



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, 9th October 2022 Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

First Reading

[2 Kgs 5:14-17](#)

A reading from the second book of the Kings

Naaman returned to Elisha, the prophet, and acknowledged the Lord.

Naaman the leper went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, as Elisha had told him to do. And his flesh became clean once more like the flesh of a little child.

Returning to Elisha with his whole escort, he went in and stood before him. 'Now I know' he said, 'that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel. Now, please, accept a present from your servant.' But Elisha replied, 'As the Lord lives, whom I serve, I will accept nothing.' Naaman pressed him to accept, but he refused. Then Naaman said, 'Since your answer is "No," allow your servant to be given as much earth as two mules may carry, because your servant will no longer offer holocaust or sacrifice to any god except the Lord.'

Responsorial Psalm

[Ps 97:1-4. R. see v.2](#)

(R.) The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

1. Sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders. His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation. (R.)

2. The Lord has made known his salvation; has shown his justice to the nations. He has remembered his truth and love for the house of Israel. (R.)

3. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Shout to the Lord all the earth, ring out your joy. (R.)

Second Reading

[2 Tm 2:8-13](#)

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

If we hold firm, we shall reign with Christ.

Remember the Good News that I carry. 'Jesus Christ risen from the dead, sprung from the race of David'; it is on account of this that I have my own hardships to bear, even to being chained like a criminal – but they cannot chain up God's news. So I bear it all for the sake of those who are chosen, so that in the end they may have the salvation that is in Christ Jesus and the eternal glory that comes with it. Here is a saying that you can rely on:

If we have died with him, then we shall live with him.
If we hold firm, then we shall reign with him.
If we disown him, then he will disown us.
We may be unfaithful, but he is always faithful,
for he cannot disown his own self.

Gospel Acclamation

[1 Pt 1:25](#)

Alleluia, alleluia!
For all things give thanks to God, because this is what he expects of you in Christ Jesus.

Alleluia!

Gospel

[Lk 17:11-19](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

It seems that no one has returned to give thanks to God except this foreigner.

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus travelled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered one of the villages, ten lepers came to meet him. They stood some way off and called to him, 'Jesus! Master! Take pity on us.' When he saw them he said, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' Now as they were going away they were cleansed. Finding himself cured, one of them turned back praising God at the top of his voice and threw himself at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. The man was a Samaritan. This made Jesus say, 'Were not all ten made clean? The other nine, where are they? It seems that no one has come back to give praise to God, except this foreigner.' And he said to the man, 'Stand up and go on your way. Your faith has saved you.'

Next Week's Readings (15th/16th October 2022) – Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C
1st Reading: [Ex 17:8-13](#) 2nd Reading: [2 Tm 3:14-4:2](#), Gospel: [Lk 18:1-8](#)

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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The readings today offer various aspects of prayer for our consideration. There is the spiritual discipline of prayer itself, which is essential to the life of the disciple: there is the communal dimension of prayer; and there is the ministerial commitment that is born of prayer. Our personal prayer must be persistent. Like Moses and the woman in the gospel reading, we must be ceaseless in our prayer, not discouraged by difficulties that we might have to face. Regardless of how strange the first reading may appear to be, it very strongly emphasises the communal dimension of prayer.

As minister of the word, Timothy is admonished to keep preaching the gospel, to keep spreading the good news, to allow the scriptures to continue to be a source of wisdom for himself and, through him, for all of the people who hear him. To have this kind of facility with Scripture requires that one enter into the deep meaning of the Scriptures and make them the basis of one's prayer. One must engage in what the monks call *lectio divina*, prayerful reflective reading of the scriptures. This practice, or spiritual discipline, gives us access to God and it also gives God access to us. It gives us the courage and the gentleness to teach, to refute, to correct. When our ministerial activity flows from prayer, it also flows from and strengthens right relationships with God and with the community. When this becomes a reality, the Son of Man will indeed find faith on earth.

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...

Clearly, Jesus was here



Please Pray For...

Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries: Denis Kane, Don Greer, Ivan Mahoney, Leo Anderson, Dorothy Moyle, Rosyln Kruger, Ellen Williamson, Fr Thomas Murphy

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 08/10/22	No Mass
Sun 09/10/22	Mass 9.30am
Mon 10/10/22	
Tue 11/10/22	Mass 10am Prayer Group 10.30am
Wed 12/10/22	Anam Cara 9.30am in the Presbytery
Thu 13/10/22	SVDP Meeting 8am Quiet Room Craft Group 10.00am Quiet Room
Fri 14/10/22	

2022 Date Claimers:

- 23rd October – World Mission Sunday
- 22nd October – World Mission Sunday
- 25th October – Anointing Mass & Morning Tea 10am
- 1st November – All Saints Day Mass 10am
- 2nd November – All Souls Day

Transport to Anointing Mass

If you would like transport to the Anointing Mass on the 25th October at 10am, please contact the Parish Office on 4634 1453 as soon as possible.

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.parish@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.

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.



Parish Family Mass this weekend 9th Oct

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

Come and join us

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!!



Congratulations

to Graham and Anne Fleming who celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary on 6th October 2022



Pre-Order Available

If you would like to order any of the following publications please place your name on the pre-order forms on the table at the entrance to the church.

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

Time	Altar Servers	Welcomers	Commentary	Ministers of the Word	Extraordinary Ministers	I pad Operator	Piety Stall
15 th Oct at 6pm	G Soh V Soh	J Robertson B Witham	M Cleary	L Borger R Jayawardhana	C O'Brien	G Schooli	K Ward
16 th Oct at 9.30am	G Ryan I Ryan	A Mullins R Cleary	M Ondrus	J Coman Cleber Dias	P Murphy	N Ryan	H O'Sullivan
16 th Oct at 5.30pm	N Obst E Obst	K Langdale S Whitelegg	W Beeston	K Tague M Whitelegg	C Golightly	B Bambosek	C Roberts

SPRED Fundraising Event 2022

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

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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@twb.catholic.org.au

60th Anniversary of Opening of Vatican II

Tuesday 11 October marks the 60th Anniversary of the Opening of the Second Vatican Council, called by Pope St John XXIII. He envisioned the Council to be an instrument of renewal and 'updating' (aggiornamento) with emphasis on reaching out to communities sharing the Christian faith. Pope Francis canonised Pope John XXIII in 2014 and his feast day is now celebrated on 11 October each year, in honour of the Council that he convened in 1962.

Sixty years on, the Church is still unpacking the richness of Conciliar teaching and how it is applied to our liturgy, theology and pastoral practice today. The task of the Church is to find ways of proclaiming the Risen Christ and the Gospel in and to the world in which she finds herself, to strive to share the good news in ways that speak to people in this time and space.

Opening Prayer of Vatican II

We stand before you, Holy Spirit,
conscious of our sinfulness,
but aware that we gather in your name.
Come to us, remain with us,
and enlighten our hearts.
Give us light and strength
to know your will,
to make it our own,
and to live it in our lives.
Guide us by your wisdom,
support us by your power,
for you are God, sharing the glory of Father and Son.
You desire justice for all;
enable us to uphold the rights of others;
do not allow us to be misled by ignorance
or corrupted by fear or favour.
Unite us to yourself in the bond of love
and keep us faithful to all that is true.
As we gather in your name, may we temper
justice with love,
so that all our discussions and reflections
may be pleasing to you, and earn the reward
promised to good and faithful servants.
We ask this of You who live and reign with the
Father and the Son, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.



**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

Madonna Magazine

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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@wme.org.au

A Very Gospel Spring Evening

The Toowoomba Gospel Choir Collective present "A Very Spring Gospel Evening" 7pm on Saturday October 15th 10 Neil St Toowoomba. Tickets www.trybooking.com/CCPHJ This evening will be an uplifting, joyous concert. See the noticeboard for more information.

Public Rosary

St Patrick's Cathedral grounds Saturday 15th October 2pm followed with Benediction at 4:00 pm. All welcome. For further info contact Theresa on 0434528904

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.