



# 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, 21<sup>st</sup> August 2022 Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

### First Reading

[Is 66:18-21](#)

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

*They will gather all of your people from all nations.*

The Lord says this: I am coming to gather the nations of every language. They shall come to witness my glory. I will give them a sign and send some of their survivors to the nations: to Tarshish, Put, Lud, Moshech, Rosh, Tubal, and Javan, to the distant islands that have never heard of me or seen my glory. They will proclaim my glory to the nations. As an offering to the Lord they will bring all your brothers, on horses, in chariots, in litters, on mules, on dromedaries, from all the nations to my holy mountain in Jerusalem, says the Lord, like Israelites bringing oblations in clean vessels to the Temple of the Lord. And of some of them I will make priests and Levites, says the Lord.

### Responsorial Psalm

[Ps 116. R. Mk 16:15](#)

(R.) Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.

1. O praise the Lord, all you nations, acclaim him all you peoples! (R.)
2. Strong is his love for us; he is faithful for ever. (R.)

### Second Reading

[Heb 12:5-7, 11-13](#)

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

*The Lord disciplines those he loves.*

Have you forgotten that encouraging text in which you are addressed as sons? My son, when the Lord corrects you, do not treat it lightly; but do not get discouraged when he reprimands you. For the Lord trains the ones that he loves and he punishes all those that he acknowledges as his sons. Suffering is part of your training; God is treating you as his sons. Has there ever been any son whose father did not train him? Of course, any punishment is most painful at the time, and far from pleasant; but later, in those on whom it has been used, it bears fruit in peace and goodness. So hold up your limp arms and steady your trembling knees and smooth out the path you tread; then the injured limb will not be wrenched, it will grow strong again.

### Gospel Acclamation

[Jn 14:6](#)

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me. Alleluia!

### Gospel

[Lk 13:22-30](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*From East and West they will come to take their place in the kingdom of God.*

Through towns and villages Jesus went teaching, making his way to Jerusalem. Someone said to him, 'Sir, will there be only a few saved?' He said to them, 'Try your best to enter by the narrow door, because, I tell you, many will try to enter and will not succeed. 'Once the master of the house has got up and locked the door, you may find yourself knocking on the door, saying, "Lord, open to us" but he will answer, "I do not know where you come from." Then you will find yourself saying, "We once ate and drank in your company; you taught in our streets" but he will reply, "I do not know where you come from. Away from me, all you wicked men!" 'Then there will be weeping and grinding of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and yourselves turned outside. And men from east and west, from north and south, will come to take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God. 'Yes, there are those now last who will be first, and those now first who will be last.'

Next Week's Readings (27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> August 2022) – Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C  
1st Reading: Sir 3:17-20, 28-29 2nd Reading: Heb 12:18-19, 22-24 Gospel: Lk 14:1. 7-14

## 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/>

## SCRIPTURAL CONTEXT

### A gospel of the least

The gospel of Luke portrays Jesus as focusing his ministry on those considered the least in society. In the Lukan version, the birth of Jesus is witnessed by lowly shepherds as opposed to the regal wise men of Matthew's version. In the parable of the Good Samaritan, it is the Samaritan outsider who responds with compassion. The Lost (Prodigal) Son is welcomed back with great rejoicing. Zacchaeus, the resented tax collector, is treated with acceptance and makes a conversion of heart. All of these stories are unique to this gospel and paint a very particular picture of a compassionate Jesus.

## Sunday Reflection...

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The vision of a disciple must be the vision of God. Disciples must see with wide angled lenses that enable them to recognise that God offers the grace of salvation to all. The passages from both Isaiah and Luke are astounding in their inclusivity. They show that God's saving grace is unbounded. It reaches out to those whom the people of God may not only distrust but sometimes even despise. There is something very dangerous about being smugly convinced of one's own salvation. When we are so sure of ourselves, we can easily fall into the error of being as sure of the moral failure of others as well. The gospel warns us against such judgement. Women and men are gathered into the community of the saved, primarily because others have been sent out to get them. The psalm refrain is the command to go out to the whole world. The first reading describes God sending fugitives back home to get their relatives. People come from all over because someone is sent to get them. Today that command is directed to us. We are the ones who are being sent out to bring others to God. Unfortunately, there are many people who do not believe that they are fit to be evangelisers. They may think that the work that they do or the lives that they live do not lend themselves to the task of spreading the good news of the gospel. They do not realise that all Christians are called and sent. This is not an option; it is a responsibility.

## GOSPEL FOCUS

### First and Last

"Yes, there are those now last who will be first, and those now first who will be last." These words of Jesus carry with them a major thrust of his ministry in the gospel of Luke. Jesus reminds his audience that their status in society means nothing when it comes to their status in the kingdom of God. What will make people 'first' in the kingdom is their acceptance of Jesus' message, their faith and their compassionate actions toward others. Jesus' insistence on the inherent value of the 'last' in society must have been a constant irritant to those who considered themselves 'first'.

## LIVING THE GOSPEL

### Consequences

To be Christian is more than a name; more than a title. If we put our hand up and claim the title of Christian, then there are consequences that flow from that. Those who are disillusioned by religion frequently name hypocrisy as the major reason for their disillusionment. Sometimes, that's an easy out. We can't all live like Jesus all of the time. However, we are called to take Jesus as our model of the Christian life and to use his example as a guiding beacon. To call ourselves Christian is to try to be Christ-like in all our actions.

