



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, 25th September 2022 Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

First Reading

[Am 6:1. 4-7](#)

A reading from the prophet Amos
You who give yourself to licentiousness and revelry will be exiled.

The almighty Lord says this: Woe to those ensconced so snugly in Zion and to those who feel so safe on the mountain of Samaria. Lying on ivory beds and sprawling on their divans, they dine on lambs from the flock, and stall-fattened veal; they bawl to the sound of the harp, they invent new instruments of music like David, they drink wine by the bowlful, and use the finest oil for anointing themselves, but about the ruin of Joseph they do not care at all. That is why they will be the first to be exiled; the sprawlers' revelry is over.

Responsorial Psalm

[Ps 145:6-10. R. v.2](#)

(R.) Praise the Lord, my soul!

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free. (R.)

2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down. It is the Lord who loves the just, the Lord, who protects the stranger. (R.)

3. He upholds the widow and orphan but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age. (R.)

Second Reading

[1 Tm 6:11-16](#)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to Timothy
Obey the commandments until the coming of the Lord.

As a man dedicated to God, you must aim to be saintly and religious, filled with faith and love, patient and gentle. Fight the good fight of the faith and win for yourself the eternal life to which you were called when you made your profession and spoke up for the truth in front of many witnesses. Now, before God the source of all life and before Jesus Christ, who spoke up as a witness for the truth in front of Pontius Pilate, I put to you the duty of doing all that you have been told, with no faults or failures, until the Appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, who at the due time will be revealed by God, the blessed and only Ruler of all, the King of kings and the Lord of lords, who alone is immortal, whose home is in inaccessible light, whom no man has seen and no man is able to see: to him be honour and everlasting power. Amen.

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 the Pharisees: 'There was a rich man who used to dress in purple and fine linen and feast magnificently every day. And at his gate there lay a poor man called Lazarus, covered with sores,

who longed to fill himself with the scraps that fell from the rich man's table. Dogs even came and licked his sores. Now the poor man died and was carried away by angels to the bosom of Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. 'In his torment in Hades he looked up and saw Abraham a long way off with Lazarus in his bosom. So he cried out, "Father Abraham, pity me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames." "My son," Abraham replied "remember that during your life good things came your way, just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted here while you are in agony. But that is not all: between us and you a great gulf has been fixed, to stop anyone, if he wanted to, crossing from our side to yours, and to stop any crossing from your side to ours." 'The rich man replied, "Father, I beg you then to send Lazarus to my father's house, since I have five brothers, to give them warning, so that they do not come to this place of torment too." "They have Moses and the prophets," said Abraham "let them listen to them." "Ah no, Father Abraham," said the rich man "but if someone comes to them from the dead, they will repent." Then Abraham said to him, "If they will not listen either to Moses or to the prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone should rise from the dead."'

Next Week's Readings (1st/2nd October 2022) – Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C
1st Reading: Hab 1:2-3; 2:2-4 2nd Reading: 2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14 Gospel: Lk 17:5-10

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/>

GOSPEL FOCUS

Rising from the dead

At the end of the passage, Abraham says that if the people of Israel have not been convinced to change their ways by the great prophets throughout time, then "they will not be convinced even if someone should rise from the dead." This is obviously a reference to the fact that by the time of the writing of this gospel - some 50+ years after Jesus - most of the Jews remained unconvinced by the message of Jesus, despite his rising from the dead. It is an indication of the rising tension between Jews and Christians at the time of writing.

Sunday Reflection...

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Both the reading from the prophet Amos and the gospel narrative pointedly condemn the lifestyles of the rich. It is not wealth itself, but the complacency and the disregard for others that it too frequently generates, that is denounced. Biblical covenant is a communal concept. It emerges from a society that insists on mutual responsibility. Today's readings invite us to consider the covenant bond we have with others. How do we measure up? The fundamental image of God reveals mercy and compassion. However, we cannot disregard the fact of judgment. Amos pronounces a woe against his own people; Abraham declares that there is an unbridgeable chasm between the saved and the condemned. Paul speaks here of the appearance of the Lord Jesus Christ who will bring judgment when he comes. Judgment will be determined not primarily in terms of our obedience to law, but in view of our fidelity to covenant commitment. Righteousness is a covenant term. It is a quality of God that is shared with us by means of our covenant bond. Paul admonishes Timothy, and us, to pursue this righteousness, along with devotion, faith, love, patience and gentleness. Some of these virtues focus on our relationship with God, but most of them are directed toward our relationship with others. Those who are less fortunate are our sisters and brothers. If we take lightly our covenant obligations and allow them to languish at our gates, we will have only ourselves to blame when we find ourselves facing the harsh judgment of God.

