



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, 28th August 2022 Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

First Reading

[Sir 3:17-20, 28-29](#)

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

Humble yourself and you will find favour with the Lord.

My son, be gentle in carrying out your business, and you will be better loved than a lavish giver. The greater you are, the more you should behave humbly, and then you will find favour with the Lord; for great though the power of the Lord is, he accepts the homage of the humble. There is no cure for the proud man's malady, since an evil growth has taken root in him. The heart of a sensible man will reflect on parables, an attentive ear is the sage's dream.

Responsorial Psalm

[Ps 67:4-7, 10-11, R. v.11](#)

(R.) God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

1. The just shall rejoice at the presence of God, they shall exult and dance for joy. O sing to the Lord, make music to his name; rejoice in the Lord, exult at his presence. (R.)
2. Father of the orphan, defender of the widow, such is God in his holy place. God gives the lonely a home to live in; he leads the prisoners forth into freedom. (R.)
3. You poured down, O God, a generous rain: when your people were starved you gave them new life. It was there that your people found a home, prepared in your goodness, O God, for the poor. (R.)

Second Reading

[Heb 12:18-19, 22-24](#)

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

You have to come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God.

What you have come to is nothing known to the senses: not a blazing fire, or a gloom turning to total darkness, or a storm; or trumpeting thunder or the great voice speaking which made everyone that heard it beg that no more should be said to them. But what you have come to is Mount Zion and the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem where the millions of angels have gathered for the festival, with the whole Church in which everyone is a 'first-born son' and a citizen of heaven. You have come to God himself, the supreme Judge, and been placed with spirits of the saints who have been made perfect; and to Jesus, the mediator who brings a new covenant.

Gospel Acclamation

[Mt 11:29](#)

Alleluia, alleluia!

Take my yoke upon you; learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart.

Alleluia!

Gospel

[Lk 14:1, 7-14](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

All who exalt themselves shall be humbled and all who humble themselves shall be exalted.

On a sabbath day Jesus had gone for a meal to the house of one of the leading Pharisees; and they watched him closely. He then told the guests a parable, because he had noticed how they picked the places of honour. He said this, 'When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take your seat in the place of honour. A more distinguished person than you may have been invited, and the person who invited you both may come and say, "Give up your place to this man." And then, to your embarrassment, you would have to go and take the lowest place. No; when you are a guest, make your way to the lowest place and sit there, so that, when your host comes, he may say, "My friend, move up higher." In that way, everyone with you at the table will see you honoured. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the man who humbles himself will be exalted.' Then he said to his host, 'When you give a lunch or a dinner, do not ask your friends, brothers, relations or rich neighbours, for fear they repay your courtesy by inviting you in return. No; when you have a party, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; that they cannot pay you back means that you are fortunate, because repayment will be made to you when the virtuous rise again.'

Next Week's Readings (3rd/4th September 2022) – Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C
1st Reading: Wis 9:13-18 2nd Reading: Phlm 9-10, 12-17 Gospel: Lk 14:25-33

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** **Hospitality**

In the first century, hospitality carried with it certain rules and expectations. If you were the recipient of hospitality, there was an obligation on you to return hospitality if it were within your means. Hospitality meant more than feeding people. It meant extending welcome to people even if you didn't know them. There was an obligation to extend welcome and hospitality to anyone who asked for it. Travellers knew that they could enter a village and ask for a meal and a bed and they would be provided. Jesus reinterpreted this obligation of hospitality and extended to anyone in need.

Sunday Reflection...

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The goodness of God is seen in the extravagant generosity with which God gives gifts. This is described in the psalm in the boundlessness and universal scope of God's generosity. Like the rain that falls on the entire landscape, the blessings of God are showered on all. These blessings are true gifts. They have not been earned, nor can they be repaid. God's openness is also seen in the reading from the Letter to the Hebrews and in the gospel. All are invited to approach the heavenly city; the heavenly banquet will be open to the poor and to those who have no way of repaying. Only the humble can receive the gifts of God. Only those who can admit their neediness are open enough to realise that God's blessings are gifts freely given, not compensation for a job well done. Without a humble spirit we are unable to receive gifts as gifts. This is either because we are too proud or we do not know how to receive with the open hearts of children, who never think that they must return in kind. This is the kind of humility recommended by Sirach. This is the kind of humility possessed by the disadvantaged pictured in the gospel. As we have received from the bounty of God, so we are called to give to others. Only those who have received with a humble spirit can give with the generosity of God, for they know that they do not deserve God's goodness and they do not require anything in return.

