



Welcome to **OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH**

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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, 7th August 2022 Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

First Reading

[Wis 18:6-9](#)

A reading from the book of Wisdom

Just as you struck our enemies, you made us glorious by calling us to you.

That night had been foretold to our ancestors, so that, once they saw what kind of oaths they had put their trust in, they would joyfully take courage. This was the expectation of your people, the saving of the virtuous and the ruin of their enemies; for by the same act with which you took vengeance on our foes you made us glorious by calling us to you. The devout children of worthy men offered sacrifice in secret and this divine pact they struck with one accord: that the saints would share the same blessings and dangers alike; and forthwith they had begun to chant the hymns of the fathers.

Responsorial Psalm

[Ps 32:1. 12. 18-20. 22. R. v.12](#)

(R.) Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

1. Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just; for praise is fitting for loyal hearts. They are happy, whose God is the Lord, the people he has chosen as his own. (R.)
2. The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. (R.)
3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. (R.)

Second Reading

[Heb 11:1-2, 8-12](#)

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews
Only faith can guarantee the blessings that we hope for, or prove the existence of the realities that at present remain unseen. It was for faith that our ancestors were commended. It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going. By faith he arrived, as a foreigner, in the Promised Land, and lived there as if in a strange country, with Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. They lived there in tents while he looked forward to a city founded, designed and built by God. It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore.

Gospel

[Lk 12:32-48](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

See that you are prepared.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There is no need to be afraid, little flock, for it has pleased your Father to give you the kingdom. 'Sell your possessions and give alms. Get yourselves purses that do not wear out, treasure that will not fail you, in heaven where no thief can reach it and no moth destroy it. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. 'See that you are dressed for action and have your lamps lit. Be like men waiting for their

master to return from the wedding feast, ready to open the door as soon as he comes and knocks. Happy those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. I tell you solemnly, he will put on an apron, sit them down at table and wait on them. It may be in the second watch he comes, or in the third, but happy those servants if he finds them ready. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what hour the burglar would come, he would not have let anyone break through the wall of his house. You too must stand ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.' Peter said, 'Lord, do you mean this parable for us, or for everyone?' The Lord replied, 'What sort of steward, then, is faithful and wise enough for the master to place him over his household to give them their allowance of food at the proper time? Happy that servant if his master's arrival finds him at this employment. I tell you truly, he will place him over everything he owns. But as for the servant who says to himself, "My master is taking his time coming", and sets about beating the menservants and the maids, and eating and drinking and getting drunk, his master will come on a day he does not expect and at an hour he does not know. The master will cut him off and send him to the same fate as the unfaithful. 'The servant who knows what his master wants, but has not even started to carry out those wishes, will receive very many strokes of the lash. The one who did not know, but deserves to be beaten for what he has done, will receive fewer strokes. When a man has had a great deal given him, a great deal will be demanded of him; when a man has had a great deal given him on trust, even more will be expected of him.'

Next Week's Readings (13th/14th August 2022) – Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C
1st Reading: Jer 38:4-6. 8-10 2nd Reading: Heb 12:1-4 Gospel: Lk 12:49-53

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

Parousia

The Greek word *parousia* means 'presence' or 'arrival'. In ancient times the word was usually associated with the formal visit of a king or a ruler. The *parousia* of a king was a significant and sometimes formidable event. In the writings of the New Testament, the word is used for the return of Christ, the drawing to a close of salvation history and the full establishment of the kingdom of God. The earliest Christians expected to see the *Parousia* in their own lifetimes. The realisation that this was not to be the case led to a rethinking about living a Christian life.

Sunday Reflection...

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In the middle of Ordinary Time we discover a theme normally associated with the end of the liturgical year and the season of Advent – vigilance in anticipation of the return of the master. This vigilance demands that we live lives of faith. We do not know when God will open the door of our existence and call us into a deeper realisation of the sacred dimension of life itself. Vigilance is a characteristic of a Christian at all times, for all times. We must be ever vigilant.

While we live in the expectation of the coming of God in the future, we also live now in the presence of God. This means that God is present with us now, as a companion in our lives. It also means that this presence is the context within which our lives unfold. However, until all things are brought to fulfilment, we live in this presence by faith. Faith and hope are intimately joined. As believers we are called to trust in the promises of God, even when what is promised seems impossible. We are assured that we will be blessed, but we can never be sure of the exact nature of the blessing. In faith, we put our trust in God and then carry out our responsibilities. In faith we wait for the Lord, who is our help and our shield, not really knowing under what guise he will come to us. Faith is both the cost of living as a disciple and the reward.



Have you thought? Stewardship

Jesus responds to Peter's questioning the gospel in a roundabout way by speaking about a steward acting either faithfully and with wisdom or alternatively irresponsibly and recklessly. A steward is one who stands in the place of the master during the master's absence – taking on the duties, responsibilities and authority of the master. That's exactly what Christian people are called to do: become stewards who act in the place of Jesus as we await his return. As the prayer of St Teresa of Avila says, Christ has no body now on earth but yours.

