



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, 17th July 2022 Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

First Reading

[Gen 18:1-10](#)

A reading from the book of Genesis

Lord, do not bypass your servant.

The Lord appeared to Abraham at the Oak of Mamre while he was sitting by the entrance of the tent during the hottest part of the day. He looked up, and there he saw three men standing near him. As soon as he saw them he ran from the entrance of the tent to meet them, and bowed to the ground. 'My lord,' he said, 'I beg you, if I find favour with you, kindly do not pass your servant by. A little water shall be brought; you shall wash your feet and lie down under the tree. Let me fetch a little bread and you shall refresh yourselves before going further. That is why you have come in your servant's direction.' They replied, 'Do as you say.' Abraham hastened to the tent to find Sarah. 'Hurry,' he said, 'knead three bushels of flour and make loaves.' Then running to the cattle Abraham took a fine and tender calf and gave it to the servant, who hurried to prepare it. Then taking cream, milk and the calf he had prepared, he laid all before them, and they ate while he remained standing near them under the tree. 'Where is your wife Sarah?' they asked him. 'She is in the tent,' he replied. Then his guest said, 'I shall visit you again next year without fail and your wife will then have a son.'

Responsorial Psalm

[Ps 14:2-5. R. v.1](#)

(R.) The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

1. Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain? He who walks without fault; he who acts with justice and speaks the truth from his heart; he who does not slander with his tongue. (R.)
2. He who does no wrong to his brother, who casts no slur on his neighbour, who holds the godless in disdain, but honours those who fear the Lord. (R.)
3. He who keeps his pledge, come what may; who takes no interest on a loan and accepts no bribes against the innocent. Such a man will stand firm for ever. (R.)

Second Reading

[Col 1:24-28](#)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

The mystery hidden for centuries has now been revealed to his saints.

It makes me happy to suffer for you, as I am suffering now, and in my body to do what I can to make up all that has still to be undergone by Christ for the sake of his body, the Church. I became the servant of the Church when God made me responsible for delivering God's message to you, the message which was a mystery hidden for generations and centuries and has now been revealed to his saints. It was God's purpose to reveal it to them and to show all the rich glory of this mystery to pagans. The mystery is Christ among you, your hope of glory: this is the Christ we proclaim, this is the wisdom in which we thoroughly train everyone and instruct everyone, to make them all perfect in Christ.

Gospel Acclamation

[See Lk 8:15](#)

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy are they who have kept the word with a generous heart and yield a harvest through perseverance.

Alleluia!

Gospel

[Lk 10:38-42](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Martha took up the duties in the house. Mary chose the better part

Jesus came to a village, and a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. She had a sister called Mary, who sat down at the Lord's feet and listened to him speaking. Now Martha who was distracted with all the serving said, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister is leaving me to do the serving all by myself? Please tell her to help me.' But the Lord answered: 'Martha, Martha,' he said, 'you worry and fret about so many things, and yet few are needed, indeed only one. It is Mary who has chosen the better part; it is not to be taken from her.'

Next Week's Readings (23rd/24th July 2022) – Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C
1st Reading: Gen 18:20-32 2nd Reading: Col 2:12-14 Gospel: Lk 11:1-13

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/>

Scriptural Context

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It is no accident that this story about Martha and Mary immediately follows the parable of the Good Samaritan. We must remember that Jesus is portrayed as telling that parable as clarification of the law to love God and love neighbour. The Samaritan provides an example of what it means to love one's neighbour whilst in this story, Mary provides an example of what it means to love God. Together, the two stories tell us that compassionate service to one's neighbour is crucial but that God does not require service, simply love.

Sunday Reflection...

