



# 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 Gialal and Jarowair peoples, past, present and emerging, the traditional custodians of the land on which we meet.*

## Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2022 Sixth Sunday of Easter - Year C

### First Reading

[Acts 15:1-2, 22-29](#)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

*It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and ourselves not to burden you beyond what is essential.*

Some men came down from Judaea and taught the brothers, 'Unless you have yourselves circumcised in the tradition of Moses you cannot be saved.' This led to disagreement, and after Paul and Barnabas had had a long argument with these men it was arranged that Paul and Barnabas and others of the church should go up to Jerusalem and discuss the problem with the apostles and elders.

Then the apostles and elders decided to choose delegates to send to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; the whole church concurred with this. They chose Judas known as Barsabbas and Silas, both leading men in the brotherhood, and gave them this letter to take with them:

'The apostles and elders, your brothers, send greetings to the brothers of pagan birth in Antioch, Syria and Cilicia. We hear that some of our members have disturbed you with their demands and have unsettled your minds. They acted without any authority from us, and so we have decided unanimously to elect delegates and to send them to you with Barnabas and Paul, men we highly respect who have dedicated their lives to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accordingly we are sending you Judas and Silas, who will confirm by word of mouth what we have written in this letter. It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves not to saddle you with any burden beyond these essentials: you are to abstain from food sacrificed to

idols, from blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from fornication. Avoid these, and you will do what is right. Farewell.'

### Responsorial Psalm

[Ps 66:2-3, 5-6, 8, R. v.4](#)

(R.) O God, let all the nations praise you!

1. O God, be gracious and bless us and let your face shed its light upon us. So will your ways be known upon earth and all nations learn your saving help. (R.)

2. Let the nations be glad and exult for you rule the world with justice. With fairness you rule the peoples, you guide the nations on earth. (R.)

3. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. May God still give us his blessing till the ends of the earth revere him. (R.)

### Second Reading

[Rv 21:10-14, 22-23](#)

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

*He showed me the holy city coming down out of heaven.*

In the spirit, the angel took me to the top of an enormous high mountain and showed me Jerusalem, the holy city, coming down from God out of heaven. It had all the radiant glory of God and glittered like some precious jewel of crystal-clear diamond. The walls of it were of a great height, and had twelve gates; at each of the twelve gates there was an angel, and over the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel; on the east there were three

gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. The city walls stood on twelve foundation stones, each one of which bore the name of one of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

I saw that there was no temple in the city since the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb were themselves the temple, and the city did not need the sun or the moon for light, since it was lit by the radiant glory of God and the Lamb was a lighted torch for it.

### Gospel

[Jn 14:23-29](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

*The Holy Spirit will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you.*

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him and make our home with him. Those who do not love me do not keep my words. And my word is not my own: it is the word of the one who sent me. I have said these things to you while still with you; but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you. Peace I bequeath to you, my own peace I give you, a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid. You heard me say: I am going away, and shall return. If you loved me you would have been glad to know that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. I have told you this now before it happens, so that when it does happen you may believe.'

Next Week's Readings (28<sup>th</sup> May/29<sup>th</sup> May 2022) – The Ascension of the Lord – Year C

1st Reading: Acts 1:1-11 2nd Reading: Eph 1:17-23 Gospel: Lk 24:46-53

## 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

Sue Whitelegg, Robie Jayawardhana, Jon Dwan, Leisa Fanning, Julius Soriano, Brian Roberts, Cristianne Dias and Candice Poulton.

## 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

### The time of absence

*At the time of writing of the Gospel of John (during the last decade of the 1st Century), the community of believers were beginning to come to terms with the continued absence of Jesus. In the earlier gospels, particularly Mark, there is a feeling of expectation evident in the writing – an expectation that Jesus' promised return was imminent. By the time of John's community, there was an acceptance that the glorious return of Jesus still lay some time in the future. They wrestled with keeping alive the memory and message of Jesus when there was no end in sight.*

## Sunday Reflection...

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The new city of God is built on the foundation of the apostles, but on its gates are inscribed the names of the tribes of Israel. These names represent the openness to all nations, races, peoples and tongues. The resurrection of Jesus has radically transformed the way we live together and the way we live with God.

What must we do to be saved? The question put to Jesus centuries ago is still asked today, and the answer is still the same. We must believe and we must love God and love one another. We will be recognised as resurrection people by our active faith and by our unselfish love, not by an exterior mark, regardless of how sacred. This change in requirements for membership does not diminish the rigour of our religious obligations. Rather, it suggests that we may always have to reinterpret the law, for what is appropriate at one time and in one place may be inappropriate in another. With the early Christians, we will need the guidance of the Holy Spirit in this very delicate process. This is why the departing Jesus assures us that the Spirit will come to us to teach us all things.

The final gift that Jesus promises to give is his own peace, a peace that he has won by overcoming sin and death. This peace issues from the union that Jesus enjoys with God, a union which we are now invited to share.