Scriptural **context** **Humility and Honour**

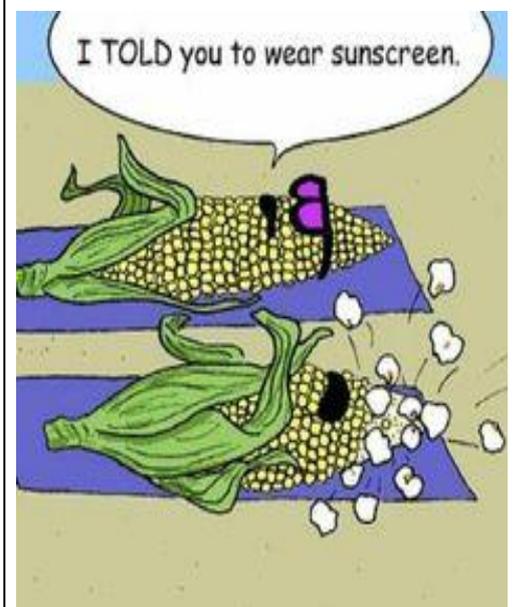
Jesus' comments about taking the place of honour at a table are introduced as being a parable. Because it is identified as a parable, we know that there is a richer meaning below the surface. In talking about places at a feast, Jesus is referring to the kingdom of God. We know that Jesus has already identified that the lowly in this world will be in a place of honour in the kingdom. His message is that those who humble themselves in this world and give hospitality to the lowly will be lifted up – exalted – in the kingdom.

Living the gospel

What's the cost?

Jesus' message about humility is as relevant today as it was in the first century. It is part of human nature to want to fit in and to want to belong. Sometimes we are tempted to seek this acceptance at any cost. When our sense of belonging is achieved through the harming, humiliation or exploitation of others then the price is too high. When our desire for the latest fashion comes at the expense of others being able to simply live, then the price is too high. When we lift ourselves up by putting others down, then the price is too high.

Thought of the Day...



Please Pray For...

Recent Deaths: Stephen McCarron

Anniversaries: Cyril Burns, Col Axtell, Tom Rice, Patrick Hayes, Cath Reardon, Sr Francis Flint, Dulcie Whittaker, Greg Stumer, Andrew Frattin, Len Morris, Vince Gainey, Vincent Pauli, Marshall Hassell, Harry Dyson, Jessica Hall, Fr Charles McDonald, Msgr Patrick Doyle, Fr Bryan Nolan, Msgr Stanley Skehan,

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:

- 27th August – Ecumenism Group 9.30am
- 28th August – Social Justice Sunday
- 4th September – Father's Day & Retired Priest's Appeal
- 5th September – Final meeting and practice for First Reconciliation Candidates at 3.30pm in church
- 6th September – First Reconciliation 7pm
- 11th September - Safeguarding Sunday
- 24th September – Migrant and Refugee Sunday

Spring Garden Party Saturday 10th Sept



Tickets \$25ea can be purchased at the Parish Office and at each Mass. Price includes

- Beer/wine/champagne
- Grazing platters
- Tea, coffee, cakes and sandwiches
- Entertainment by High Altitude Harmony, St Ursula's College Choir
- Lucky Spots
- Prizes for the best spring outfit (male and female). (Remember to be sun-safe)

Flick and Tick – last chance!!

To enable rosters to be prepared all Flick and Tick forms must be received no later than Monday 29th August. We thank you very much in anticipation of your support.

Please send your Father's Day Photos in.

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.



Do you speak a language other than English?

The Liturgy Group is looking for people who speak a language other than English to read the Commentator's Welcome and/or the Prayers of the Faithful for the Refugee & Migrant Sunday celebrations on the 24th/25th September. You are also invited to dress in traditional dress if you would like. If you're interested please phone the Parish Office on 4634 1453 or email lol.parish@bigpond.com.

