



# 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, 10<sup>th</sup> July 2022 Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

### First Reading

[Dt 30:10-14](#)

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

*Let the instruction of the Lord God be near you*

Moses said to the people: 'Obey the voice of the Lord your God, keeping those commandments and laws of his that are written in the Book of this Law, and you shall return to the Lord your God with all your heart and soul.

'For this Law that I enjoin on you today is not beyond your strength or beyond your reach. It is not in heaven, so that you need to wonder, "Who will go up to heaven for us and bring it down to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?" Nor is it beyond the seas, so that you need to wonder, "Who will cross the seas for us and bring it back to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?" No, the Word is very near to you, it is in your mouth and in your heart for your observance.'

### Responsorial Psalm

[Ps 68:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36-37, R. see v.33](#)

**(R.)** Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.

1. This is my prayer to you, my prayer for your favour. In your great love, answer me, O God, with your help that never fails: Lord, answer, for your love is kind; in your compassion, turn towards me. **(R.)**
2. As for me in my poverty and pain let your help, O God, lift me up. I will praise God's name with a song; I will glorify him with thanksgiving. **(R.)**
3. The poor when they see it will be glad and God-seeking hearts will revive; for the Lord listens to the needy and does not spurn his servants in their chains. **(R.)**

4. For God will bring help to Zion and rebuild the cities of Judah. The sons of his servants shall inherit it; those who love his name shall dwell there. **(R.)**

### Second Reading

[Col 1:15-20](#)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

*All things were created through him and for him.*

Christ Jesus is the image of the unseen God and the first-born of all creation, for in him were created all things in heaven and on earth: everything visible and everything invisible, Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignities, Powers – all things were created through him and for him. Before anything was created, he existed, and he holds all things in unity. Now the Church is his body, he is its head. As he is the Beginning, he was first to be born from the dead, so that he should be first in every way; because God wanted all perfection to be found in him and all things to be reconciled through him and for him, everything in heaven and everything on earth, when he made peace by his death on the cross.

### Gospel Acclamation

[See Jn 6:63, 68](#)

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your words, Lord, are spirit and life; you have the words of everlasting life.

Alleluia!

### Gospel

[Lk 10:25-37](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*Who is my neighbour?*

There was a lawyer who, to disconcert Jesus, stood up and said to him, 'Master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' He said to him, 'What is written in the Law? What do you read there?' He replied, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbour as yourself.' 'You have answered right,' said Jesus, 'do this and life is yours.' But the man was anxious to justify himself and said to Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?' Jesus replied, 'A man was once on his way down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of brigands; they took all he had, beat him and then made off, leaving him half dead. Now a priest happened to be travelling down the same road, but when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. In the same way a Levite who came to the place saw him, and passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan traveller who came upon him was moved with compassion when he saw him. He went up and bandaged his wounds, pouring oil and wine on them. He then lifted him on to his own mount, carried him to the inn and looked after him. Next day, he took out two denarii and handed them to the innkeeper. "Look after him," he said, "and on my way back I will make good any extra expense you have." Which of these three, do you think, proved himself a neighbour to the man who fell into the brigands' hands?' 'The one who took pity on him,' he replied. Jesus said to him, 'Go and do the same yourself.'

Next Week's Readings (16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> July 2022) – Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C  
1st Reading: Gen 18:1-10. 2nd Reading: Col 1:24-24 Gospel: Lk 10:38-42

## 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

#### Priests and Levites

*The priest and Levite get a pretty bad wrap out of this story. Yet, their behaviour would have been unremarkable to the original audience. In Jewish culture, to touch blood made a person ritually unclean and unable to participate in religious rites. Both characters in the story were heading towards Jerusalem – towards the Temple – to carry out their religious duties. To touch the bloodied man would have meant that they were unable to perform their duties. The audience would have expected nothing different from these two men. Their 'crime' was to place duty before compassion and the needs of another.*

### Sunday Reflection...

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It was not enough to want to follow Jesus and to be committed to him. Discipleship also demanded the ability to make shifts in understanding in order to recognise what following Jesus required. He did not merely repeat the religious tradition, he re-interpreted it. We too are called to understand the words and deeds of Jesus, but we must understand what they mean for us today. Today we need to make comparable shifts of understanding in order to bring the message of Jesus into conversation with the contemporary world. Perhaps one of the most exciting and, at the same time, unnerving aspects of our religious tradition is its nonconforming nature. We think that we finally understand the way God is working in our lives and then something happens that seems to turn our understanding inside out. We are told to love our neighbour and when we ask who that might be we are told a story that turns the question around. 'Who is my neighbour?' or 'Whom should I love?' becomes 'Who acts as a neighbour?' or 'Who shows love?' The same Sunday that we reflect on the paradoxical nature of the ways of God, we are told that the law of God, which appears to be so lofty, is really very close to us, in our mouths and in our hearts. This too is an unusual claim. Following the law results in a way of living that is inspired and informed by love, love of God and love of others, even, and perhaps especially, those whom we are not inclined to love.



