



Welcome to **OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH**

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Reconciliation: Saturday 4.45pm

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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, 11th September 2022 Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

First Reading

[Ex 32:7-11, 13-14](#)

A reading from the book of Exodus

The Lord relented and did not send the evil he had threatened.

The Lord spoke to Moses, 'Go down now, because your people whom you brought out of Egypt have apostatised. They have been quick to leave the way I marked out for them; they have made themselves a calf of molten metal and have worshipped it and offered it sacrifice. "Here is your God, Israel," they have cried, "who brought you up from the land of Egypt!" I can see how headstrong these people are! Leave me, now, my wrath shall blaze out against them and devour them; of you, however, I will make a great nation.' But Moses pleaded with the Lord his God. 'Lord,' he said, 'why should your wrath blaze out against this people of yours whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with arm outstretched and mighty hand? Remember Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, your servants to whom by your own self you swore and made this promise: I will make your offspring as many as the stars of heaven, and all this land which I promised I will give to your descendants, and it shall be their heritage for ever.' So the Lord relented and did not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened.

Responsorial Psalm

[Ps 50:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19. R. Lk 15:18](#)

(R.) I will rise and go to my father.

1. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness. In your compassion blot out my offence. O wash me more and more from my guilt and cleanse me from my sin. (R.)

2. A pure heart create for me, O God, put a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, nor deprive me of your holy spirit. (R.)

3. O Lord, open my lips and my mouth shall declare your praise. My sacrifice is a contrite spirit; a humbled, contrite heart you will not spurn. (R.)

Second Reading

[1 Tm 1:12-17](#)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to Timothy

Christ came to save sinners.

I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, and who judged me faithful enough to call me into his service even though I used to be a blasphemer and did all I could to injure and discredit the faith. Mercy, however, was shown me, because until I became a believer I had been acting in ignorance; and the grace of our Lord filled me with faith and with the love that is in Christ Jesus. Here is a saying that you can rely on and nobody should doubt: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. I myself am the greatest of them; and if mercy has been shown to me, it is because Jesus Christ meant to make me the greatest evidence of his inexhaustible patience for all the other people who would later have to trust in him to come to eternal life. To the eternal King, the undying, invisible and only God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel

[Lk 15:1-10](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

There will be joy in heaven over one sinner who does penance.

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man' they said 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them: 'What man among you with a hundred sheep, losing one, would not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the missing one till he found it? And when he found it, would he not joyfully take it on his shoulders and then, when he got home, call together his friends and neighbours? "Rejoice with me," he would say "I have found my sheep that was lost." In the same way, I tell you, there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one repentant sinner than over ninety-nine virtuous men who have no need of repentance. 'Or again, what woman with ten drachmas would not, if she lost one, light a lamp and sweep out the house and search thoroughly till she found it? And then, when she had found it, call together her friends and neighbours? "Rejoice with me," she would say "I have found the drachma I lost." In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing among the angels of God over one repentant sinner.'

Next Week's Readings (17th/18th September 2022) – Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C
1st Reading: Am 8:4-7 2nd Reading: 1 Tm 2:1-8 Gospel: Lk 16:1-13

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

Scandal at the dinner table

The accusation that Jesus eats with sinners would have been considered incredibly insulting and defamatory. In that time, dining was as much a political act as it was a social one. Breaking bread together had incredible significance. To break bread or share a meal with someone was to acknowledge them as a person and to in some way become one with them. So to eat with sinners was to also become one with them – to become a sinner yourself. For Jesus to deliberately seek out opportunities to dine with sinners was scandalous behaviour. It challenged one of the basic social principles.

Sunday Reflection...

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The God who spoke to Moses is pained by the depravity of the people yet moved to show them mercy. Who could ever have imagined such a God? The God depicted in the gospel actually searches for what is lost. He seems to abandon the safe ones for the sake of the one who has strayed. She goes to great lengths to find one coin. As a spurned yet loving father, God patiently waits until we come to our senses. Who could ever have conceived of such a God?

Our God seems consumed with an insatiable desire to reestablish a relationship with us after we have turned our backs on God, have chosen to commit our loyalties elsewhere, have thoughtlessly wandered off into danger that threatens our well being, not God's. What is it about us that makes us so desirable? The answer has less to do with us than with the magnanimous character of God. It is almost as if unconditional love is not simply a characteristic of God, but God's very essence and no human frailty or depravity can change this.

Paul insists that it is through Christ that all of this is accomplished. It is through the sacrifice of Christ that the depraved are forgiven, that sinners are saved, that the lost are found. It is through Christ that we are sought by God, and Christ is the very gift of mercy, the forgiveness of our sins, the celebration of our return.

SCRIPTURAL CONTEXT

Parables of the lost

The three parables that appear in Luke 15 are unique to the gospel of Luke – none of the other gospels use these parables. They are used by the gospel writer to further highlight a theme that runs throughout this gospel: the release and acceptance of those who are oppressed and afflicted. It stems from the declaration of Jesus' mission in Ch 4 when he reads from the scroll of Isaiah. More than any other gospel, this one portrays Jesus as having a special care and compassion for those who have been rejected by society.