## Gospel Focus

### Advocate

*In the text, Jesus describes the Holy Spirit as the Advocate, sometimes translated as Paraclete. Both words have very similar meanings. Today when we describe someone as an advocate we usually mean that they stand up for and speak out for someone else or a particular cause. Advocate also has a legal meaning where the advocate bears witness and attests to the validity of another. The Holy Spirit is the Advocate of Jesus in that the action of the Holy Spirit continues to bear witness to the message of Jesus.*

## Different View

### Peace

*Jesus promises his peace to the disciples in today's gospel passage. However, some people argue that the world has not known that peace in the time since then. Some Jewish people cite this as one of their arguments against Jesus being regarded as the promised Messiah. One of the prophecies about the Messiah was that there would be universal peace once the Messiah arrived. Those who argue against Jesus as the Messiah point to the fact that since the time of Jesus, not a single day has gone by in our history in which there has not been some war or conflict occurring somewhere on earth.*

## Thought of the day...

HERE'S HUMAN  
EMPATHY FOR YOU:  
THINGS DIE  
ALL OVER OUR  
WINDSHIELDS AND  
WE'RE LIKE, "MAN,  
I JUST WASHED  
THIS!"

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## Please Pray For...

### Recent Deaths:

**Anniversaries:** Fr Francis Hall, Fr Jim Bishop, Patricia Butler, Marie Brewer, Paul Dau, Brian Egart, Carmel Ryan, Mariea Collins, Edna May Carey, Jack Barrie, Bessie Perry, Frank Erbacher, Jim Coleman, Barry Fraser

**Those Who Are Sick:** Ros Kettle, Frank Kenneally, Christene and Neil Fanning, Joan Shearer, Carmel & Ron O'Brien, Margaret Munroe, Lillian Roberts, Rachel Wiggan, 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.

**May Birthdays:** Tanya Appleby, John Trueman, Libby Ferguson, Bernie Dever, Abigail School, Janice Moore, Brian Reardon, Marie Logan, Emily Dwan, Mark Whitelegg, Charlie School, MK Thomson

## Parish News...

### 2022 Date Claimers:

- 29<sup>th</sup> May – Feast of the Ascension of the Lord
- 5<sup>th</sup> June – Pentecost Sunday
- 5<sup>th</sup> June - Social Justice meeting – 10.30am
- 5<sup>th</sup> June - Sound of Music Sing Along 1pm – 4pm

### Planned Giving

Please complete and return your Planned Giving forms ASAP. Paper copies available at the back of the church or go [to this link](#).

### Project Compassion

If you still have any Project Compassion envelopes at home, please return them immediately.

### Sacramental Candidates

We wish all the First Eucharist candidates from the school and parish all the best for their upcoming celebrations. Please offer up a prayer for the candidates.

### 100% Wool Neck Warmers

These gorgeous neck warmers have been lovingly created by two of our parishioners and are available in an assortment of colours for \$15ea at the piety stall or Parish Office. All proceeds will be donated to the OLOL SVDP Conference to help support local families.



### SPRED

SPRED is having a friend to walk beside you in the everyday happenings of life, which is exactly where God is to be found. Could you be a friend to someone in SPRED?

#### For more information:

- Check out the display at the back of the church
- talk to any of our Parish SPRED Volunteers
- or contact Loretta Coman at the SPRED centre on 4632 8427 or Email [spred@twb.catholic.org.au](mailto:spred@twb.catholic.org.au)

## Prayer for First Eucharist Candidates

Lord Jesus Christ, bless the children coming forward to receive Holy Communion for the first time. May this day be the step toward a life-long love of the Eucharist. Give them a hunger for this sacred food so that they turn to you for comfort, guidance, and wisdom as they grow into full discipleship. Thank you for their innocence and goodness. May their hands, extended in anticipation of your body and blood, inspire all of us to cherish this sacred Sacrament.

Through Christ our Lord, Amen.



### Sacramental Program Date Claimers:

- 22<sup>nd</sup> May – First Eucharist (Mass 1) at 11am
- 25<sup>th</sup> May – Practice for First Eucharist @ 3.30pm
- 29<sup>th</sup> May – First Eucharist (Mass 2) at 11am

## Sacraments Preparation



## St Ursula's College

Are you considering St Ursula's College for your daughter in 2022 or 2023? Our Twilight Tours are the perfect way to tour the College after hours and learn how St Ursula's could be the ideal place for your daughter. Register now <https://www.trybooking.com/BWBGX>



Time	Altar Servers	Welcomers	Commentary	Ministers of the Word	Extraordinary Ministers	I pad Operator	Piety Stall
28 <sup>th</sup> May at 6pm	I Whittaker	Joseph Family	J Wilson	B Witham N Doyle	K Walsh	B Regan	D Clark
29 <sup>th</sup> May at 9.30am	G Ryan I Ryan	A Mullins R Cleary	J Coman	M McLean M Ondrus	N Ryan	J Cash	H O'Sullivan
29 <sup>th</sup> May at 5.30pm	M Obst N Obst	B & C Roberts	C Smith	V O'Connell A Jessen	C Golightly	A Hickey	M Stark

## The Sound of Music Sing-along

COMING SOON

Come join in the fun and sing along with all the words to everyone's favourite movie

Dress up as one of the many characters, as a few of Maria's favourite things or your favourite thing from the movie!