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Today we see the people of God offering the hospitality rather than receiving it, first Abraham and then Martha. What lessons of discipleship can be learned from these readings? First and foremost we see how important openness is, for in each case those to whom the hospitality was offered were divine visitors in human form. We can never be sure under what guise God will come to us. It could be the person on the street who asks for directions, or the one who comes to our place of work to engage the service that we provide. It may be the friend who comes to dinner or the co-worker who acts in a way we did not expect. God comes into our lives in unexpected ways and we must have an open attitude of hospitality if we are to receive the blessings that might come with such visits. We know that we cannot lay aside the responsibilities of our lives in order to sit with Mary at the feet of Jesus. However, we cannot allow ourselves to be held captive by these responsibilities, regardless of how legitimate they may be. And so we continue to struggle; to carry the burdens that are ours for the sake of the people that we serve; to serve the people in our care realising that we will probably not be able to accomplish all of our tasks or at least as well as we would like. It is in this way that the reign of God struggles to be born.



Have you thought?

Action vs Reflection

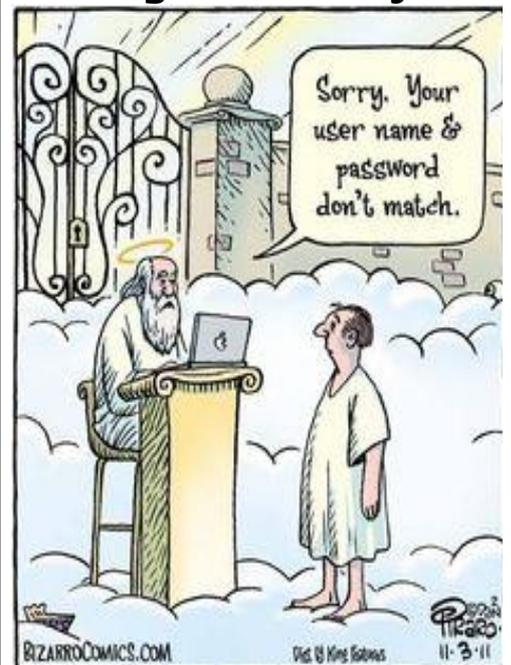
This gospel is sometimes portrayed as a dichotomy between action and reflection. Many within the Christian tradition adopt the Martha approach of responding to Christ through service and action while others see Mary sitting at the feet of Jesus as a model for contemplation and reflection. The two different models have developed quite distinctly in the history of the Church and it must be said that the Martha approach of service and action has been in the ascendance for some time. However, action that is not grounded in prayerful reflection runs the risk of becoming well-intentioned busy-ness.

Different View

Feminist critique

Feminist theologian Elizabeth Schussler Fiorenza suggests that this story is less about an event in the life of Jesus than it is about events in the life of the early Church. In the first 30 to 40 years after the death of Jesus, women played an equal role in leadership and ministry to the community. However, by the time of Luke's gospel, men were becoming more dominant in the community. By portraying Jesus as admonishing Martha's active service and praising Mary's passive listening role, the passage can be interpreted as endorsing the relegation of women to less active roles.

Thought of the Day...



Please Pray For...

Recent Deaths: Fr William (Bill) Moran SSC

Anniversaries: Fr Patrick Campbell, Fr Neville Grundy, Fr Joseph Portley, Max Moran, Alex Walsh, Sid Hayden, James Cronin, Cecil Hogan, Noleen Dann, Giovanna Frattin, Roy Bentley

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:

- 23rd/24th July – World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly
- 31st 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 24th 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 23rd/24th July.



Thank you Working Bee Helpers

Thank you to the small team of helpers who arrived to prune and tidy up the rose garden at the Presbytery last Saturday. Your help is appreciated and the rose garden looks neat and tidy and ready for Spring!



Children's Liturgy

Children's Liturgy will recommence this Sunday 17th July at the 9.30am Mass. All children from Prep to Grade 4 are welcome.

Planned Giving

There are still a few Planned Giving Envelope boxes for this new financial year that haven't been collected. You'll find them on the table at the church entrance.

Lost Property

There is a table at the entrance to the church with all sorts of lost property – ladies grey cardigan, 2 pairs glasses (one Timberland brand), child's hat, one leather-look ladies glove, lace edged handkerchief, Indian Pacific cap, rosary beads and a drink bottle. Please have a look through this weekend and take anything that belongs to you. Thank you.