GOSPEL FOCUS

Who is a sinner?

The Jews at the time of Jesus had a particular view of sin and its consequences. Because of the multiple rules of purity and proper behaviour, it was almost impossible for an average person not to commit a sin at some time and sin was seen as making one impure. Sacrifice, worship and even baptism were means of restoring purity and removing sin. However, sin that was not acknowledged and rectified quickly would be punished by God. Those who suffered chronic illness, impairment or deformity were seen as being punished by God for their own or their parents' sin and Jesus challenged this interpretation.

Thought of the Day...



Instead of the John I call my bathroom the Jim!
That way it sounds better when I say I go to the Jim first thing every morning!!!

Please Pray For...

Recent Deaths: James "Jim" Madden

Anniversaries: Barry Kirwin, Douglas Liebke, Russell Kirwin, Rosalie Newmann, David Fraser, Clem Walsh, Teresa Maud Dwyer, Zoe Axtell, Jeremiah Lalor, Thomas Julian MacGinley, John Reardon, Peter Davis, Margaret (Peggy) MacGinley, Fr Myles Patrick Smith, William Brennan DD,

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...

Saturday 10/09/2022 <i>Safeguarding Sunday</i>	Reconciliation 4.45pm Mass 6.00pm
Sunday 11/09/2022 <i>Safeguarding Sunday</i>	Mass 9.30am Mass 5.30pm
Monday 12/09/2022	Jubilee Mass at Cathedral 11am
Tuesday 13/09/2022	Mass 10am Prayer Group 10:30am
Wednesday 14/09/2022	Joan Shearer's Funeral at Cathedral 1pm
Thursday 15/09/2022	Craft Group 10:00am
Friday 16/09/2022	

2022 Date Claimers:

- 25th September – Migrant and Refugee Sunday
- 9th October – Family Mass at 9.30am
- 23rd October – World Mission Sunday

Priest's Jubilee Mass

Bishop Robert McGuckin and the Toowoomba Council of Priests cordially invite you to the Jubilee Celebration of Ordinations. Mass will be held at the Cathedral on Monday, 12th September 2022 at 11am. **All are welcome to attend.** The Mass will also be **livestreamed** and can be accessed through the Diocesan Website: <https://www.twb.catholic.org.au/live-stream-masses/>

Annual Parish Family Mass

Sunday 9th October at 9.30am.

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.



Do you speak another language?

The Liturgy Group is looking for people who speak a language other than English to help with the Refugee & Migrant Sunday celebrations on the 24th/25th September. If you're interested please phone the Parish Office on 4634 1453 or email lol.parish@bigpond.com.

Retired Priests' Appeal - Reminder

Thank you for supporting the Retired Priests Appeal. Please return any envelopes you may still have at home 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

Safeguarding Sunday

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish and the Diocese of Toowoomba are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and people at risk in our community. Mindful of the theme for National Child Protection Week, may we work together to ensure all people feel safe and supported. Our Parish Commitment Statement and the Diocesan Safeguarding Policy can be found at <https://www.ololparish.org.au/>

All Things Bright and Beautiful

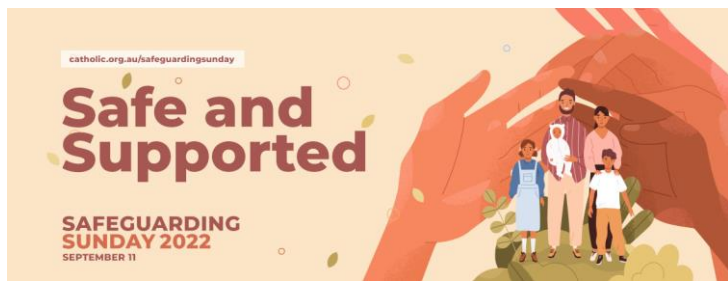
St Patrick's Cathedral presents "All Things Bright and Beautiful" Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers display. Open from Friday 16th until Wednesday 21st September from 9am - 5pm daily. Donations gratefully accepted. Along with an organ music concert "Let the Organ Thunder" on Monday 19th September, at 10.15am. Performed by Dr Steven Nisbet OAM. Entry by donation to OSQ organ scholarships.

You are Invited To Attend..

A Commemoration for the Battle of Meewah will be held on Tuesday, 13th September 2022 from 12pm to 2pm at the Tobruk Memorial Drive Lookout.

Please [click here](#) for the invitation and details about this event or see the noticeboard at the back of the church.

