



Welcome to **OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH**

153 Holberton St, Toowoomba | p: 4634 1453 | f: 4634 1940

Email: lol.parish@bigpond.com | <https://lolparish.org.au> 

Priest in Residence - Rev John Quinlan

Parish Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9:00am - 1:00pm

Pastoral Coordinator: Jenny Ferguson Email: lol.pastoralcoordinator@gmail.com

Reconciliation: Saturday 4.45pm

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

Tuesdays at 10am

Primary School: e: lourdes@twb.catholic.edu.au | p: 4591 1200

<https://www.ololtwb.catholic.edu.au>

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, 18th September 2022 Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

First Reading

[Am 8:4-7](#)

A reading from the prophet Amos
The Lord God spoke against those who buy the poor for money.

Listen to this, you who trample on the needy and try to suppress the poor people of the country, you who say, 'When will New Moon be over so that we can sell our corn, and sabbath, so that we can market our wheat? Then by lowering the bushel, raising the shekel, by swindling and tampering with the scales, we can buy up the poor for money, and the needy for a pair of sandals, and get a price even for the sweepings of the wheat.' The Lord swears it by the pride of Jacob, 'Never will I forget a single thing you have done.'

Responsorial Psalm

[Ps 112:1-2, 4-8. R. see vv.1, 7](#)

(R.) Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

1. Praise, O servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord! May the name of the Lord be blessed both now and for evermore! (R.)

2. High above all nations is the Lord, above the heavens his glory. Who is like the Lord, our God, who has risen on high to his throne yet stoops from the heights to look down, to look down upon heaven and earth? (R.)

3. From the dust he lifts up the lowly, from the dungheap he raises the poor to set him in the company of princes, yes, with the princes of his people. (R.)

Second Reading

[1 Tm 2:1-8](#)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to Timothy

Let prayers be offered to God for everyone; he wants all people to be saved

My advice is that, first of all, there should be prayers offered for everyone – petitions, intercessions and thanksgiving – and especially for kings and others in authority, so that we may be able to live religious and reverent lives in peace and quiet. To do this is right, and will please God our saviour: he wants everyone to be saved and reach full knowledge of the truth. For there is only one God, and there is only one mediator between God and mankind, himself a man, Christ Jesus, who sacrificed himself as a ransom for them all. He is the evidence of this, sent at the appointed time, and I have been named a herald and apostle of it and – I am telling the truth and no lie – a teacher of the faith and the truth to the pagans. In every place, then, I want the men to lift their hands up reverently in prayer, with no anger or argument.

Gospel

[Lk 16:1-13](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

You cannot be slaves both of God and of money.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There was a rich man and he had a steward who was denounced to him for being wasteful with his property. He called for the man and said, "What is this I hear about you? Draw me up an account of your stewardship because you are not to be

my steward any longer." Then the steward said to himself, "Now that my master is taking the stewardship from me, what am I to do? Dig? I am not strong enough. Go begging? I should be too ashamed. Ah, I know what I will do to make sure that when I am dismissed from office there will be some to welcome me into their homes." 'Then he called his master's debtors one by one. To the first he said, "How much do you owe my master?" "One hundred measures of oil," was the reply. The steward said, "Here, take your bond; sit down straight away and write fifty." To another he said, "And you, sir, how much do you owe?" "One hundred measures of wheat," was the reply. The steward said, "Here, take your bond and write eighty." 'The master praised the dishonest steward for his astuteness. For the children of this world are more astute in dealing with their own kind than are the children of light. 'And so I tell you this: use money, tainted as it is, to win you friends, and thus make sure that when it fails you, they will welcome you into the tents of eternity. The man who can be trusted in little things can be trusted in great; the man who is dishonest in little things will be dishonest in great. If then you cannot be trusted with money, that tainted thing, who will trust you with genuine riches? And if you cannot be trusted with what is not yours, who will give you what is your very own? 'No servant can be the slave of two masters: he will either hate the first and love the second, or treat the first with respect and the second with scorn. You cannot be the slave both of God and of money.'

Next Week's Readings (24th/25th September 2022) – Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C
1st Reading: Am 6:1. 4-7 2nd Reading: 1 Tm 6:11-16 Gospel: Lk 16:19-31

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

Stewards

We often encounter the term steward in the gospels. To be the steward of a household or business was much more than being the manager on behalf of the owner. Stewardship meant to stand and act in the place of the owner. It was to carry the authority and responsibility of the master or owner. When dealing with a steward it was just like dealing with the master. Jesus sometimes portrays himself as God's steward and sometimes portrays the disciples as his stewards. To be entrusted with the stewardship of anything was a great honour and carried enormous trust.

