



# Welcome to **OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH**

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**Mass times: Saturday: 6:00pm Vigil | Sunday: 9.30am & 5.30pm**

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*We acknowledge and respect the living culture of the Giabal and Jarowair peoples, past, present and emerging, the traditional custodians of the land on which we meet.*

## Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> August 2022 Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

### First Reading

[Jer 38:4-6, 8-10](#)

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah  
*You bore me to be a man of strife for the whole world.*

The king's leading men spoke to the king. 'Let Jeremiah be put to death: he is unquestionably disheartening the remaining soldiers in the city, and all the people too, by talking like this. The fellow does not have the welfare of this people at heart so much as its ruin.' 'He is in your hands as you know,' King Zedekiah answered 'for the king is powerless against you.' So they took Jeremiah and threw him into the well of Prince Malchiah in the Court of the Guard, letting him down with ropes. There was no water in the well, only mud, and into the mud Jeremiah sank.

Ebed-melech came out from the palace and spoke to the king. 'My lord king,' he said, 'these men have done a wicked thing by treating the prophet Jeremiah like this: they have thrown him into the well where he will die.' At this the king gave Ebed-melech the Cushite the following order: 'Take three men with you from here and pull the prophet Jeremiah out of the well before he dies.'

### Responsorial Psalm

[Ps 39:2-4, 18, R. v.14](#)

(R.) Lord, come to my aid.

1. I waited, I waited for the Lord and he stooped down to me; he heard my cry (R.)

2. He drew me from the deadly pit, from the miry clay. He set my feet upon a rock and made my footsteps firm. (R.)
3. He put a new song into my mouth, praise of our God. Many shall see and fear and shall trust in the Lord. (R.)
4. As for me, wretched and poor, the Lord thinks of me. You are my rescuer, my help. O God, do not delay! (R.)

### Second Reading

[Heb 12:1-4](#)

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

*Let us bear patiently the struggle placed upon us.*

With so many witnesses in a great cloud on every side of us, we too, then, should throw off everything that hinders us, especially the sin that clings so easily, and keep running steadily in the race we have started. Let us not lose sight of Jesus, who leads us in our faith and brings it to perfection: for the sake of the joy which was still in the future, he endured the cross, disregarding the shameful of it, and from now on has taken his place at the right of God's throne. Think of the way he stood such opposition from sinners and then you will not give up for want of courage. In the fight against sin, you have not yet had to keep fighting to the point of death.

### Gospel Acclamation

[Jn 10:27](#)

Alleluia, alleluia!  
My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord ; I know them, and they follow me.  
Alleluia!

### Gospel

[Lk 12:49-53](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke  
*I have come not to give peace, but discord.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I have come to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were blazing already! There is a baptism I must still receive, and how great is my distress till it is over! 'Do you suppose that I am here to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. For from now on a household of five will be divided: three against two and two against three; the father divided against the son, son against father, mother against daughter, daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law, daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'

Next Week's Readings (20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> August 2022) – Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C  
1st Reading: Is 66:18-21 2nd Reading: Heb 12:5-7, 11-13 Gospel: Lk 13:22-30

## 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

### Speaking a hard message

*Today's gospel reminds us that the message of Christianity is not always a popular one. Sometimes we are called upon to speak a hard message; a challenging message; a confronting message. The message of the gospel frequently confronts our popular culture and accepted social practice. It often contradicts the expedient decisions of our political leaders. There is a responsibility on us to speak the hard message of the gospel even at the risk of unpopularity and even in the face of threat. The Christian heroes of our time are those who call leaders to measure up to the demands of the gospel.*