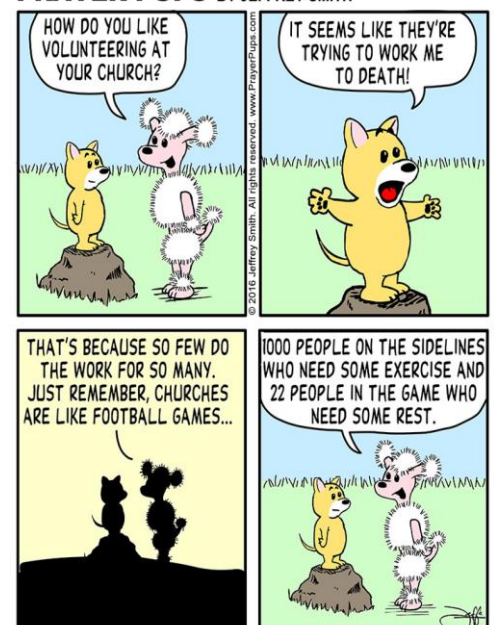
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Answer the Question!

Peter asks Jesus very specifically, 'Lord, do you mean this parable for us, or for everyone?' Frustratingly for Peter (and for the audience), Jesus doesn't give the direct question a direct answer, he answers the question with another story. Throughout the gospels, this is a constant tactic used by Jesus. He almost never gives a question a straightforward answer. By doing this, he invites the questioner to reflect on their own question and their purpose in asking it in the first place. He also cleverly avoids being tied down to a yes/no answer when a matter is not that simple.

Thought of the Day...

PRAYER PUPS BY JEFFREY SMITH



Please Pray For...

Recent Deaths: Martha Diaz Perez

Anniversaries: Fr Peter Schultz, Fr Mark Cosgrove, Fr John Ryan, Ron Green, Tom Arnell, Veronica Pauli, Lesley Golightly, Annie Mary Kruger, Eileen Ryan, Neville Reedy

Those Who Are Sick: Michael (Micky) Lynch, Kevin Boland, George Streidl, Ros Kettle, Frank Kenneally, Joan Shearer, Carmel & Ron O'Brien, Margaret Munroe, Lillian Roberts, Brian Thomson, Francis Swinson, Hazel Machin, Noela Vonhoff, 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.

August Birthdays: Maria Morcom, Lorna Trueman, Ashley Coonan, Sr Mary Cleary, Joan MacGinley, Ros Coonan, Pat O'Sullivan, Abbie Jones, Simon Ferguson, Sarah Kelly

Parish News...

2022 Date Claimers:

- 6th/7th August – Flick and Tick Weekend
- 7th August – Social Justice Meeting 10.30am
- 7th August – Second Sacrament of Reconciliation Workshop after 9.30am Mass
- 8th August – St Mary of the Cross School Prayer Service at 10am (Parishioners Welcome)
- 8th August - Parish Council Meeting 6.30pm
- 15th August – Feast of the Assumption School Mass at 10am (Parishioners Welcome)

Flick and Tick – This Weekend

Parish volunteers contribute in many ways to the vibrant pastoral life of their parish communities. Volunteers use their God-given gifts in loving service to bring the Spirit of the Living Christ to the members of their parish communities and to the world beyond. We ask all parishioners to give prayerful thought to where you could volunteer your time and talents to help support our parish.

The online [Flick and Tick Form](#) has been issued and we encourage anyone who is able to, to use this option. We have volunteers with Ipads available after Mass this weekend and next to help you if you would like to try the online form. Paper copies are available at the back of the church

The [Guide to Parish Ministry](#) has been included as a button on your bulletin email and there are copies available at the back of the church.

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop says *“God loves generous souls. Let us try to be the generous ones”*. (12.8.1881)

Homelessness week 1st – 7th August 2022

According to the Queensland Council of Social Service, in May 2021 there were 2,286 men, women and children in Toowoomba who didn't have a safe place to sleep each night. The Basement Soup Kitchen aims to raise awareness of homelessness and much needed funds to continue to provide assistance and support to people experiencing or at risk of homelessness in Toowoomba. [Click here](#) to donate.

The following groups needs your support this Flick & Tick.

The Liturgy Group

Liturgical celebrations belong to the whole church and good liturgy doesn't happen by chance. There are many ways you can support the Liturgy Group even without an extensive liturgical understanding - attending monthly meetings, suggesting ways to celebrate special occasions, hanging banners and flags, decorating or assisting with the sacred space, typing, photocopying, laminating and cutting. We really need you.

Baptism Preparation Team

Are you able to help new parents begin their child's journey of faith through Baptism? Baptism Preparation is offered once a month and team members meet in pairs with new parents to explain the Sacrament of Baptism and the role of parents in forming their child as a disciple of Jesus. No prior experience needed. Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

BUPA Aged Care Facility

BUPA Glenvale residents are an important part of our wider faith community and their faith is nourished through our monthly Liturgy of the Word. Do you have just one hour a month to assist?