Sunday Reflection...

© Dianne Bergant CSA

We are creatures of this world. We are made of it and we are totally dependent upon it for our very existence. We require its air, its water, its food, its heat. We need it for covering and for shelter; we need it to stimulate our minds and our spirits. Therefore, our use of its phenomenal resources cannot in itself be immoral. What is questionable is the character of our use.

There are many circumstances that contribute to the complexity of these matters. The merchant in the passage from Amos is not faulted because he was prosperous. Nor is the steward in the gospel criticised for putting resources aside for future use. But how much does a person need when there are others who are really needy?

We live our lives on the horns of a dilemma. We have the right to use and to enjoy the marvels of our world, but we cannot do this free of responsibility to each other and to the world itself. We are not called to disown the world. It is impossible for us to do that, because of our total dependence upon it. But we are called to live in it gently, using what we need and sharing what we can. We must make decisions as trustworthy stewards of the household of God, not like the man in the gospel who was only concerned with his own well being. We must serve God, not mammon.



Have you thought?

Tainted Money

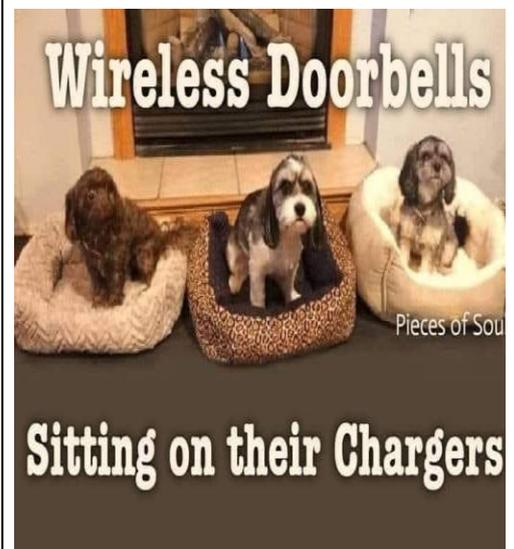
Money seems to get a pretty bad rap in the gospel of Luke. In today's passage, it is even described as "that tainted thing" which is the lowest measure of trustworthiness. However, it is not money as such that is the concern, but rather it is the love of money and inappropriate use of money. In the Jewish tradition, the measure of society was based on how the lowest and the least were treated and looked after. When our focus is on acquiring money and possessions, it is impossible to be using our money for the good of others.

GOSPEL FOCUS

Using money

Jesus tells his audience to use money to win friends so that when your money fails you your friends will welcome you. This sounds a bit like buying friendship. But what Jesus was saying was to share your riches with those in need and not be boastful and greedy of your wealth. He is calling his audience back to the commands of God to take care of the needy and to make sure that no one is left without enough to live. So the friendship Jesus is encouraging the people to make through their money is a friendship with the poor and the needy.

Thought of the Day...



Please Pray For...

Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries: Betty Tewes, Alex Upton, Johanna Wetherspoon, Alma Lewald, Dorothy Markham, Yva and Tom Bowe, James and Margaret Meara, Mary Sullivan, Jendy Young, Lino Valente, Fr Francis Burke, Fr Michael Skehan

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...

Sat 17/09/22	Reconciliation 4.45pm Mass 6.00pm
Sun 18/09/22	Mass 9.30am Mass 5.30pm
Mon 19/09/22	
Tue 20/09/22	Mass 10.00am Prayer Group 10.30am
Wed 21/09/22	Jimmy Madden Funeral 11.00am Our Lady of Lourdes
Thu 22/09/22	SVDP 8.00am Craft Group 10.00am
Fri 23/09/22	

2022 Date Claimers:

- 25th September – Migrant and Refugee Sunday
- 9th October – Family Mass at 9.30am
- 23rd October – World Mission Sunday
- 25th October – Anointing Mass & Morning Tea 10am

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.

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 to share for morning tea after Mass.



Please note: There will be no 6pm Mass on the 8th Oct and no 5.30pm Mass on the 9th October.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for Sept '22

Abolition of the Death Penalty

We pray that the death penalty, which attacks the dignity of the human person, may be legally abolished in every country.

Giveaway – Free School Gates

Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School are giving away their previous school gates. They are iron and in good condition. Please contact the school office on 4591 1200 if you are interested or for more information.



A big congratulations to OLOL School for winning Best School Premises and Best Student Garden in the Carnival of Flowers Garden Competition.

