

Welcome to OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH

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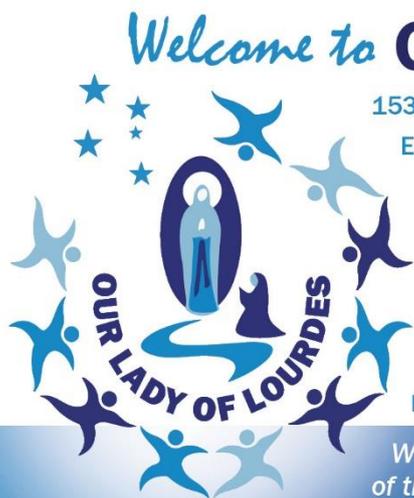
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We would like to acknowledge the Giabal and Jarowair peoples, Traditional Owners of this land and pay our respects to their Elders past and present.

Sunday, 13th November 2022 Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

First Reading

[Mal 3:19-20](#)

A reading from the prophet Malachi

The sun of righteousness will shine on you.

The day is coming now, burning like a furnace; and all the arrogant and the evil-doers will be like stubble. The day that is coming is going to burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, leaving them neither root nor stalk. But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness will shine out with healing in its rays.

Responsorial Psalm

[Ps 97:5-9](#). R. [see v.9](#)

(R.) The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

1. Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp with the sound of music. With trumpets and the sound of the horn acclaim the King, the Lord. (R)

2. Let the sea and all within it, thunder; the world, and all its peoples.

Let the rivers clap their hands and the hills ring out their joy at the presence of the Lord. (R.)

3. For the Lord comes, he comes to rule the earth. He will rule the world with justice and the peoples with fairness. (R.)

Second Reading

[2 Thes 3:7-12](#)

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

Do not give anyone food who refuses to work.

You know how you are supposed to imitate us: now we were not idle when we were with you, nor did we ever have our meals at anyone's table without paying for them; no, we worked night and day, slaving and straining, so as not to be a burden on any of you. This was not because we had no right to be, but in order to make ourselves an example for you to follow. We gave you a rule when we were with you: not to let anyone have any food if he refused to do any work. Now we hear that there are some of you who are living in idleness, doing no work themselves but interfering with everyone else's. In the Lord Jesus Christ, we order and call on people of this kind to go on quietly working and earning the food that they eat.

Gospel Acclamation

[Lk 21:28](#)

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lift up your heads and see; your redemption is near at hand. Alleluia!

Gospel

[Lk 21:5-19](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Your endurance will win you your life.

When some were talking about the Temple, remarking how it was adorned with fine stonework and votive offerings, Jesus said, 'All these things you are staring at now – the time will come when not a single stone will be left on another: everything will be destroyed.' And they put to him this question: 'Master,' they said, 'when will this happen, then, and what sign will there be that this is about to take place?' 'Take care not to be deceived,' he said, 'because many will come using my name and saying, "I am he" and, "The time is near at hand." Refuse to join them. And when you hear of wars and revolutions, do not be frightened, for this is something that must happen but the end is not soon.' Then he said to them, 'Nation will fight against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes and plagues and famines here and there; there will be fearful sights and great signs from heaven. 'But before all this happens, men will seize you and persecute you; they will hand you over to the synagogues and to imprisonment, and bring you before kings and governors because of my name – and that will be your opportunity to bear witness. Keep this carefully in mind: you are not to prepare your defence, because I myself shall give you an eloquence and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to resist or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, relations and friends; and some of you will be put to death. You will be hated by all men on account of my name, but not a hair of your head will be lost. Your endurance will win you your lives.'

Next Week's Readings (19th/20th November 2022) – Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe – Year C
1st Reading: 2 Sm 5:1-3 2nd Reading:, Col 1:12-20 Gospel: [Lk 23:35-43](#)

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/>

Living the Gospel

Comfort

We must remember that the gospel of Luke was written 50-plus years after the death of Jesus. Whilst Jesus may have said something like what is ascribed to him in this passage, we have to accept that the words are influenced to a great extent by the gospel writer. The gospel is not written as a biography but as a means of conveying a message about Jesus. To this end, the writer seeks to give comfort to his audience by having Jesus 'predict' all the things that have indeed come to pass in their community. The message to a struggling community is to 'keep going.'

