people in the world surround themselves with such luxuries while others don't have enough to eat? Does the love of 'possessions' blind us to the needs of others?

Thought of the Day...

**I WENT TO THE
PAINT STORE TO
GET THINNER...
IT DIDN'T WORK.**

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Please Pray For...

Recent Deaths: Joan Shearer, Noela Vonhoff

Anniversaries: Desmond Reardon, Marjorie Ridgewell, Joan Dwan, Raymond Gamble, Edward (Ted) Gill, Leo O'Shea, Joan Palmero, Pat O'Mara, Raymond Stein, Ellen Kearney, Philomena Sleba, Msgn Stanley Skehan, Fr Mervyn Ziesing, Most Rev Edward Kelly DD, Fr Sydney Kattie

Those Who Are Sick: Michael (Micky) Lynch, Kevin Boland, George Streidl, Ros Kettle, Frank Kenneally, Carmel & Ron O'Brien, Margaret Munroe, Lillian Roberts, Brian Thomson, Francis Swinson, Hazel Machin, Charles Shann, Fr Don Murray, Judy Reardon, Delima Faigl, Ava Bateman, Peggy Thies, David Martin, Damian Laurence, Patty Ryan, Valarie Reibelt, John Axtell, Ted Schulz, Noel O'Mara, Mick O'Mara, Patrick Wright, Tanya Prince, Tim Zvirblis and Olivia Zvirblis.

September Birthdays: Kathy Dangerfield, Sandra Sullivan, Helen Kupfer, Val Bowe, Brian Thomson, Jo Michel, Kathy Langdale, Pat Lynch, Max Jones, Scotty, Jenny Ferguson, Chris Golightly, Dave Morrow, Clyde Hudson, Brian McGrath

Parish News...

2022 Date Claimers:

- 5th September – Final meeting and practice for First Reconciliation Candidates at 3.30pm in church
- 5th September – Parish Council meeting 6.30pm Quiet Room
- 6th September – First Reconciliation 7pm
- 11th September - Safeguarding Sunday
- 25th September – Migrant and Refugee Sunday
- 26th September – Liturgy Group Meeting 7pm

Last Chance for Tickets...Don't miss out!



Tickets \$25ea can be purchased at the Parish Office and at each Mass. Price includes

- Beer/wine/champagne
- Grazing platters
- Tea, coffee, cakes and sandwiches
- Entertainment by High Altitude Harmony, St Ursula's College Choir
- Lucky Spots
- Prizes for the best spring outfit (male and female). (Remember to be sun-safe)

Do you speak another language?

The Liturgy Group is looking for people who speak a language other than English to read the Commentator's Welcome and/or the Prayers of the Faithful for the Refugee & Migrant Sunday celebrations on the 24th/25th September. You are also invited to dress in traditional dress if you would like. If you're interested please phone the Parish Office on 4634 1453 or email lol.parish@bigpond.com.

Funeral details

The funeral of Mrs Noela Vonhoff will be held at Our Lady of Lourdes Church on Thurs 8th September at 10.30am. The funeral of Mrs Joan Shearer will be held at St Patrick's Cathedral on Wed 14th September at 1.00pm.

Retired Priests' Appeal

The annual Retired Priests' Appeal has been part of our Diocesan life since 1998 and will be held this weekend. Your generous support will ensure the sixteen retired priests currently supported in our Diocese will be supported in their senior years, as they have supported their parishes and fellow Clergy. Envelopes will be on the seats. Please complete and return them as soon as possible. Alternatively, you may like to make an online contribution. The bank account details are as follows: BSB: 084-961

Account Number: 653097284

Account Name: CRCDT Diocesan Development Fund

Reference: PRF Appeal 2022

Fr Quinlan's Holidays

Fr Quinlan will be taking a well-earned break from Monday 5th September through to Friday 30th September. We welcome Fr Costigan to our parish to celebrate Mass with us on Tuesdays at 10am and over the weekends.

Suggestion Box

If you have any ideas or suggestions for consideration by the Parish Council please phone or email the parish office on 4634 1453 or lol.parish@bigpond.com. Alternatively use the suggestion box at the back of the church.

Time	Altar Servers	Welcomers	Commentary	Ministers of the Word	Extraordinary Ministers	I pad Operator	Piety Stall
10 th Sept at 6pm	E Ward	Soriano Family	L Borger	C O'Brien J Wilson	D Clark	G Schoorl	D Clark
11 th Sept at 9.30am	E Dwan A Dwan L Anderson	J Blumke B Saunders	S Connolly	P Murphy M Conrick	Consie Hudson	Dwan Family	R Coonan
11 th Sept at 5.30pm	E Haylock E Obst H Beutel	J & C Sullivan	V O'Connell	J Michel B Reardon	A Beeston	K Tague	C Roberts

Bad Dad jokes for Father's Day



Why do chicken coups only have two doors?
If they had four... It would be chicken "sedans"

Who is the greatest babysitter mentioned in the bible?
David... he rocked Goliath to sleep.