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

Pre-Order Available

At the back of the church, you will find pre-order forms for the following publications:

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

If you would like to order a publication, please put your name on the list and we will advise you when they arrive.



Time	Altar Servers	Welcomers	Commentary	Ministers of the Word	Extraordinary Ministers	I pad Operator	Piety Stall
24 th Sept at 6pm	G Soh V Soh	D & N Clark	Michelle Moore	C Ferguson L Borger	B Witham	B Regan	J Wells
25 th Sept at 9.30am	J Newman T Kelly L Anderson	P Town E Langcoyan	Consie Hudson	S Connolly Cristianne Dias	M Ondrus	M McLean	A Suhr
25 th Sept at 5.30pm	H Ryan E Obst H Beutel	S Whitelegg K Langdale	B Reardon	R Johnston J Michel	B Stark	A Hickey	J Sullivan

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@tcb.catholic.org.au

September Seminar - A Church of Saints and Souls

What implications does our faith have for how we live today? Throughout 2022, the Archdiocese's Adult Formation Team will be hosting four seminars to help you grow in understanding of not just what the Church teaches but how to incorporate it into your lived experience.

Join us for this third seminar where we will explore why and how we look to the saints and the significance that they have on our lives as Catholics.

Come and participate in this practical Catholic theology seminar.

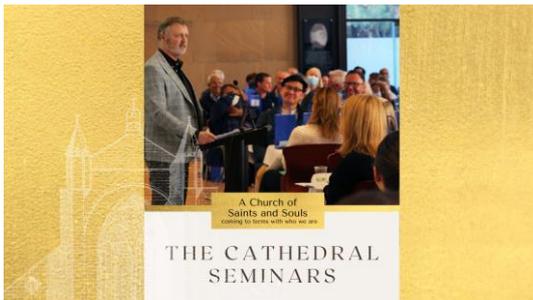
Details:

Time: 7-8:30pm

Date: Thursday 29th September 2022

Location: Hanly Room, Francis Rush Centre, Cathedral Precinct - 196 Charlotte St, Brisbane City

Click [here](#) for more information and to purchase tickets



Annual Racing Mass

The annual racing mass will be held this year on Wednesday the 21st September at 12.00pm following the barrier draw at Clifford Park. This is a celebration for all racing people and their families and the community for a safe racing carnival and to acknowledge past participants. Father Jack would like to see you all there for this special occasion. There will be nibbles and drinks after mass.

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.

Reconciling God, Creation and Humanity: Ecological examen

This Season of Creation, let us spend some time giving thanks to God for creation and 'ask for the grace to see how my life choices impact creation and the poor and vulnerable.'

The following prayer can be done individually or in a group setting and is based on the Examen (examination of conscience) popularised by founder of the Jesuits - St Ignatius of Loyola.

However, this examen focuses on creation and humanity and takes its cues from Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si'*. It is divided into five sections - gratitude, awareness, understanding, conversion and reconciliation - and asks you to reflect on your personal relationship with creation, to acknowledge and amend your ways and to promote ecological justice by standing in solidarity with those most affected by environmental harm.

Begin the Examen by placing yourself or your group in a posture that allows you to be open to the ways the Spirit is working in you. There are six steps to follow.

Gratitude - I give thanks to God for creation and for being wonderfully made. (Where did I feel God's presence in Creation today?)

Awareness - I ask for the grace to see creation as God does - in all its splendour and suffering. (Do I see the beauty of creation and hear the cries of the earth and the poor?)

Understanding - I ask for the grace to look closely to see how my life choices impact creation and the poor and the vulnerable. (What challenges or joys do I experience as I recall my care for Creation? How can I turn away from a throwaway culture and instead stand in solidarity with creation and the poor?)

Conversion - I ask for the grace of conversion towards ecological justice and reconciliation. (Where have I fallen short in caring for creation and my brothers and sisters? How do I ask for a conversion of heart?)

Reconciliation - I ask for the grace to reconcile my relationship with God, creation, and humanity, and to stand in solidarity through my actions (How can I repair my relationship with creation and make choices consistent with my desire for reconciliation with creation?)

Prayer - I offer a closing prayer for the earth and the vulnerable in our society.

Taken from Madonna Magazine. First published by the Jesuits of Canada and the United States, 2017.

Subscribe to Madonna Magazine [Here](#)

Congratulations Mrs Tanya Appleby

Mrs Tanya Appleby, Principal of St Ursula's College is the recipient of an ACEL New Voice Scholarship for 2022. New Voice Scholarships recognise forward thinking, contextually relevant and responsive educational leaders whose work has had an impact above and beyond their immediate context. Well done Tanya!!