## Thought of the Day...





## Please Pray For...

**Recent Deaths:** Murray Roberts, John Gleeson (London)

**Anniversaries:** Francis Topp, John Stephen, Wayne Johnstone, Kevin Roberts (Senior), Eileen North, Veronica Mayjen, Addie Russell, Keith Miller, Francis Patrick Brady, Tony Raymond

**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:

- 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
- 4<sup>th</sup> September – Father's Day
- 5<sup>th</sup> September – Final meeting and practice for First Reconciliation Candidates at 3.30pm in church
- 6<sup>th</sup> September – First Reconciliation 7pm

### 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)

## Flick and Tick

Please remember to complete the [Flick and Tick Form](#) at your earliest convenience. 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".

## First Reconciliation Candidates Information

The final workshop will be held this Sunday after 9.30am Mass. A practice will be held on Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> September at 3.30pm in the church with the First Reconciliation ceremony taking place on Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm. If you are looking for a gift for a candidate, the piety stall has some cards and First Reconciliation mementos for sale.

Please pray for the candidates as they prepare to make this Sacrament.

## 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
27 <sup>th</sup> Aug at 6pm	E Ward G Soh V Soh	Hoopert Family	C Ferguson	R Jayawardhana B Witham	K Walsh	J Ferguson	K Ward
28 <sup>th</sup> Aug at 9.30am	E Dwan S Dias E McLean	A Webber A Suhr	P Murphy	N Ryan J Kelly	M Ondrus	A Winder	H O'Sullivan
28 <sup>th</sup> Aug at 5.30pm	M Obst N Obst E Haylock	M Ryan A Hickey	C Smith	J Ryan A Jessen	B Reardon	K Langdale	J Sullivan



### Social Justice Sunday August 28th

Our Bishops have just released this year's Social Justice Statement focusing on the need to confront violence and abuse. The statement begins by listening to the voices of women and children. The statement addresses the issue of domestic violence and abuse by looking at what drives and enables it and how we respond as Catholics. Our response is based on the two key insights; that Jesus rejected the use of religious traditions to justify violence and that we also need to challenge the structures of sin that support this violence. Our Catholic Bishops call us to be careful how we read the Bible as it always needs to be through a lens that sees the lives of women as sacred. The statement calls us to build respectful relationships and provides some insights how we can do this.

This year's Social Justice Statement is available online at [www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au](http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au)



### Register for Coming Events at Sychar

#### Poetry and Scripture-Listening to the Divine in the Midst of Life

Six weekly sessions Monday 1 August to 5 September.  
7.00 pm – 8.30 pm (approx)

[See flyer for details](#)

[Book now via Try Booking](#)

#### Walking the Labyrinth-A Prayerful Pilgrimage to Inner Being

Saturday 3 September 2022; 9:15 am to 2.45 pm

[See flyer for details](#)

[Book now via Try Booking](#)

#### Men Seeking Wisdom

Weekly Thursday sessions re-commence 21 July 2022  
7.00 pm to 8.30 pm

For information contact

Robie Jayawardhana [rjayawardhana@gmail.com](mailto:rjayawardhana@gmail.com)

or Jason Obst [job70644@bigpond.net.au](mailto:job70644@bigpond.net.au)

#### Anam Cara (Spiritual Conversation in the Ignatian tradition)

Weekly Friday sessions 1.00pm – 2.30 pm (approx)

For information contact

Clare Smith [clare\\_james1@bigpond.com](mailto:clare_james1@bigpond.com)

or Mary Allen [maryallen@inet.net.au](mailto:maryallen@inet.net.au)

### Honouring our Dads on Father's Day

The Liturgy Group would like to honour all our wonderful Dad's, Grandads, Uncles and father-like figures on Father's Day. Please email or bring a photo into the Parish Office and we'll organise a short video in their honour.



### Bus trip to Marian Valley to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady's Birthday

DATE: Saturday, 3rd Sept '22

PICK-UP: 7.30am St Patrick's Cathedral, Neil St, Tmba

COST: \$40.00

CONTACT: Theresa 0434 528 904

### Rare and Beautiful Variety Sale

The Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver are holding a Rare and Beautiful Variety Sale at 71 Margaret St Toowoomba on Saturday September 3 from 7.00am to 12.00 noon. Goods include antiques, collectables, china, royal doulton, crystal, linen, craft, books and much more. There will also be a sausage sizzle and cake stall with homemade goods. All proceeds go to the missions.



### God's Field Hospital Training has arrived!

God's Field Hospital Exercises were created in response to Pope Francis' imagining of the church as a field hospital, a place to heal wounds and warm hearts.

Would you like training to become a giver of these exercises? Prerequisites would be: a good listener, a person of goodwill, a person happy to let God do the work while giving an exercise.

We are offering a special 4-hour online intensive training session – choose a date that suits you:

1. Sunday 21 August 2022, 7am to 11am AEST via Zoom

[Click here to register](#)

2. Sunday 16 October 2022, 8am to 12pm AEDT via Zoom

Open for registration in September

All Training is offered free of charge. You may like to make a donation when you register.



### 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.