



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, 24th July 2022 Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

First Reading

[Gen 18:20-32](#)

A reading from the book of Genesis

Lord, do not be angry if I speak.

The Lord said, 'How great an outcry there is against Sodom and Gomorrah! How grievous is their sin! I propose to go down and see whether or not they have done all that is alleged in the outcry against them that has come up to me. I am determined to know.' The men left there and went to Sodom while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Approaching him he said, 'Are you really going to destroy the just man with the sinner? Perhaps there are fifty just men in the town. Will you really overwhelm them, will you not spare the place for the fifty just men in it? Do not think of doing such a thing: to kill the just man with the sinner, treating just and sinner alike! Do not think of it! Will the judge of the whole earth not administer justice?' The Lord replied, 'If at Sodom I find fifty just men in the town, I will spare the whole place because of them.' Abraham replied, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this to my Lord, I who am dust and ashes. But perhaps the fifty just men lack five: will you destroy the whole city for five?' 'No', he replied 'I will not destroy it if I find forty-five just men there.' Again Abraham said to him, 'Perhaps there will only be forty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'for the sake of the forty.' Abraham said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry, but give me leave to speak: perhaps there will only be thirty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'if I find thirty there.' He said, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this, but perhaps there will only be twenty there.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the twenty.' He said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry if I speak once more: perhaps there will only be ten.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the ten.'

Responsorial Psalm

[Ps 137:1-3, 6-8, R. v.3](#)

(R.) Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart, you have heard the words of my mouth. Before the angels I will bless you. I will adore before your holy temple. (R.)
2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love which excel all we ever knew of you. On the day I called, you answered; you increased the strength of my soul. (R.)
3. The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly and the haughty he knows from afar. Though I walk in the midst of affliction you give me life and frustrate my foes. (R.)
4. You stretch out your hand and save me, your hand will do all things for me. Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands. (R.)

Second Reading

[Col 2:12-14](#)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

He has made you alive with Christ for he has forgiven all our sins.

You have been buried with Christ, when you were baptised; and by baptism, too, you have been raised up with him through your belief in the power of God who raised him from the dead. You were dead, because you were sinners and had not been circumcised: he has brought you to life with him, he has forgiven us all our sins. He has overridden the Law, and cancelled every record of the debt that we had to pay; he has done away with it by nailing it to the cross.

Gospel

[Lk 11:1-13](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Ask, and it will be given to you.

Once Jesus was in a certain place praying, and when he had finished, one of his disciples said, 'Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'Say this when you pray: "Father, may your name be held holy, your kingdom come; give us each day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive each one who is in debt to us. And do not put us to the test."' He also said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend and goes to him in the middle of the night to say, "My friend, lend me three loaves, because a friend of mine on his travels has just arrived at my house and I have nothing to offer him"; and the man answers from inside the house, "Do not bother me. The door is bolted now, and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up to give it to you." I tell you, if the man does not get up and give it him for friendship's sake, persistence will be enough to make him get up and give his friend all he wants. 'So I say to you: Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. For the one who asks always receives; the one who searches always finds; the one who knocks will always have the door opened to him. What father among you would hand his son a stone when he asked for bread? Or hand him a snake instead of a fish? Or hand him a scorpion if he asked for an egg? If you then, who are evil, know how to give your children what is good, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

Next Week's Readings (30th/31st July 2022) – Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C

1st Reading: Eccl 1:2, 2:21-23 2nd Reading: Col 3:1-5, 9-11 Gospel: Lk 12:13-21

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/>

Living the Gospel

Ask, Search, Knock

Jesus says in the gospel, "Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you." The actions of asking, searching and knocking are means by which we initiate the encounter with God. If we don't ask, search and knock, how is anyone (including God) to know our needs or know what it is that we are searching for. Particularly in our spiritual lives, it is only through the search and the knocking on the doors of different experiences that we ever come closer to finding answers.

Sunday Reflection...

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The readings invite us to reflect on prayer. Whether our prayer be praise, contrition, thanksgiving or petition, it always recognises our need for God. In the gospel Jesus instructs us to ask for what we need. He assures us that God is more than willing to give us what we need. However, for this to happen we must turn to God and humbly acknowledge our need.

The most obvious characteristic of prayer depicted in the readings for this Sunday is persistence. Neither Abraham nor the man in the gospel was deterred by any obstacle. They show that it is not so much that we persist in prayer in order to change God's mind as it is that we persist in order to discover what God's mind might be.

The salutariness of prayer is often found in the change that it effects in us, not in God. By persevering in genuine prayer we may come to acknowledge that all things are in God's hands, and that we can rest content to leave them there, trusting that the situation will be cared for as God sees fit. It seems trite to say that God hears all prayer and sometimes the answer is 'No!' It is better to say that God respects the freedom of people and will seldom intervene to change the way events unfold. Still, prayer can change the one who prays and also the one for whom the prayer is offered if only human need is recognised and divine solicitude is acknowledged.

Gospel Focus

Relationship

A crucial aspect of prayer is the attitude with which we view God. We trust in God's character that it is not a pointless exercise to ask for something. We trust that God is even more loving than a parent who tries to give their child what they need. If we did not make these basic assumptions about God, there would be little point in prayer. When our prayer lives falter at times, perhaps we need to first check out our relationship with God and our attitude towards God before trying to 'fix' the ways we pray.