## Sunday Reflection...

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As disciples we commit ourselves to values and principles that are not always cherished by others. We can be misunderstood for our beliefs, even ridiculed. Our lives may be a reproach to those who do not share our aspirations. There may be times when we must stand in opposition to others. All of this tends to alienate us. It could even place us at enmity with those whom we love. Yet, if we are genuinely committed, we realise that there is also a price to pay if we are not faithful. It is very difficult to live with ourselves when we disregard our deepest convictions and ignore the promptings of God that we experience within ourselves. As difficult as a life of faith may be, we know that it is the only way to live in this world. Faced with the cost of discipleship we are brought to the realisation that, by ourselves, we do not have the necessary resources. We need assistance. Like Jeremiah, we might find that this aid will come from places we may have never expected. The real support and assistance that we get is from Jesus who came to set the world and our hearts on fire. Paul assures us that there is a vast throng cheering us on as we run the race of discipleship. They are not merely spectators; they have already run or are still running their own race. We are not alone in our commitment, in our struggle. There are many witnesses, many examples for us to follow.

## Scriptural Context

### Turning point

As we've seen over the last few weeks, chapter 12 of the gospel of Luke presents a collection of sayings by Jesus exhorting his followers to take up his message fearlessly and assuring them that if they do so then God will protect them – even in the hardest of times. The chapter captures what must have been a period of frustration for Jesus in his ministry: he has been preaching and performing miracles, yet his followers don't seem to understand his purpose. The chapter has an urgency and a sharpness of tone that reflect the frustration of Jesus at this mid-point in the gospel.

## Historical Context

### Family ties

*In the ancient world, and particularly in Jewish culture, family meant everything. One's identity was completely tied up with family. Families absolutely depended on one another for survival and for personal identity. Young men were identified by who their father was. Women quite literally 'belonged' to their father or husband. The entire fabric of society and tradition was held together by extended families. For Jesus to say that his message would tear families apart was to say that all of society would be transformed by the message. The kingdom of God turns expectations and society on their head, breathing new life into tired, restrictive structures.*

## Thought of the Day...



## Please Pray For...

### Recent Deaths:

**Anniversaries:** Brian Thomas Graham, Charles Head, Agnes Campbell, Nell Storey, Maureen McGrath, Bill Garrett, Molly Connolly, Del Garrett, Fr Joe O'Mara S.J., Alan Teys, William Brown, Leona (Dolly) Bambosek, Kath Thomson, Barry Freier, Pat Rohde, Ellen Waldron, Estelle Edge, Audre Davies, Fr Patrick Kelly.

**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:

- 15<sup>th</sup> August – Feast of the Assumption School Mass at 10am (Parishioners Welcome)
- 21<sup>st</sup> August – Third Workshop for Sacrament of Reconciliation candidates after 9.30am Mass
- 22<sup>nd</sup> August – Liturgy Group Meeting at 7pm
- 27<sup>th</sup> August – Ecumenism Group 9.30am
- 28<sup>th</sup> August – Social Justice Sunday

### 15<sup>th</sup> August - Holy Day of Obligation

The Feast of The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a Holy Day of Obligation. **Mass will be offered at 10am** at Our Lady of Lourdes or at 5.30pm at St Patrick's Cathedral.

**Rosary Rally:** Monday 15 August, Feast of Lady's Assumption, at 4pm St Patrick's Cathedral, followed by Mass at 5.30pm. All welcome.

**Contact:** Therese Blatchly, 0434 528 904

### Flick and Tick

Please remember to complete the [Flick and Tick Form](#) at your earliest convenience. We will have volunteers with I pads available after Mass this weekend to help you if you would like to try the online form. Paper copies are also available at the back of the church. Click here for the [Guide to Parish Ministry](#) St Mary of the Cross MacKillop says "God loves generous souls. Let us try to be the generous ones".

### Plenary Council Report – 10am this Sunday

Mark Copland, who represented our Diocese at the recent Plenary Council, will be joined by Catherine McAleer to provide a report on the outcomes of the Plenary Council, at 10am on Sunday August 14, following Mass and as part of Morning Tea in the **St Anthony's Parish Community Centre**, 3 Memory St, Tmba. All are welcome to attend and learn a little from this historic gathering for the Australian Church.



