

Welcome to OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH

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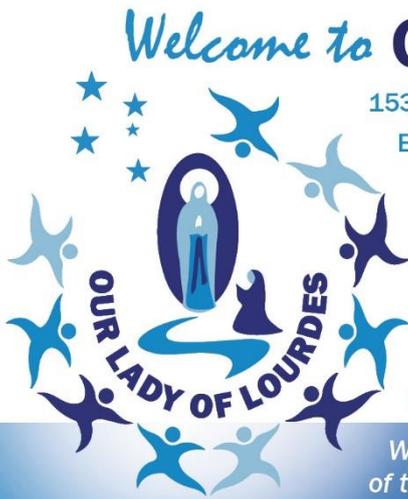
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We would like to acknowledge the Giabal and Jarowair peoples, Traditional Owners of this land and pay our respects to their Elders past and present.

Sunday, 6th November 2022 Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

First Reading

[2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14](#)

A reading from the second book of Maccabees

The king of the world will receive us into life eternal at the resurrection.

There were seven brothers who were arrested with their mother. The king tried to force them to taste pig's flesh, which the Law forbids, by torturing them with whips and scourges. One of them, acting as spokesman for the others, said, 'What are you trying to find out from us? We are prepared to die rather than break the Law of our ancestors.' With his last breath the second brother exclaimed, 'Inhuman fiend, you may discharge us from this present life, but the King of the world will raise us up, since it is for his laws that we die, to live again for ever.' After him, they amused themselves with the third, who on being asked for his tongue promptly thrust it out and held out his hands, with these honourable words, 'It was heaven that gave me these limbs; for the sake of his laws I disdain them; from him I hope to receive them again.' The king and his attendants were astounded at the young man's courage and his utter indifference to suffering. When this one was dead they subjected the fourth to the same savage torture. When he neared his end he cried, 'Ours is the better choice, to meet death at men's hands, yet relying on God's promise that we shall be raised up by him; whereas for you there can be no resurrection, no new life.'

Responsorial Psalm

[Ps 16:1, 5-6, 8, 15. R. v.15](#)

(R.) Lord, when your glory appears, my joy will be full.

1. Lord, hear a cause that is just, pay heed to my cry. Turn your ear to my prayer: no deceit is on my lips. (R)
2. I keep my feet firmly in your paths; there was no faltering in my steps. I am here and I call, you will hear me, O God. Turn your ear to me; hear my words. (R.)
3. Guard me as the apple of your eye. Hide me in the shadow of your wings. As for me, in my justice I shall see your face and be filled, when I awake, with the sight of your glory. (R.)

Second Reading

[2 Thes 2:16 - 3:5](#)

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

May the Lord strengthen you in everything good that you do or say.

May our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father who has given us his love and, through his grace, such inexhaustible comfort and such sure hope, comfort you and strengthen you in everything good that you do or say. Finally, brothers, pray for us; pray that the Lord's message may spread quickly, and be received with honour as it was among you; and pray that we may be preserved from the interference of bigoted and evil people, for faith is not given to everyone. But the Lord is faithful, and he will give you strength and guard you from the evil one, and we, in the Lord, have ever confidence

that you are doing and will go on doing all that we tell you. May the Lord turn your hearts towards the love of God and the fortitude of Christ.

Gospel

[Lk 20:27-38](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

He is not a God of the dead but of the living.

Some Sadducees - those who say that there is no resurrection - approached Jesus and they put this question to him, 'Master, we have it from Moses in writing, that if a man's married brother dies childless, the man must marry the widow to raise up children for his brother. Well, then, there were seven brothers. The first, having married a wife, died childless. The second and then the third married the widow. And the same with all seven, they died leaving no children. Finally the woman herself died. Now, at the resurrection, to which of them will she be wife since she had been married to all seven?' Jesus replied, 'The children of this world take wives and husbands, but those who are judged worthy of a place in the other world and in the resurrection from the dead do not marry because they can no longer die, for they are the same as the angels, and being children of the resurrection they are sons of God. And Moses himself implies that the dead rise again, in the passage about the bush where he calls the Lord the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. Now he is God, not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all men are in fact alive.'

Next Week's Readings (12th/13th November 2022) - Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C
1st Reading: [Mal 3:19-20](#) 2nd Reading: [2 Thes 3:7-12](#) Gospel: [Lk 21:5-19](#)

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/>

Scriptural Context

The Law of Moses

The first five books of what we know as the Bible make up what Jews regard as the Torah (the Law). Right up until the second half of the 19th Century, it was accepted that Moses was the author of these five books. Literary criticism reveals a variety of authors and editors and the books are now thought to have been written at the time of the Jewish exile in Babylon. Despite this, Moses holds a special place in Judaism as the 'Law-giver' because of his part in the Ten Commandments and he tends to be associated with the whole of the books of Law – the Torah.

Sunday Reflection...