Sunday Reflection...

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The Day of the Lord was believed to be the time when God would come in majesty and power to set all things right. We must remember that the descriptions in today's readings are metaphoric or symbolic in nature. As with all metaphors or symbols, we miss something of their profound meaning if we merely understand them literally. It is not helpful to relate elements of the description with particular aspects of the contemporary world. Belief in the Day of the Lord is a way of testifying to our faith in the righteousness of God.

Although the narrative readings for today concentrate on the disruptions that will accompany the coming of God, they also contain hints of the salvation that will finally arrive. Malachi speaks of the sun of justice that comes with healing rays; Luke promises that the faithful disciples will escape without a hair of their heads being destroyed. Just as the descriptions of the upheavals should not be understood literally, neither should these descriptions. It may be that the faithful followers of Jesus will suffer terrible agonies. The point here is that even in the midst of their pain, they will be protected. The healing rays of justice and the rescue of the lives of the upright are references to salvation. God does not come at the end to condemn, but to save. Furthermore, the suffering that precedes the end is intended for purification and refinement, not punishment. Christians are exhorted to live in this endtime with patient endurance of difficulties.

Historical Context

Expectation

When the gospel of Mark was written around the year 75 of the 1st Century, the people of that community firmly believed that the world was about to end and that Jesus' return to earth was going to happen any day. Another 10 or so years later, the communities of the gospels of Matthew and Luke were enduring persecution and great hardship. They felt that surviving through this time of struggle would be rewarded with the return of Jesus. However, by the time of the gospel of John, another 10 years later, we see an acceptance that the end is still to come some time in the future.

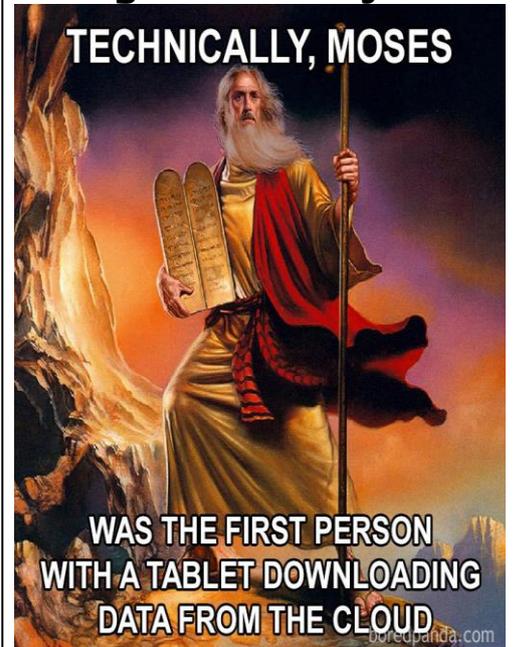
Scriptural Context

Apocalyptic writing

Hollywood has done very well out of movies about the end of the world and the term 'apocalypse' has come to have this meaning. However, 'apocalypse' comes from the Greek word meaning, 'to lift a veil' or 'to reveal'. The apocalypse is not the end of the world, but rather the revelation that will come at the end of the world. Writings such as today's gospel passage about what will happen at the end of the world and how God will be revealed are described in the Christian tradition as 'apocalyptic writing'. The most famous of these writings is the book of Revelation.

Thought of the Day...

TECHNICALLY, MOSES



Please Pray For...

Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries: Gerard Metcalf, Denis Downs, Gladys Davidson, Roy Arnell, Sr Joan MacGinley, Colleen Alloway, Agnes "Mary" Collins, Mary Cosgrove, Fr Cornelius Cahalane, Fr Charles Daly,

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 12/11/22	Mass 6.00pm
Sun 13/11/22	Mass 9.30am Mass 5.30pm
Mon 14/11/22	
Tue 15/11/22	Mass 10am Prayer Group 10.30am
Wed 16/11/22	Anam Cara 9.30am in the Presbytery
Thu 17/11/22	NO Craft Group this week.
Fri 18/11/22	

2022 Date Claimers:

- 27th Nov – 1st Sunday of Advent
- 28th Nov – BUPA Liturgy of the Word with Communion
- 29th Nov – Seniors' Christmas Party after 10am Mass
- 11th Dec – Christmas Carols and Pizza 6.30pm
- 19th Dec – 2nd Rite of Reconciliation. 6.00pm

Christmas Mass Times

- 24th Dec - Christmas Vigil 6pm at Salo Centre
- 25th Dec – Christmas Day 8am at Our Lady of Lourdes.

Piety Stall News...

- We have some beautiful Majellan Christmas cards for sale for \$7.50 per pack of 10. Grab yours now before they sell out.
- If you ordered a **Columban Calendar**, they are named and waiting for you on the table at the back of the church. Please place your money into a clearly labelled envelope and place on the collection plate. We also have a few spares left for sale for \$10. These would make a thoughtful Christmas gift for someone.
- 80 of the Best - There are still some copies of the very special book of 80 of Fr Quinlan's best homilies. This small selection of his much appreciated homilies make for a great Christmas gift. Copies can be purchased for \$15 each from the office or piety stall.

Remembrance Book

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.

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 join us for Christmas CAROLS

Sunday 11th December 6.30pm – 7.30pm

Pizza and drinks provided.

For catering, please indicate your interest on the sheet at the back of the church.

The Liturgy Group is looking for young people who may be interested in singing/leading some of the Christmas Carols. We are also looking for children and parents to read through the Scripture passage. If you and/or your children are interested in any of these roles, please let us 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
19 th Nov at 6pm	I Whittaker J Whittaker	R Campbell K Roberts	L Borger	S Lasserre J Lasserre	G Ferguson	Joseph Family	G Schoorl
20 th Nov at 9.30am	G Ryan I Ryan	Dwan Family	P Murphy	N Ryan J Kelly	S Kelly	S Connolly	M Webb
20 th Nov at 5.30pm	E Haylock H Beutel	M Ryan J Michel	K Langdale	M Whitelegg J Ryan	B Stark	B Bambosek	C Roberts

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.

Mass will be held at St Theresa's Parish on Sunday 20th November at 1.30pm. Please RSVP for catering purposes to SPRED 4632 8427 or spred@twb.catholic.org.au



World Day of the Poor

The Sixth World Day of the Poor will be observed on 13 November 2022. This year's theme "For your sakes Christ became poor" is a summons to responsibility and commitment as men and women who are part of our one human family. Click [Here](#) to read Pope Francis' message.

"May this 2022 World Day of the Poor be for us a moment of grace. May it enable us to make a personal and communal examination of conscience and to ask ourselves whether the poverty of Jesus Christ is our faithful companion in life."



WORLD DAY OF THE POOR

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.



Please see the noticeboard for suggested Christmas Hamper items.

Donations can be left in the plastic tubs in the Church foyer. Alternatively, monetary donations can be placed in a clearly marked envelope in the collection basket.



A Prayer for Remembrance



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.

Roll up your sleeves; make a difference overseas.

Do you require professional renewal, or are you seeking a retirement challenge? Communities abroad are asking for qualified and experienced Australians able to mentor their people in education, health, administration, trades, agriculture and more. Imagine yourself re-engaging your vocational passion in Africa, Asia or the Pacific. Since 1961 Palms Australia has been recruiting Australians able to offer mentoring that will allow overseas counterparts opportunities otherwise unattainable. Sharing your skills will strengthen the capacity of workers overseas to serve their communities for generations to come, long after you return home. Communities in American Samoa, Cambodia, Kiribati, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tanzania, Thailand, Timor-Leste, and Zambia are seeking to fill a variety of roles.

Enquire about those roles via www.palms.org.au or by calling 02 9560 533 or 0422 472 567.

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.