### Have you thought?

#### Contemporary context

*Being such a famous parable, it is common to see this story retold and acted out in 'modern' contexts. However, such attempts invariably lead to a literal retelling of the story and an overemphasis and reinforcement of social prejudices. Who gets cast in the role of the Samaritan? A member of the most socially outcast and hated group in society! Jesus' choice of the Samaritan as the hero was not to highlight the animosity between Jews and Samaritans, but rather to confound the expectations and prejudices of his audience. Let's understand the story in its intended setting before we change it!*

### SCRIPTURAL CONTEXT

#### The 'Rule of Three'

*Jesus was a good storyteller. He used a lot of the 'tricks of the trade' of good storytellers. Using a rule of three remains a common device to help storytellers remember the story. (Think of the number of times fairy tales use this device.) In the rule of three, the third repetition of an event or action always holds the key. Jesus used this device to great effect in his parables because he invariably broke the rule! He used the rule to lull his audience into a predictable story and then turned things upside down by having the unexpected occur.*

### Thought of the Day...



**Please Pray For...**

**Recent Deaths:** Alan Taylor

**Anniversaries:** Fr Simon O’Dea, Fr Ralph Underwood, Fr John Clancy, Ron Klease, Mary Burke, Mark McIvor, Moira Cronin, Ross Harms, Bernadette McLennan, Lester Rodgers, Michael Hanna, Ray Clark, James Murphy, Percy Thompson, August Curin, Estelle Turnbull, George (Dan) Turnbull

**Those Who Are Sick:** George Streidl, Ros Kettle, Frank Kenneally, Joan Shearer, Carmel & Ron O’Brien, Margaret Munroe, Lillian Roberts, Brian Thomson, Francis Swinson, Hazel Machin, Fiona Heneghan, 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.

**July Birthdays:** Cleber Dias, Julie See, Margaret Naismith, Anne Mullins, Mary Ondrus, John Roessler, Eloise and Jemima Khoo, Elin Thomson, Kathleen Mahoney, Lachlan See, Noela VonHoff, Glyn Ferguson, Sr Cecelia Bailey, Barry Coonan. Carmel O’Brien

**Parish News...**

**2022 Date Claimers:**

- 23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup> July – World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly
- 31<sup>st</sup> July – Teacher and Staff Thank You Mass 9.30am with Morning Tea to follow.

**World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly**

The second World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly will be celebrated on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2022. The theme this year is “In Old Age They Will Still Bear Fruit” (PS 92:15). You are invited to write the names of grandparents and the elderly (including the deceased) on the fruit shapes found in the basket at the back of the church and hang them on the tree. We will pray and give thanks for them during our celebrations on the 23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup> July.



**Working Bee - Rose Garden**

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> July from 8.30am until 10.30am Your help with pruning, weeding, fertilising, mulching and watering the rose garden will be very much appreciated. Please bring your own gardening equipment. Morning tea will be provided.



**Sea Sunday 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> July 2022**

Today is Sea Sunday, when the church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Without them, we would not have most of the items we rely on for daily living. Even during a pandemic, seafarers continue to bring into our ports products that sustain our population and economy. The Appeal today is for Stella Maris, Apostleship of the Sea, the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church. It supports seafarers both practically and spiritually. [Click Here](#) to donate online or use the appeal envelopes found on the table at the back of the church. More information can be found [here](#).



**Prayer for Seafarers**

Heavenly Father: we pray to You for those on the perilous ocean that You will embrace them with your mighty protection and grant them success in all their rightful undertakings. Grant them in all hours of need to see that they have a God who remembers them, and grant them grace in the hour of danger to commit their souls into Your hands. O Lord Jesus Christ, Who can rebuke the storm and bring it to silence, and lay the roaring waves to rest, show them who call to You out of the deep that You hear their prayer and will save them. And finally bring us all to the only safe port. Amen.

Time	Altar Servers	Welcomers	Commentary	Ministers of the Word	Extraordinary Ministers	I pad Operator	Piety Stall
16 <sup>th</sup> July at 6pm	E Ward V Soh G Soh	Soriano Family	B Witham	J Soriano N Doyle	R O’Brien	B Regan	R Fallon
17 <sup>th</sup> July at 9.30am	J Newman S McGovern E McLean	B Saunders E Langcoyan	P Murphy	N Ryan J Kelly	Cleber Dias	M McLean	R Coonan
17 <sup>th</sup> July at 5.30pm	N Morcom M Morcom E Haylock	J & C Sullivan	J See	V O’Connell	W Beetson	B Bambosek	M Stark

## What to do after having COVID19

### For the next 7 days after ending isolation

You can go to work or school or return to your normal activities. You don't need a negative test result to go back to work or study. There is no need to show a negative test to your employer or educational institution.