Historical Context

Stone for bread

The stone/bread, snake/fish and scorpion/egg comparisons seem a little far fetched to us, but would have made perfect sense to a 1st Century Palestinian audience. The flat, brown stones around Lake Galilee look very similar to the flat bread that was baked in the area. The 'snake' may refer to a sea-snake – an eel – which might be caught up in a fisherman's nets but was regarded as unclean by the Jews. The poisonous scorpions of the region are very pale in colour and when curled up at rest could be mistaken for an egg.

Thought of the Day...



Please Pray For...

Recent Deaths: Youland (Dawn) O'Neil

Anniversaries: Fr Robert Flynn, Msgr John Bennett, Fr Thomas Keegan, Rosemary Howard, George Tanzer, Norah Ruhle, Michael James Kruger, Jen Dwan, Joan Murphy, Maureen Chappell, Martha Curr, Maria Cronin, Dave Donovan, Bill Cronin, Paul O'Brien, Terry Arnell, Eileen Walker, Daniel Paddison, Eva Connole, Michael Stephen, Pat Sullivan

Those Who Are Sick: Kevin Boland, 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:

- 25th July – Liturgy Group Meeting 7pm
- 31st July – Teacher and Staff Thank You Mass 9.30am with Morning Tea to follow.
- 1st August - Parish Council Meeting 6.30pm
- 7th August – Social Justice Meeting 10.30am
- 7th August – Second Sacrament of Reconciliation Workshop after 9.30am Mass

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

The second World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly will be celebrated this 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 this weekend.

A Prayer for Grandparents and the Elderly

Dear God,
Please bless our grandparents and the elderly. Thank you for the life they gave my parents and for the life they give to me. For the ways they helped me and made me strong, I give thanks. For the ways they love me no matter what, I rejoice. For the ways they have paved the road that leads me here, I am grateful. Let them grow in wisdom and joy in life. Let them find peace and rest from their work.

Let them be healed of every sickness and pain. And let them see with their own eyes the glory of your Son, Jesus, in the love of their children and grandchildren. Bless them always until they come to rest in you. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



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<http://dsiliturgy.org/2006/08/27/a-prayer-forgrandparents>

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.**



Thank You Grandparents & the Elderly

Thank you to all our grandparents and elderly parishioners that contribute so much knowledge, wisdom and friendship to Our Lady of Lourdes Parish. We are truly blessed to have you in our midst.

A Prayer for our Sacrament of First Reconciliation Candidates

Holy Spirit, our strength and help, be with the children who are preparing to receive the fullness of your gifts in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Help us all remember that you are always within us, loving us and sanctifying us. Amen.



Time	Altar Servers	Welcomers	Commentary	Ministers of the Word	Extraordinary Ministers	I pad Operator	Piety Stall
30 th July at 6pm	E Ward V Soh G Soh	M Cushway J Robertson	A Lasserre	R O'Brien R Jayawardhana	W Hoopert	C Juillerat	G Schooli
31 st July at 9.30am	E Dwan S Diaz A Dwan	L Wagner V Bowe	N Ryan	P Murphy M Conrick	J Coman	J Cash	M Webb
31 st July at 5.30pm	M Obst N Obst E Haylock	B & C Roberts	K Tague	C Golightly R Johnston	B Stark	D Stark	J Sullivan

Can you undertake an Overseas Mission?

Our sister churches in Africa, Asia and the Pacific are requesting Australian Catholics to join them to build the skills of those in their community who have had less opportunity than ourselves. Please consider these [Mission opportunities abroad](#).

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference provide support. [Palms Australia](#), who have prepared Australian Catholics for global mission since 1961, will ensure accommodation and a living allowance is provided to you during your time away. [Enquire online](#) or Ph: 0422 742 567 to find out about a placement to engage your skills.

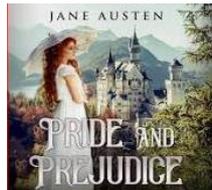
You can also [Register](#) for a Webinar on **Monday August 1st at 7:00 pm** to talk directly with a Palms' partner community in Timor Leste and two Australians recently posted to work with them. Invite your friends. **The stories will inspire.**



A Night at the Repertory Theatre – Missions Fundraiser!!

The Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver are hosting the play "Pride and Prejudice", a romantic comedy by Jane Austen on Monday August 22 to raise money for The Missions. The event will be hosted at the Toowoomba Repertory Theatre.

Doors open at 7.00pm with patrons to be seated by 7.25pm. Tickets are available now by contacting The Sisters on 07 4632 1818 or Helen on 0416055976 at a cost of \$20 each. Please support this important cause.



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.



BBI Course – Disciples and Leaders

On the 2nd August, the next Disciples and Leaders module will commence for 4 weeks on Tuesday nights at 7.30pm, with the 4 weekly topics being:

1. The heart of the Community
2. The mission of the Community
3. Leading in and from the Community
4. A Church in every Community and a Community in every Church.

New participants are invited to join the Disciples and Leaders program. If you are interested in participating, please contact the Parish Office.

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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](#)



The Royal School of Church Music set to host a wonderful free afternoon of music at St James' Anglican Church Toowoomba on Saturday, 13th August 2022.

The day will kick off at 1.30pm with some workshops:

- Keyboard workshop led by Steven Nisbet (former Organist and Director of Music at St Andrew's, Creek Street)
 - Vocal workshop led by Adele Nisbet (former Head of Vocal Studies at the Queensland Conservatorium)
- Following some afternoon tea, we will form choir which will sing at the 6pm service at St James.

A flyer with more information is available on the notice board at the back of the church.