Social Justice Group

To be a follower of Jesus is to be concerned for our brothers and sisters in the world in which we live. Many people experience great injustice and a lack of peace. A Social Justice group is a step towards responding to those challenges. Raising consciousness of justice issues is itself an action. Meetings are held monthly.

Ecumenism Group

The Ecumenism Group aims to develop better understanding and closer relationships between people of different faith traditions. As Pope Francis says “Ecumenical and interreligious dialogue is not a luxury, but something which our world, wounded by conflict and division, increasingly needs.” Meetings are held monthly.

Time	Altar Servers	Welcomers	Commentary	Ministers of the Word	Extraordinary Ministers	I pad Operator	Piety Stall
13 th August at 6pm	E Ward V Soh G Soh	G Schoorl M Greer	J Wilson	S Lasserre J Lasserre	G Ferguson	Joseph Family	M Cushway
14 th August at 9.30am	J Newman S McGovern A Dwan	K Kruger P McDonnell	Consie Hudson	S Connolly Cleber Dias	N Ryan	M Corrick	R Coonan
14 th August at 5.30pm	M Obst N Obst E Haylock	K Tague A Hickey	C Golightly	J Michel J Axtell	A Jessen	K Langdale	V Barker

St. Mary of the Cross MacKillop Feast Day

Each year on the 8th of August we celebrate the Solemnity of Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop, Australia's beloved first saint and patron saint of our Archdiocese.



If I could tell the love of God – In honour of Mother Mary MacKillop

If I could tell the love of God
I'd sing of one my heart enjoys,
Of one who whispers, warm and calm,
Of one whose tender touch persists.

If I could tell the love of God
I'd sing of beauty barely seen,
Of shadow gums and string bark,
Of tracks and water hard to find.

If I could tell the love of God
I'd sing of women seen as fools,
Because, in Joseph's hidden way,
They crossed an empty land with trust.

If I could tell the love of God
I'd sing of women working hard,
Receiving bits of broken bread,
And poor enough to serve the poor.

If I could tell the love of God
I'd sing of Christ who chose the Cross.
His wisdom brings the might down.
His strength uplifts the stable's child.

If I could tell the love of God
I'd sing of Christ who chose the Cross.
His justice mends a broken world,
His mercy turns the grave around.

Noel Rowe, from retreat notes written by Mary MacKillop

A Little About Mary MacKillop...

Mary MacKillop was born in 1842 in (Fitzroy) Melbourne (Australia). On 8 August 1909 she died, having suffered a disabling stroke in 1902. Inspired by a meeting with Fr. Julian Tenison-Woods, Mary MacKillop at the age of 25 took her vows and the religious name, "Mary of the Cross". In doing so, she founded the congregation of the Sisters of St Joseph.

Soon after taking her religious vows, Mary MacKillop began schools. Within 5 years of taking her vows and founding the Congregation of the Sisters of Saint Joseph, Mary had established over 30 schools, in South Australia and over 100 women had joined the Sisters of Saint Joseph.

Mary MacKillop was very conscious of the plight of the poor and needy. She worked with families that lived in isolated areas of Australia. As a result, Mary MacKillop pioneered a new form of religious life in Australia and commenced a "system" of "Josephite" schools that would provide education, especially for the children of the poor. In 1873, Pope Pius IX gave Papal approval for the Congregation of the Sisters of Saint Joseph.

Even today, many Australians can say that they too have felt the impact of the enormous work started by St. Mary of the Cross (MacKillop), having been educated or cared for, by the Sisters of Saint Joseph. She was noted for her trust in the providence of God and miracles of healing have been attributed to her. She was declared a Saint by Pope Benedict XVI on the 17th October 2010.

Thank you

Thank you to all those who attended Mass and Morning Tea last weekend. It was lovely to celebrate our wonderful educators.

Below: Our Lady of Lourdes School captains Ellie and Frank at the launch of Catholic Education Week at the Cathedral.



National Vocation Awareness Week

This Sunday throughout the Church in Australia we celebrate National Vocations Awareness Week. This week we affirm and pray for all the baptized who are uniquely called by God and in particular we acknowledge the Single Life, Marriage and Family Life and all Lay Ministries within the Church.

God our Father,

You created me with a specific purpose for my life; this is my vocation. Please help me to hear, understand, and follow Your call with my whole heart, especially when it seems most difficult. We ask that You inspire people whom You call to the priesthood and consecrated life to courageously follow Your will. Send workers into Your great harvest so that the Gospel is preached, the poor is served with love, the suffering are comforted, and Your people are strengthened by the sacraments.

We ask this through Christ our Lord, **Amen**

Can you help? – Donations needed

Householders' Options to Protect the Environment (HOPE) Inc. is seeking the donation of old hardwood fence palings for the purpose of building bird nest boxes which will be utilised in the Toowoomba region.

So, if you have any unwanted hardwood fence palings (untreated and unpainted), please give Frank Ondrus, President of HOPE a call on 4639 2135 or email office@hopeaustralia.org.au to arrange collection or delivery.