Time	Altar Servers	Welcomers	Commentary	Ministers of the Word	Extraordinary Ministers	I pad Operator	Piety Stall
17 th Sept at 6pm	I Whittaker J Whittaker	R Campbell K Roberts	B Witham	R O'Brien Joseph Family	K Ober	C Juillerat	R Fallon
18 th Sept at 9.30am	I Ryan G Ryan L Anderson	Dwan Family	N Ryan	S Kelly K Kruger	S Connolly	B Saunders	H O'Sullivan
18 th Sept at 5.30pm	H Ryan E Obst H Beutel	B & C Roberts	K Langdale	L Bentley V O'Connell	L Bentley	B Bambosek	V Barker



Gracious God,
 you love and care for all of your children,
 especially the smallest and most vulnerable.
 We entrust to you the lives of children and adults at risk
 who have been sexually abused, and whose trust and
 innocence have been destroyed.
 Help us to hear their cries of pain
 and to take responsibility for those whose lives have been
 broken. Help us to recognise the hurt felt by those wounded
 by abuse, and the failure to be heard.
 We pray that with the help of your grace, communities and
 families will find understanding and support, so that now and
 in the future their wounds may be healed and they may find
 lasting peace.
 Let your grace and love fall gently now upon our children and
 adults at risk, giving them the inner strength, peace and
 resilience to seek out assistance when required.
 We ask this prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
 who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 God forever and ever. Amen

The Joy of the Gospel – Pope Francis

The commitment to ecumenism responds to the prayer of the Lord Jesus that “**they may all be one**” {John 17:- 21-23}. The credibility of the Christian message would be much greater if Christians could overcome our divisions and the church could realise that those joined in baptism with her are often separated from full communion with her. We must never forget that we are pilgrims journeying along side each other.

Pope Francis asks us to consider how many important things unite us? If we really believe in the abundantly free spirit working of the Holy Spirit, we can learn so much from one another.

Spiritual Ecumenism is the very basis of the Ecumenical Movement, as it articulates that unity is Spirit-led which comes from Christ’s prayer that **we may all be one**.

Embrace the Call to Global Mission

American Samoa, Cambodia, Kiribati, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tanzania, Thailand, Timor-Leste and Zambia are requesting Australian Catholics to live in and share



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their skills with parish communities. Embrace one of these [Mission opportunities abroad](#) and mentor those with little other opportunity. You will be well prepared and supported by Palms Australia who have engaged Australian Catholics in this mission since 1961.

[Enquire online](#) or Ph: 0422 742 567 and [Register](#) for a Webinar on **Saturday September 24th at 11:30am** where you can talk directly with Veronica Lawson who is mentoring teachers in Pago Pago, American Samoa now. Or visit others already engaged in Mission with Palms on our [13-day Encounter Tour to Timor-Leste from October 16th to 28th](#).

Season of Creation – “Listen to the Voice of Creation”

Spring is a time of celebration - a time to welcome new life and new ways of doing things.

Let heaven celebrate! Let the earth rejoice!

Let the sea and everything in it roar!

Let the countryside and everything in it celebrate!

Then all the trees of the forest too

Will shout out joyfully – Psalm 96:11-12

Pope Francis’ seven-year-old encyclical *Laudato Si’*: Care for our Common Home is a blueprint for how we should inhabit our world. The health and wellbeing of families and communities depends so much on the environment in which they exist, but environment is more than changing weather patterns. It calls us to consider how we relate to our earth, others and ourselves.

In *Laudato Si’* Pope Francis says the urgent challenge to protect our common home is a need to ‘bring the whole human family together to seek a sustainable and integral development, for we know that things can change. The Creator does not abandon us; he never forsakes his loving plan or repents of having created us.’

He says that all of creation is a ‘kind of universal family’ and everything – the earth, its flora and fauna, and humanity – are interconnected.

Here in the southern hemisphere we are privileged that the Season of Creation (1 Sept-4 Oct) coincides with Spring and the promise of new growth and life. Let us celebrate the new season by recommitting ourselves to our Creator, our world and each other.

Adapted from Michele Franken Madonna Magazine



World Day of Migrants and Refugees

Every year the WDMR is the last Sunday of September; in 2022 it will be celebrated on 25 September. As the title for his annual message, the Holy Father has chosen “Building the Future with Migrants and Refugees”. The text of this message and other liturgical resources for parishes are available online.

BBI Update

The Broken Bay Institute course, Disciples and Leaders, which was designed especially for our diocese, has been well received by those who participated. The last of the three modules concluded at the end of August. BBI is pleased with the response and feedback and will be offering the Course again in 2023. If you know someone who may be interested a direct invitation is often most effective. Further information will be given as the time approaches. It is always helpful to have those who participated in the Course this year to offer their support to newcomers.

Season 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.

Sychar House of Spirituality & Prayer

69 Margaret Street Toowoomba. Please view the website for current happenings at Sychar. You are most welcome to visit Sychar if you are in Toowoomba – however, to ensure that someone can be there to greet you, please contact Sr. Elaine ahead of time if possible at 0458 020 906. Also please note that ‘Sychar Solidarity’ No 22 is available on the website Email: sychar@twb.catholic.org.au