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Both the reading from Maccabees and the passage from the gospel speak of resurrection. The first is a testimony of faith, the second demonstrates a measure of scorn that accompanies unbelief. Belief in resurrection is not the same as the conviction of the immortality of the soul. The latter is based on the makeup of the human person; the former rests on the fidelity of God. The doctrine of resurrection is grounded in the concept of covenant, which claims that God has established a relationship with human beings. At issue is whether or not death is powerful enough to break the ties that bind us in covenant with God. Jesus says 'No!'

If this is the future that awaits us, how are we to live until it dawns? Actually, it has already dawned. This is the eschatological hope in which we live by the grace given us from God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Our future is already present and, therefore, we are called to live lives that have been radically transformed. However, the future has not yet completely dawned, and so we find ourselves living both in this age and in the age to come. Thus we live future lives, but we live them in the present. As difficult as this may be, we have the promise that the Lord will strengthen us and guard us. We have the instruction of our religious tradition that directs our minds and hearts. When we live lives of the future, we truly enable that future to dawn in the present.



Have you thought? Life after death

The ancient Greeks, Romans and Egyptians all had detailed mythologies about life and death. For the most part, any concept of what occurred after death revolved around images of an underworld of torment and misery. The Jewish idea of a life after death begins to take shape based on the notion that the love of God for each person is so abundant and so indulgent that it is not limited even by death. However, the notion of resurrection developed to be an understanding of what would happen 'one day' – a great resurrection of all people at the end of time.

Gospel Focus

I am who am

The Sadducees quote the Law of Moses at Jesus but he goes one better by quoting the very conversation when Moses encountered God in the burning bush. In this encounter, God reveals Godself to be the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. God does not say, I was the God of Abraham, but rather I am the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. This distinction confirms that the relationship is ongoing, not stuck in a time before their death. It is in this same encounter that God reveals God's name as "I am who am" – represented in Hebrew by the letters YHWH from which we get Yahweh.

Thought of the Day...



Please Pray For...

Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries: Monica Egart, Gerard James Collins, Ellen Boland, Iris Upton, Gretta Watson, Mary Costello, Laurie Allport, Winifred O'Shea, Thelma Quinn, Ian Gawthrop, Jim Maher, Fr William McGovern,

Those Who Are Sick: Trish Betros, Noel Lipp, 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,

November Birthdays: Cristianne Dias, Helen Stein, Cathy Morris, Marg Roessler, Kev Roberts, Margaret McNab, Jenny McDonald, Frank Jones, Fr Kerry Costigan

Parish News...

Sat 05/11/22	Mass 6.00pm
Sun 06/11/22	Mass 9.30am Social Justice Meeting 10.30am Mass 5.30pm Movie Screening "The Letter"
Mon 07/11/22	Parish Council Meeting 6.30pm
Tue 08/11/22	Mass 10am Prayer Group 10.30am
Wed 09/11/22	Anam Cara 9.30am in the Presbytery
Thu 10/11/22	SVDP Meeting 8am Craft Group 10am
Fri 11/11/22	Remembrance Day

2022 Date Claimers:

- 6th November – "The Letter" movie screening 6.30pm
- 27th November – 1st Sunday of Advent
- 29th November – Seniors' Christmas Party after 10am Mass
- 11th December – Christmas Carols 6.30pm
- 19th December – 2nd Rite of Reconciliation. Time to be advised.

Christmas Mass Planning

It is time to start planning our Christmas Masses so this weekend (5th/6th Nov), at all Masses, we will be asking for your preferred Mass times for 2022. Please give this some careful thought before Mass.



Working Bee – change of date - Sat 5th Nov

8am-11am to tidy the gardens and do a few little odd jobs. Morning Tea provided. Please bring appropriate tools, utes, trailers etc. Many hands make light work. Thanks in advance.



Parish Christmas Carols

Sunday 11th December 6.30pm. Pizza and drinks provided. **For catering please indicate your interest on the sheet at the back of the church.**



THIS WEEKEND

**"The Letter" starring Pope Francis
Sunday 6th Nov 6.30pm
LOL Church**

In 2015, Pope Francis wrote Laudato Si', an encyclical letter about the environmental crisis, to every single person in the world.

It is hoped that seeing this film will deepen our awareness of the preciousness of creation, the effects of climate change and the urgency of putting our energy behind the movement to protect our environment.

A light supper will be served from 6.30pm followed by the movie.



New Rosters... the 2022/2023 rosters have been emailed out. For those without email, you'll find your copy on the noticeboard at the church entrance. Flick and Tick comes out yearly. If you are not on the roster and want to join, please let the office know.



You're Invited to
Our Lady of Lourdes
Seniors' Christmas Party
Tuesday 29th November
After 10 am Mass
in the School Hall.

NO CHARGE

Morning tea and lunch provided.
Entertainment by the school children.
RSVP on the form at the church entrance.

