



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

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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, 16th October 2022

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

First Reading

[Ex 17:8-13](#)

A reading from the book of Exodus

As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage.

The Amalekites came and attached Israel at Rephidim. Moses said to Joshua, 'Pick out men for yourself, and tomorrow morning march out to engage Amalek. I, meanwhile, will stand on the hilltop, the staff of God in my hand.' Joshua did as Moses told him and marched out to engage Amalek, while Moses and Aaron and Hur went up to the top of the hill. As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage; when he let his arms fall, the advantage went to Amalek. But Moses arms grew heavy, so they took a stone and put it under him and on this he sat, Aaron and Hur supporting his arms, one on one side, one on the other; and his arms remained firm till sunset. With the edge of the sword Joshua cut down Amalek and his people.

Responsorial Psalm

[Ps 120. R. v.2](#)

(R.) Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

1. I lift up my eyes to the mountains: from where shall come my help? My help shall come from the Lord who made heaven and earth. (R.)

2. May he never allow you to stumble! Let him sleep not, your guard. No, he sleeps not nor slumbers, Israel's guard. (R.)

3. The Lord is your guard and your shade; at your right side he stands. By day the sun shall not smite you nor the moon in the night. (R.)

4. The Lord will guard you from evil, he will guard your soul. The Lord will guard your going and coming both now and for ever. (R.)

Second Reading

[2 Tm 3:14 - 4:2](#)

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

This is how the people of God become equipped and ready for every good work.

You must keep to what you have been taught and know to be true; remember who your teachers were, and how, ever since you were a child, you have known the holy scriptures – from these you can learn the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and can profitably be used for teaching, for refuting error, for guiding people's lives and teaching them to be holy. This is how the man who is dedicated to God becomes fully equipped and ready for any good work. Before God and before Christ Jesus who is to be judge of the living and the dead, I put this duty to you, in the name of his Appearing and of his kingdom: proclaim the message and, welcome or unwelcome, insist on it. Refute falsehood, correct error, call to obedience – but do all with patience and with the intention of teaching.

Gospel Acclamation

[Heb 4:12](#)

Alleluia, alleluia!
The word of God is living and active; it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart.
Alleluia!

Gospel

[Lk 18:1-8](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

God will see those who cry to him vindicated. Jesus told his disciples a parable about the need to pray continually and never lose heart. 'There was a judge in a certain town' he said 'who had neither fear of God nor respect for man. In the same town there was a widow who kept on coming to him and saying, "I want justice from you against my enemy!" For a long time he refused, but at last he said to himself, "Maybe I have neither fear of God nor respect for man, but since she keeps pestering me I must give this widow her just rights, or she will persist in coming and worry me to death."'

And the Lord said, 'You notice what the unjust judge has to say? Now will not God see justice done to his chosen who cry to him day and night even when he delays to help them? I promise you, he will see justice done to them, and done speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on earth?'

Next Week's Readings (22nd/23rd October 2022) – Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C

1st Reading: Sir 35:12-14, 16-18 2nd Reading: 2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18 Gospel: Lk 18:9-14

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/>



Have you thought? A parable about God

When Jesus tells this parable about the widow and the judge, he is actually painting a picture about God for his disciples. This is not to suggest that God needs to be worn down by persistence but rather it is a description of what God is not. If such a wicked and unjust judge can eventually be worn down, how much more quickly will God respond to a just cause? Yet the parable is told to reinforce the need to pray continually. The continuous prayer is not to wear God down - like the judge - but rather to demonstrate the genuine need.

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.

SCRIPTURAL CONTEXT

Since chapter 9 of this Gospel, Jesus has been making a steady journey towards Jerusalem and the events of the Passion that await him there. This whole second half of the gospel is a series of teaching moments as Jesus seeks to prepare his disciples to continue his ministry after he has gone. Remembering that the gospel is written 50 or more years after the events described, the gospel writer has also deliberately structured these teaching moments for the audience of believers struggling day by day to live out the message and ministry of Jesus. As such, these teachings are just as important for modern audiences.

DIFFERENT VIEW

Convincing God

Does this teaching about the need for continual prayer mean that God needs to be convinced of our cause? Does a one-off prayer not get heard? Is God swayed by the force of numbers? Can the prayers of ten people carry more weight than the prayers of one? All these questions miss the point of the parable. It is not God who needs our prayers, but we who have to recognise, through prayer, our need for God's mercy and gracious love. The constancy of prayer is not to convince God but to remind ourselves of our dependence upon God.

Thought of the Day...

Finally my Winter fat is gone, now I have Spring rolls.



Please Pray For...

Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries: Kath Wynne, Helena McIlwain, Brian Sharpe, Patrick Cleary, Vince Stephens, Walter Williams, Marg Coorey, Fr Michael Mahon

Those Who Are Sick: 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

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 15/10/22	Mass 6pm
Sun 16/10/22	Mass 9.30am Mass 5.30pm
Mon 17/10/22	
Tue 18/10/22	Mass 10am Prayer Group 10.30am
Wed 19/10/22	Anam Cara 9.30am in the Presbytery
Thu 20/10/22	Craft Group 10am
Fri 21/10/22	

2022 Date Claimers:

- 22nd/23rd October – World Mission Sunday
- 25th October – Anointing Mass & Morning Tea 10am
- 1st November – All Saints Day Mass 10am
- 2nd November – All Souls Day
- 6th November – “The Letter” movie screening 6.30pm

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.