When you leave home, you **must wear a face mask** at all times, including indoors or when you are outdoors and you can't remain physically distanced from others.

While children under 12 years of age don't have to wear a face mask, they are encouraged to where it is safe to do so. Face masks, including surgical masks, are not considered safe for children under two years of age.

Do not visit these vulnerable or high-risk settings unless you work there, live there, or are getting medical care:

- an aged care facility
- a disability care setting
- a correctional facility like a prison
- a healthcare facility like a GP or a hospital.

If you are allowed to visit an aged care facility or a hospital for an end of life visit, contact them beforehand.

## Volunteers needed Lourdes Home

St Vincent's Care Services (Lourdes Home), 227 Spring Street, Toowoomba, is looking for volunteers to help in the following areas:

- Communion ministry Tuesday mornings (contact Pastoral Care on 0447 720 604)
- Rosary Groups Tues & Wed (contact Pastoral Care on 0447 720 604)
- Assist residents to play Bingo on a Thursday morning (contact Rod or Chloe, Lifestyle, on 4592 6900)
- 1-on-1 Social visits Monday to Friday (contact Rod or Chloe, Lifestyle, on 4592 6900)
- Help needed in the Coffee Shop (contact Rod, Lifestyle, on 4592 6900)

If anyone has a couple of hours to spare, it would be greatly appreciated.

In addition, our male residents would appreciate some gender specific reading magazines, e.g. sports, motoring.



ST VINCENT'S CARE

## Catholic Education Week

### Teacher Thank You Mass – 31<sup>st</sup> July 2022

Catholic education strives to make a difference in the lives of those in our schools and in the wider community by challenging young people to live out the message of Jesus and to reach their full potential as compassionate, contributing, life-giving members of society.

You are invited to help recognise and celebrate the dedication of all those involved in Education within the diocese especially those members of our school and parish community. A special Teacher Thank You Mass will be held on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> July at 9.30am. **Please bring a plate for a shared morning tea following Mass.**



## Plenary Council Voting Outcomes

The outcomes of the Members' voting on the final version of motions can be found below, across the General Introduction and the eight parts of the Motions and Amendments document.

Voting Outcomes Announced on July 5 (General Introduction and Parts 1 and 2) – [DOWNLOAD NOW](#)

Voting Outcomes Announced on July 6 (Parts 3 and 4) – [DOWNLOAD NOW](#)

Voting Outcomes Announced on July 7 (Parts 7 and 8) – [DOWNLOAD NOW](#)

Voting Outcomes Announced on July 8 (*still to come*)



## Positions Vacant

The OLOL St Vincent de Paul Conference is in urgent need of new members. Vincentians are committed volunteers who live out their faith by assisting those in need, providing them with spiritual and financial assistance. If you can spare a few hours per week and would like to put your faith into action then please contact Joe Coorey on 0417 761 862. [Click Here](#) for more information about becoming a member of St Vincent de Paul.



## Can you help us?

Martha Diaz Perez - 77yrs, came to Toowoomba in 2019 on a 6 month holiday Visa to visit family and the on-set of the Covid 19 pandemic 3 months after her arrival sees Martha unable to return home to Peru.

Martha has been a regular parishioner at OLOL mass services attending and enjoying most Sunday services strengthening her faith.

Sadly, Martha has very recently been diagnosed with an extremely rare and aggressive cancer. She does not have the benefits of Medicare nor does she have insurances that cover her treatment.

We seek to ask our fellow parishioners to consider supporting Martha's plight by way of a making a donation on Martha's 'Go Fund Me' website page at [www.gofund.me/46f8cb73](http://www.gofund.me/46f8cb73) which has been setup to raise the necessary funds to assist us to pay for her extremely expensive medical needs moving forwards.

Sincerely,

Martha Diaz Pere (Cancer sufferer)(Mum), Melisa Valenca Diaz (Daughter), Phill Routledge (Son in law).

## St Ursula's College Scholarships & Bursaries

Scholarship applications are now open for girls who are: Entering Years 7,8,9 & 10 in 2023 or Year 7 in 2024 Scholarships Examination to be held 9am-11.30am on Saturday 29 October 2022.

Previous unsuccessful applicants are welcome to re-sit the scholarship examination.

[Click here to book](#) for Scholarship Examination