Time	Altar Servers	Welcomers	Commentary	Ministers of the Word	Extraordinary Ministers	I pad Operator	Piety Stall
12th Nov at 6pm	E Ward	Joseph Family	B Witham	J Wilson Joseph Family	L Walsh	Soriano Family	J Wells
13th Nov at 9.30am	E Dwan A Dwan	P McDonnell A Suhr	J Coman	S Connolly M Ondrus	Cristianne Dias	K Kruger	Volunteer needed
13th Nov at 5.30pm	H Beutel H Ryan	B & C Roberts	J Johnston	L Bentley B Reardon	J Sullivan	J See	S Whitelegg

Prison Sunday 6th November

A Prayer for Those in Prison Ministry

God of all life,
Your son called us to be compassionate, just as You are
compassionate.
And so we pray:

For our generous Earth,
Who, even when mistreated, continues to nourish and
sustain us.

May we grow in mutual care.

For our suffering peoples,
Who, even when facing injustices, teach us resilience and
hope.

May we grow in mutual care.

For each one of us,
Who, in times of vulnerability, draws on divine love and
strength.

May we grow in mutual care.

For our prison ministries,
Which, in times of change, find new ways of reaching out
and in.

May we grow in mutual care.

And may we be blessed and inspired

As we hear these words anew:

“For you had compassion for those who were in prison.”
In the name of Jesus, gentle and humble of heart,
Amen.

ACBC, Bishops Commission for Social Justice, Mission and Service
E: social.justice@catholic.org.au

Month of the Holy Souls

We invite you to record the names of your family and
friends who have died in the Remembrance book at the
back of the church so that as a community we might
remember them in our prayers.

*Into your hands, Father of mercies,
we commend our loved ones
in the sure and certain hope that,
together with all who have died in Christ,
they will rise with him on the last day.
Merciful Lord, turn toward us
and listen to our prayers:
open the gates of paradise to your servants
and help us who remain to comfort one another
with assurances of faith,
until we all meet in Christ
and are with you
and with our brothers and sisters for ever.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.*

Christmas Cent Sale – Cathedral Centre

The Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver are holding their
Christmas Cent Sale at The Cathedral Centre on Saturday
December 3. Entrance is just \$5 which includes a free sheet
of tickets and afternoon tea. Doors open at 1.00pm with
afternoon tea at 1.30pm before 2.00pm calling of
tickets. Many wonderful prizes can be won. There are great
prizes in the multi-draw including a ham, homemade
Christmas cake, fruit tray and more. Raffles, including a total
of \$1000 in cash prizes, are to be won. In addition, a \$100
number prize board is on offer. All funds go to The
Missions. Sisters can be contacted on 4632 1818.

Remembrance Day – 11th November

On Remembrance Day, as we should every day, we
remember those who volunteered, sacrificed, served,
fought, and died, for our freedom. We thank you, and we
salute you as those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our
freedom. We will never forget. We will remember you.

A Prayer for Remembrance

Ever-living God,
We remember those whom you
have gathered from the storm
of war into the peace of your
presence; may that same peace
calm our fears, bring justice to
all peoples and establish
harmony among the nations,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen



Thank You from Catholic Mission

We would like to thank you again for your generosity to the
recent Catholic Mission Appeal, whether it be through a
one-off gift or your commitment as a monthly Mission Partner.
Your generosity and prayers are supporting life-changing
mission programs like the Deberety Goat Rearing Centre in
Emdibir, Ethiopia, where the Church and community are
working together to help support those in most need, like
Neela* and her family, by addressing critical issues such
as malnutrition. To learn more about the impact of your
support, visit catholicmission.org.au/our-work, where
you can also sign up for our regular newsletter. If you missed
your opportunity to learn about this vital mission program, or
wish to lend your support once again, please go to
catholicmission.org.au/Ethiopia. *Name altered to protect identity



Freecall: 1800 257 296
catholicmission.org.au/ethiopia

Invitation to the SPRED Thanksgiving Mass

You are very warmly invited to attend the annual SPRED
community Thanksgiving Mass and to share afternoon tea
with us following the service. St Theresa's Parish Sunday
20th November at 1.30pm. Please RSVP to SPRED 4632
8427 or spred@twb.catholic.org.au for catering purposes.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for Nov '22 For Children Who Suffer

In November, we pray with Pope Francis for all children who
suffer, those who are homeless, orphaned or victims of war;
may they have access to education and the opportunity to
experience family affection.

Christmas Appeal for Vinnies & Tony's Kitchen

The OLOL St Vincent de Paul Conference and the OLOL Social
Justice Group are seeking donations for a joint Christmas
Appeal for St Vincent de Paul and Tony's Kitchen. Your
generous donations of non-perishable foods, non-alcoholic
drinks, toiletries, toys and books can provide urgent relief for
those doing it tough this Christmas, brighten their Christmas
and give them hope for a better future.