Working Bee Saturday 22nd October

Saturday 22nd October from 8am-11am. Please bring your gardening tools and lend a hand. Morning tea will be provided.



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!!



Pre-Order Available

If you would like to order any 2023 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

Thank You

Thank you to all who contributed to the celebration of the Parish Family Mass last weekend. Thank you to the musicians and choir for enhancing the liturgy so beautifully. Thank you to all the volunteers from the various Parish Groups who performed a multitude of tasks throughout the Mass. Thank you to all those who helped with set up, provided food and assisted at the morning tea. It was a joyful celebration of our Parish Family and an inspiration to all who attended.



Are you an active Facebook user?

We are looking for someone who would be interested in maintaining the Parish's Facebook page and/or providing some Facebook training to the Parish Office staff. The Parish Office would provide the information to be posted and your role would be to create and post the information. If this sounds like something you would be interested in, please call the office on 4634 1453.

[facebook](https://www.facebook.com)

Movie Screening “The Letter”

The Social Justice Group invites you to the screening of “The Letter”, starring Pope Francis, telling the story of the Laudato Si' encyclical letter and the unfolding ecological emergency. Sunday 6th November 6.30pm in the church. More information to come.



“This beautiful film – a heartbreaking yet hopeful story – is a clarion cry to people everywhere: wake up! get serious! act together! act now!”, concluded Czerny.

Time	Altar Servers	Welcomers	Commentary	Ministers of the Word	Extraordinary Ministers	I pad Operator	Piety Stall
22 nd Oct at 6pm	E Ward	Ward Family M Greer	C Ferguson	B Witham N Doyle	R O'Brien	B Regan	N Doyle
23 rd Oct at 9.30am	J Newman T Kelly	K Kruger A Webber	N Ryan	P Murphy M Conrick	J Coman	M Conrick	A Suhr
23 rd Oct at 5.30pm	E Haylock H Beutel	J & C Sullivan	K Tague	J Johnson L Bentley	J Axtell	D Stark	V Barker

BRING HOPE TO NEELA AND HER FAMILY

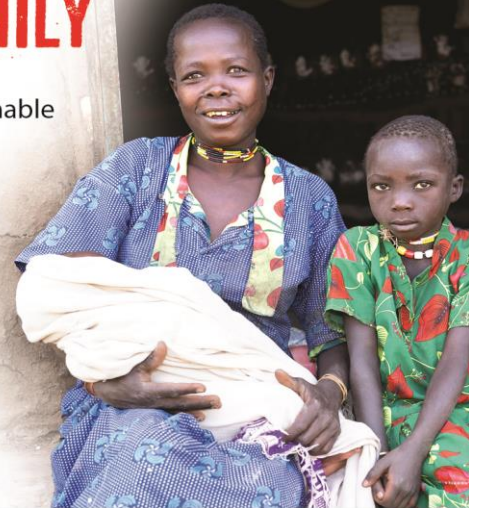
Many families in Emdibir are subsistence farmers, and distressingly, many are unable to put enough food on the table each day.

Next week Catholic Mission will offer you the opportunity to partner with the Church and community in Emdibir, Ethiopia, where your gift can help build a life-changing program from the ground up to help address this urgent need.

We hope you will take this opportunity to make an incredible impact for those in need.



Freecall: 1800 257 296
catholicmission.org.au/ethiopia



SPRED Fundraising Event 2022

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

BLITHE SPIRIT
 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 / SPRED@twb.catholic.org.au](mailto:SPRED@twb.catholic.org.au)

Aid to the Church in Need Australia

ACN is the Pontifical Foundation dedicated to supporting the suffering and persecuted Church.

In response to the devastating floods in Pakistan, ACN is sending emergency help by providing aid to over 5000 families in the form of food packages for one month, cash grants for the most vulnerable families, mobile health units, temporary shelters and even basic - but essential - items such as mosquito nets and repellent. Damaged churches and community infrastructure must also be repaired to shelter victims of the flooding. To make an offering to the Church in Pakistan visit www.aidtochurch.org/pakistan



You are invited...

To the Anglican Roman Catholic Annual Service of Reconciliation to be held at St Patrick's Cathedral, Toowoomba on Wednesday 2 November 2022 at 7pm.

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



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/CCYGN>

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

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.

An Afternoon with The Catholic Guy

I want to gather people who want to have more of God in their lives and who want to see their loved ones and friends blessed by God. Will you seek God with us for Southeast Queensland and from there beyond to all the world? Don't miss this spiritually powerful experience.

An Afternoon with The Catholic Guy Bruce Downes

Saturday 22 October or Sunday 23 October 10.30am - 4.30pm The Catholic Guy Studio (NEW Recording Space!!!)

6 Overend Street, East Brisbane

Free Event. Lunch Provided.

Register today - BruceDownes.org/Brisbane