## Spring Garden Party Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> Sept



Spring has almost sprung and there's nothing better than being outside enjoying nature and the company of family and friends. Tickets \$25ea can be purchased at the Parish Office and at each Mass next weekend. Price includes beer/wine/champagne, afternoon tea and entertainment. We'll have a raffle, lucky spots and prizes for the best spring outfit (male and female). Come on, join us for a fun afternoon. (Remember to be sun-safe)

### Jubilee Celebration of Ordinations

Bishop Robert McGuckin and the Toowoomba Council of Priests cordially invite you to the Jubilee Celebration of Ordinations.

**60 Years:** Fr. Michael McClure,

**50 Years:** Fr. Peter Dorfield, Fr. Ray Johnston, Fr. John Peard, Fr. Michael Cooney, Fr. Ray Crowley, Fr. Rod MacGinley, Fr. Sean Lynskey CSSp and

**25 Years:** Fr. Shane Carr, MSC.

Mass will be held at the Cathedral on Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> September 2022 at 11am. **All are welcome to attend.**

Time	Altar Servers	Welcomers	Commentary	Ministers of the Word	Extraordinary Ministers	I pad Operator	Piety Stall
20 <sup>th</sup> August at 6pm	I Whittaker J Whittaker	Joseph Family	M Cleary	L Borger J Soriano	L Walsh	M Connell	J Robertson
21 <sup>st</sup> August at 9.30am	G Ryan I Ryan	Webb Family	J Coman	M McLean M Ondrus	Cristianne Dias	Kelly Family	M Webb
21 <sup>st</sup> August at 5.30pm	N Morcom M Morcom H Ryan	B & C Roberts	J Johnston	B Reardon K Tague	C Golightly	B Bambosek	M Stark

## The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Celebrated each year on August 15, the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary commemorates the death of Mary and her bodily assumption into Heaven. Because it signifies the Blessed Virgin's passing into eternal life, it is the most important of all Marian feasts and a Holy Day of Obligation.

The Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is also known The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, The Assumption of Mary Into Heaven, The Dormition of the Theotokos and The Falling Asleep of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

The Feast of the Assumption is a very old feast of the Church, celebrated universally by the sixth century. The feast was originally celebrated in the East, where it is known as the Feast of the Dormition, a word which means "the falling asleep." The earliest printed reference to the belief that Mary's body was assumed into Heaven dates from the fourth century, in a document entitled "The Falling Asleep of the Holy Mother of God." The document is written in the voice of the Apostle John, to whom Christ on the Cross had entrusted the care of His mother, and recounts the death, laying in the tomb, and assumption of the Blessed Virgin.

### Prayer for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Almighty and everlasting God,  
You have taken up body and soul  
into the heavenly glory the Immaculate Virgin Mary,  
Mother of Your Son: Grant, we beseech You,  
that, ever intent upon heavenly things,  
we may be worthy to be partakers of her glory.  
Through Jesus Christ Your Son, our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,  
One God, forever and ever.  
Amen.



## Aid to the Church in Need Australia

ACN is the Pontifical Foundation dedicated to supporting the suffering and persecuted Church. In areas of crisis, churches are often destroyed by violence. Where the faith is growing new churches are needed. ACN supports the reconstruction in these areas because a church is the centre of the life of faith and even the smallest chapel provides people with hope and a spiritual home. Can you help build churches to support the faithful throughout the world?

Visit: [www.aidtochurch.org/construction](http://www.aidtochurch.org/construction)



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## Social Justice Sunday

The Church in Australia marks Social Justice Sunday on August 28. In their Social Justice Statement, *Respect: Confronting Violence and Abuse*, the Australian bishops speak out about the scourge of domestic and family violence. They call for relationships to be marked by equality and reciprocity rather than domination and violence, respect and freedom rather than coercion and control. Access the Statement and related resources at [www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au](http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au)

## 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.

## 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". Further information closer to the date.

## Reminder re COVID-19 Isolation Period

1. A number of clergy, diocesan staff and parishioners have recently undergone mandatory isolation periods with Covid-19. Bishop McGuckin reminds everyone of Queensland Government regulations regarding the completion of the seven day isolation period. A face mask must be worn for the following seven days upon completion of the isolation, including indoors, and outdoors if physical distance is unable to be maintained.

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