If dressing up is not for you, come as *Mi – a name I call myself*

Enjoy a cup of tea (perhaps with Jam and Bread), a strudel or a pretzel

Make yourself comfy – bring a pillow or a cushion

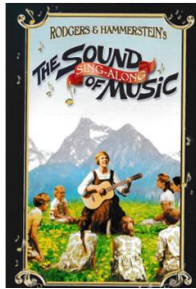
Great family fun

**WHEN:** Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June

**WHERE:** In the Church

**TIME:** 1pm – 4pm

**COST:** Free Entry



## Laudato Si'



Strategies for a solution demand an integrated approach to combatting poverty, restoring dignity to the excluded, and at the same time protecting nature

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## Nationwide Rosary

Saturday 21st May 2022

To honour OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS  
Patroness of Australia

To be held at **ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL** Cnr James & Neil St. Toowoomba From 2:00pm to 4:00pm EST

This is a Church or Church ground Rosary not a public one Come on Australia let us stand together in strength and unity to pray the rosary all as one and ask our Holy Mother for protection and guidance and her intercession in these troubled times. It is all right to invite your families and friends from near and distant lands to join with us on this day, For those of you unable to attend a church you can join with us by saying the Rosary at home.



## Diocesan E-news...

DIOCESAN UPDATE  
**E-NEWS** Catholic Diocese of Toowoomba

A NEWSLETTER FOR PARISHIONERS,  
PARISH STAFF, CLERGY  
AND MEMBERS OF THE WIDER CHURCH COMMUNITY

### ORDINATION DATE ANNOUNCED

Our two Deacons, Nathan Webb and Brian Redondo will be ordained to the Priesthood on Saturday 25 June 2022 at St Patrick's Cathedral, Toowoomba with the ceremony commencing at 10am.

As a Diocese we rejoice at this news and pray for Brian and Nathan as they prepare for their Ordination.

### NATIONWIDE ROSARY:

To honour the Feast Day of Our Lady Help of Christians, Patroness of Australia is being held at StPatrick's Cathedral, Saturday 21 May, 2-4pm.

### SYCHAR HOUSE OF PRAYER & SPIRITUALITY

69 Margaret Street Toowoomba

You are most welcome to visit Sychar if you are in Toowoomba – however, to ensure that someone can be there to greet you, please contact Sr. Elaine ahead of time if possible at 0458 020 906. Also please note that 'Sychar Solidarity' No 22 is available on the website.

Best times for accessing the library during term are Tuesday or Wednesday mornings or before or after an advertised Sychar event. Alternatively, you may contact 0458 020 906 to arrange for a time that is manageable for you. You are welcome to enjoy the peace and quiet of the garden at any time. A flat behind the main house offers quiet space for those wanting a personal day of reflection.

**SYCHAR SECOND TERM SCHEDULE: 19 April – 24 June 2022:**

### Upcoming Sessions

#### SEEING WITH NEW EYES: OPENING TO THE WISDOM OF THE PARABLES

Six weekly sessions Monday 16 May to Monday 20 June 2022 7pm to 8.30pm (approx.) For more information [Click here](#)

#### ENCOUNTERING EXCEPTIONAL WOMEN OF SCRIPTURE

Facilitated by Lisa Cavanagh. Saturday 4 June at 8.30am for a 9am start. Workshop concludes at 12pm.

To book for this event go to Trybooking – <https://www.trybooking.com/BYJJB>

### PEOPLE OF GOD INVITED TO SURROUND PLENARY COUNCIL IN PRAYER:

Catholics across the country are being invited to participate in a new prayer pilgrimage as the Church journeys towards the second assembly of the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia. The "Walking in the Spirit" pilgrimage has been prepared to encourage individuals, families, parishes, schools and other ministries to keep the Plenary Council in their prayers. The pilgrimage started Easter Sunday and leads up to the opening of the second – and final – assembly on

Sunday, July 3. Access resources at:

<https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/walkinginthespirit/>

### **Mass In The Maronite Rite:**

Fr Fadi Salame will be celebrating Mass in the Maronite Rite on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May at 11.00am In St Anthony's Church  
3 Memory Street Harristown.

A warm invitation is extended to all parishioners to attend this Mass. Please contact Gabrielle Saide on 4632 4778 if you have any queries.