LIVING THE GOSPEL

Paying attention

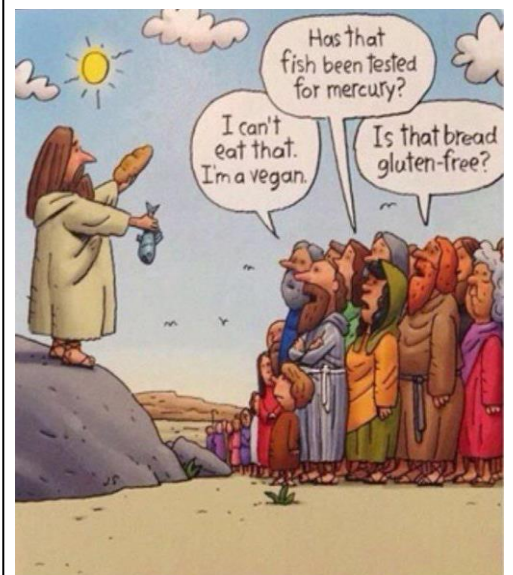
It's easy to be distracted by 'having' and forget to pay attention to 'being'. There is no suggestion in the gospel passage that the rich man is in any way wicked or sinful, other than his lack of attention to the needs of one sitting at his gate. In the eyes of his neighbours, he was probably a very upright and just man, fulfilling all the purity requirements of his faith. But his focus of attention was on himself and not others. He lacked the compassion and mellowness of heart that Jesus reminded people was expected by God.

SCRIPTURAL CONTEXT

Gates

The poor man, Lazarus, is described as sitting at the gate of the rich man. We have a picture of Lazarus sitting on the outside looking in at all that he cannot have. Gates are used both literally and metaphorically throughout the gospel of Luke. In the cities and towns of Palestine, gates marked a physical barrier between those who were 'in' and those who were 'out'. But they also marked the boundaries of society. Those who were permitted to sleep within the walls were the acceptable of society. Those who were shut outside the gates and outside the city of an evening were the unacceptable.

Thought of the Day...



Please Pray For...

Recent Deaths: Sr Marie Carroll MSS

Anniversaries: "Barney" Desmond Kirwin, Clyde Thies, Tony Kinsella, Edward Joseph Kevin Cash

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 24/09/22	Migrant and Refugee Sunday Mass 6.00pm
Sun 25/09/22	Migrant and Refugee Sunday Mass 9.30am Mass 5.30pm
Mon 26/09/22	Liturgy Group Meeting 7pm
Tue 27/09/22	Sr Marie Carroll's Funeral 10.00am Prayer Group 10.30am
Wed 28/09/22	
Thu 29/09/22	Craft Group 10.00am
Fri 30/09/22	

2022 Date Claimers:

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

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.



Funeral of Sr Marie Carroll MSS

The funeral of Sr Marie Carroll will be held here at Our Lady of Lourdes Church on Tuesday 27th September at 10am. All welcome.

Wanted Part-time gardener

(mostly weeding)

Private residence in Newtown

House & pay negotiable

Enquiries: Frank & Mary, ph. 4639 2135

You are invited to the Parish Family Mass

9.30am, Sunday 9th October 2022
in the Church.

There will be balloons, jelly-cups and face painting for the young and young at heart. Please bring a plate of morning tea to share 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.

One Million Children Praying the Rosary

We are inviting families, parishes, catechists, and teachers to pray together with children on the 18th of October for peace and unity in the world. Prayer materials have been prepared for you to spread the word and be inspired when gathering the children to pray the rosary together. To register and learn more visit: www.aidtochurch.org/one-million-children



Time	Altar Servers	Welcomers	Commentary	Ministers of the Word	Extraordinary Ministers	I pad Operator	Piety Stall
1 st Oct at 6pm	E Ward	J O'Sullivan M Cushway	G Ferguson	S Lasserre J Lasserre	Mark Moore	Joseph Family	M Cushway
2 nd Oct at 9.30am	S Dias E McLean L Anderson	C Poulton N Ryan	J Coman	M McLean N Ryan	J Kelly	S Connolly	M Webb
2 nd Oct at 5.30pm	N Obst E Obst H Beutel	K Tague J Michel	C Golightly	L Bentley J Johnston	W Beeston	J See	M Stark

Building the Future with Migrants and Refugees

The Church has been celebrating the World Day of Migrants and Refugees (WDMR) since 1914. It is always an occasion to express concern for different vulnerable people on the move; to pray for them as they face many challenges; and to increase awareness about the opportunities that migration offers. **“Building the Future with Migrants and Refugees”** is the theme chosen by the Holy Father for the 108th World Day of Migrants and Refugees (WDMR). Pope Francis highlights the commitment that we are all called to share in building a future that embraces God’s plan, leaving no one behind.