Sacrament of First Reconciliation

This weekend we have the first of three workshops for the children making their First Reconciliation. The workshops will commence after the 9.30am Mass and morning tea will be provided before the workshops begin. We ask that you say a prayer for the Candidates as they begin their journey.

A Prayer for our Reconciliation Candidates

Loving God, help us to teach our children that you love us totally and unconditionally. Help us to encourage our children to grow in love and to learn how to say sorry, knowing that you always forgive. Give us the courage to pray with our children and to share our faith with them as we journey together. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen



Time	Altar Servers	Welcomers	Commentary	Ministers of the Word	Extraordinary Ministers	I pad Operator	Piety Stall
23 rd July at 6pm	I Whittaker J Whittaker	M Cleary	Michelle Moore	J Wilson C O'Brien	R O'Brien	M Ferguson	D Clark
24 th July at 9.30am	G Ryan I Ryan	C Poulton N Ryan	M Ondrus	J Coman Cleber Dias	J Kelly	B Saunders	H O'Sullivan
24 th July at 5.30pm	M Obst N Obst H Ryan	K Langdale A Hickey	W Beetson	C Smith A Jessen	A Beetson	J See	S Whitelegg

Aid to the Church in Need Australia

ACN is the Pontifical Foundation dedicated to supporting the suffering and persecuted Church. The diocese of Huancavelica is one of the poorest in Peru. Until recently the people here have had little spiritual formation and infrequent visits from a priest since the villages are far apart. Two priests are managing to visit every village once a month, celebrating Holy Mass, administering the Sacrament of the sick, and preparing people for the reception of the Sacraments. This pastoral care is now bearing fruit, and more and more Catholics are returning to the practice of their faith, but a robust all-terrain vehicle would make it much easier for these priests to minister more intensively to the Catholic faithful in Peru.



Can you provide transport so priests can reach the faithful in Peru? Visit: www.aidtochurch.org/monthlyproject

Catholic Education Week

Teacher Thank You Mass – 31st 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 31st July at 9.30am. **Please bring a plate for a shared morning tea following Mass.**



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.



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

Homeless for a Night – Register Now

Homeless for a Night is less than three weeks away. We would love for you to sign up for this year's sleepout if you haven't already to help us raise awareness of the growing issue of homelessness and much-needed funds for the Basement Soup Kitchen to continue to provide assistance and support to people experiencing or at risk of homelessness. **To sign up, simply visit:**

<https://homelessforaweek.com.au/create-account/>.

Once you've registered, invite your friends and family to sleep out and create a team!

This year's sleepout kicks off at 7 pm, Monday 1st August 2022, at 2nd Shot Café, 488a Ruthven Street, Toowoomba and will conclude with the annual Homeless Week Breakfast with a special guest speaker Norman McGillivray, founder of Beddown.

All participants get free entry into the breakfast; additional tickets for non-sleepout participants can be purchased at

https://www.stickytickets.com.au/lryxj/homeless_week_breakfast_with_norm_mcgillivray_founder_of_beddown.aspx



We hope you can join us at this year's Homeless for a Night Event to help us make a significant difference in the life of people experiencing homelessness in Toowoomba!

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 (Parts 4,5,6,9,10,11) [DOWNLOAD NOW](#)

Marriage Encounter Weekends

Worldwide Marriage Encounter: A weekend experience for married couples, priests and religious, away from the distractions of everyday living. Take time out of your busy schedule, to invest in your most precious asset and revitalise your Sacrament. This is a unique opportunity to reconnect, rekindle and refresh your relationship. It gives you the opportunity to grow in your relationship with your spouse or your community. Worldwide Marriage Encounter **COVID-SAFE live-in weekend Friday evening 14 October to Sunday afternoon 16 October** (including Mass) at Santa Teresa, Ormiston.

Virtual weekend 19 to 21 August via Zoom. For details contact Maria and David Murphy: 0481307821. qldbookings@wwme.org.au W: www.wwme.org.au .

Catholic Engaged Encounter, marriage preparation weekend **22 to 23 October**, Buranda.

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