I told my wife she was drawing her eyebrows too high.
She looked at me surprised.

What do you call a blind dinosaur?
A Do-You-Think-He-Saurus.

At what time of day was Adam created?
A little before Eve

What do you call a cow with no legs?
Ground beef

A cop just knocked on my door and told me my dogs were chasing people on bikes
My dog's don't even own bikes

Did you know the first French fries weren't even cooked in France?
They were cooked in "Greece"

I tried to eat a clock the other day.
It was really "time" consuming.

What was the smallest person in the bible?
Knee-high-miah (Nehemiah)

Need an arc?
I "Noah" guy

How does Moses start his morning?
"Hebrews" a pot of coffee

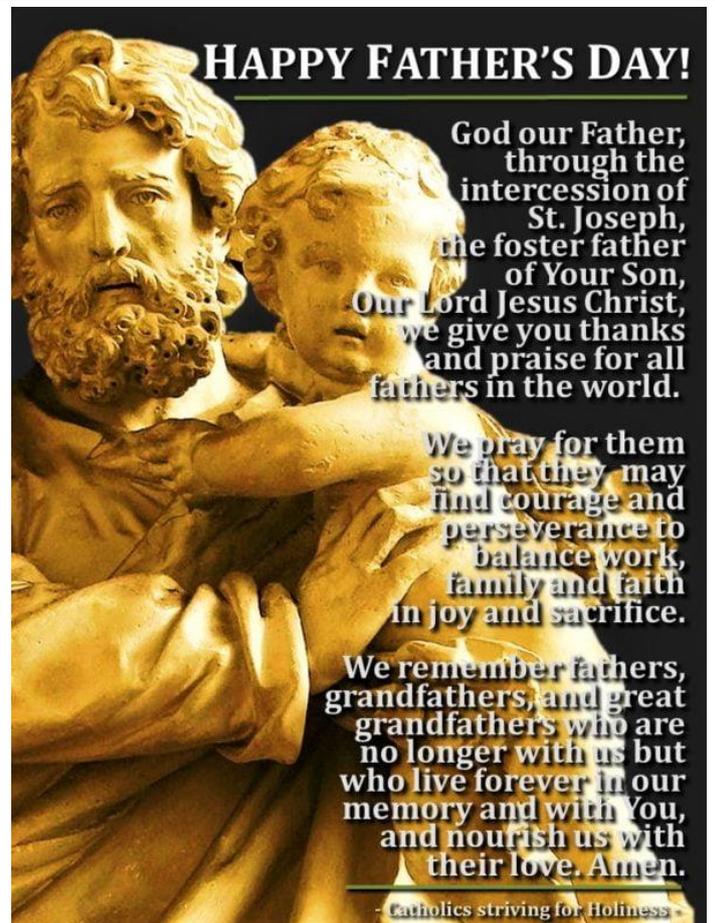
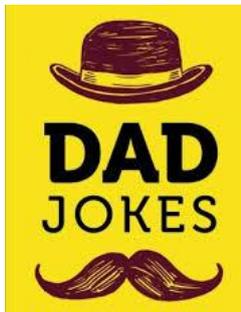
Can February March?
No... but April May.

Who was the greatest comedian in the Bible?
Samson... He brought the house down.

Did you hear about the two people who stole a calendar?
They each got six months.

What's the best thing about Switzerland?
Not sure, but the flag is a big plus.

Did you hear about the new restaurant called Karma?
There's no menu: You get what you deserve.



Season of Creation – "Listen to the Voice of Creation"

Each year, Christians around the world pray, act and advocate for our common home, Earth, by celebrating the ecumenical Season of Creation. The Season of Creation begins on September 1, the Day of Prayer for Creation, and ends on October 4, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecology.

This year's theme is "Listen to the Voice of Creation," and the urgency of doing so is symbolised by the Burning Bush. Today, the prevalence of unnatural fires are a sign of the devastating effects that climate change has on the most vulnerable of our planet. Creation cries out as forests crackle, animals flee, and people are forced to migrate due to the fires of injustice.

On the contrary, the fire that called to Moses as he tended the flock on Mt. Horeb did not consume or destroy the bush. This flame of the Spirit revealed God's presence. This holy fire affirmed that God heard the cries of all who suffered, and promised to be with us as we followed in faith to our deliverance from injustice



The Burning Bush
Ex 3:1-12

**Listen to the
Voice of creation**
SEASON OF CREATION 2022

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