When Christians think of the future, it is not simply about the near future but also about our eternal future. In His Death and Resurrection, Jesus has begun THE journey with us. It is the pilgrimage from unfolding the Kingdom of God in the here and now (the “already”) to the total embracing of the entire universe under his forgiving mercy and love (the “not yet”). In his message, Pope Francis insists that this universal future is to be taken with the conscious accompaniment of our migrants and refugees. How can we build a future with Jesus without them? There is so much for us to respond in embracing God’s future on our journey. There is “personal conversion and the transformation of reality”. We must never “lose heart”. “No one must be excluded ... especially those living on the existential peripheries”. Migrants and refugees, too often on the peripheries of life, are never to be seen as “invaders or destroyers”. They are always “a source of enrichment”. They come to us “bringing their gifts”. So many are Catholics who “can energize the ecclesial life of the communities.” In Australia, a country built on migrants and refugees, we can still overlook the newer Australians to our midst. The Pope insists that “if we want to cooperate with our heavenly Father in building the future, let us go together with our brothers and sisters who are migrants and refugees”. This is such an important teaching of Pope Francis that we can all well do to reflect more intensely on this special day.

ARCHBISHOP CHRISTOPHER PROWSE *Chairman Bishops Commission for Evangelisation, Laity and Ministry*

Prayer

Lord, make us bearers of hope,
so that where there is darkness,
your light may shine,
and where there is discouragement,
confidence in the future may be reborn.
Lord, make us instruments of your justice,
so that where there is exclusion, fraternity may flourish,
and where there is greed, a spirit of sharing may grow.
Lord, make us builders of your Kingdom,
together with migrants and refugees
and with all who dwell on the peripheries.
Lord, let us learn how beautiful it is
to live together as brothers and sisters. Amen.

*Rome, Saint John Lateran, 9 May 2022
Pope Francis*

“If we want to cooperate with our heavenly Father in building the future, let us do so together with our brothers and sisters who are migrants and refugees. Let us build the future today!”

Pope Francis

R.E.S.P.E.C.T. Season of Creation

Fr Andrew Hamilton SJ 16th August 2022

It is difficult to respond to the environmental crisis. The hardest thing, I find, is to allow it to flow into my whole life and not remain only one small section of it. The way forward is to grow in respect. Respect not only to the family, friends and strangers in our lives but to our whole environment, embracing our gardens, wilderness, animals, birds and insects, our homes and our workplaces and our institutions. Respect is at its most striking when we see it given in places where we would not expect it.

Gift of Noticing

To live with respect begins with noticing. This is a gift. We all remember with regret occasions when we have failed to notice. When we did not notice the early signs of a friend withdrawing from society, for example, or the leaking pipe that later caused damp in the house. On the other hand, noticing small changes can have huge effects. Rachel Carson’s book *The Silent Spring* introduced many of us to the fragility of the natural world and the effects of human actions on it. It began by noticing the relative quiet of birds one spring, seeing dead birds, and then traced the loss to the massive use of DDT as a pesticide. The book gave birth to the environmental movement, inspiring others to notice similar effects of poisonous chemicals in the natural world. It led eventually to regulations that controlled their use.

Bring Together

The cycle from noticing, to wondering, to reflecting and acting, can bring together the separated commitments of our lives. A prayerful walk in a park or by the sea in the early morning can spark thankfulness in us for the privilege of being alive in such a beautiful world. That in turn can remind us of our childhood delight in gardens and of the paradise places that have kept us returning to thankfulness in our lives. Our wonder at the delicacy of our world can then make us attend to what we eat for breakfast, how it is packaged and how we dispose of the waste. As we reflect, we may find ways in which to live more respectful of our environment and find companions with similar commitments who demand action from our governments. And at each step our noticing becomes more delicate, more focused.

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Congratulations OLOL School Gardeners

The Parish Pastoral Council would like to congratulate the OLOL School Gardening Team on their recent awards. Jo Broderick and Sarah Kelly accept the awards for school premises and school student garden on behalf of the OLOL School Community. Well done team!!!