Jubilee Celebration of Ordinations

Bishop Robert McGuckin and the Toowoomba Council of Priests cordially invite you to the Jubilee Celebration of Ordinations.

60 Years: Fr. Michael McClure,

50 Years: Fr. Peter Dorfield, Fr. Ray Johnston, Fr. John Peard, Fr. Michael Cooney, Fr. Ray Crowley, Fr. Rod MacGinley, Fr. Sean Lynskey CSSp and

25 Years: Fr. Shane Carr, MSC.

Mass will be held at the Cathedral on Monday, 12th September 2022 at 11am. **All are welcome to attend.** The Mass will also be **livestreamed** and can be accessed through the Diocesan Website:

<https://www.twb.catholic.org.au/live-stream-masses/>

Time	Altar Servers	Welcomers	Commentary	Ministers of the Word	Extraordinary Ministers	I pad Operator	Piety Stall
3 rd Sept at 6pm	G Soh V Soh	K Dangerfield R Fallon	L Borger	N Doyle M Cleary	R Fallon	Soriano Family	N Doyle
4 th Sept at 9.30am	S Dias J Newman L Anderson	Dias Family	M Ondrus	J Coman Cleber Dias	S Kelly	K Kruger	A Suhr
4 th Sept at 5.30pm	N Obst E Obst H Beutel	K Langdale B Bambosek	L Bentley	C Golightly M Whitelegg	J Sullivan	D Stark	S Whitelegg

SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT 2022-23 RESPECT: CONFRONTING VIOLENCE AND ABUSE - SUMMARY

Respect: Confronting Violence and Abuse points out that the roots of domestic and family violence “lie in the abuse of power to control and dominate others” and that “this stands in contrast to the relationships to which God calls us”.

Our relationships should be “marked by equality and reciprocity rather than domination and violence, respect and freedom rather than coercion and control”.

We know that most often those who suffer violence and abuse in homes and families, in workplaces, and in communities, are women and children while the perpetrators are most often men. We support women in calling for respect in relationships; their lives and those of their children are sacred.

Respect: Confronting Violence and Abuse focuses in a special way on the problem of spiritual violence and abuse. It discusses how religious teachings – including our own - may be manipulated by perpetrators to excuse violence or to exert control over others.

Cultural factors in the Church and in society often also play an important role in the violence and abuse suffered in families, households, communities, and workplaces. This behaviour is sinful.

We believe that respect, dignity and justice, transformation and hope are possible.

The Statement affirms the work being done by faith communities and organisations to support those who experience domestic and family violence and abuse, and to address the drivers and enablers of violence. It points to further ways in which we can all respond to spiritual violence.

Finally, it calls for faith communities to support and believe those going through domestic and family violence and abuse, to hold perpetrators to account and work towards individual and social transformation.

Resources such as the full statement, liturgy notes, videos, and promotional material are now available at www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au

Action

How Church Communities Can Confront Violence and Abuse

-  • **Listen to, support, and believe** those who are experiencing violence and abuse.
-  • **Speak out** about the sinfulness of family and domestic violence and the responsibility of perpetrators to change.
-  • **Publicise the support** available in your area for victim-survivors and for perpetrators who **want** to change their behaviour.
-  • **Reflect together** on how we might be caught up in structural and cultural violence.
-  • **Reject spiritual abuse** by debunking the misuse of faith sources to justify violence, abusive behaviour or to coerce women to stay in unsafe situations.
-  • **Connect with programs**, ensuring our responses are evidence-based and trauma-informed.
-  • **Promote resources** on responding to family and domestic violence produced by dioceses e.g. Perth, Broken Bay and Parramatta.

Prayer

Loving God, you made each of us in your image and likeness.

Open our eyes to recognise one another as equals, replacing domination and control, violence, and abuse, with mutuality, reciprocity, respect, and freedom. Help us to love like you.

Jesus Christ, you rejected the use of religious traditions to justify violence.

Teach us to unmask manipulations of our faith used to justify violent, abusive, or coercive behaviour.

Teach us to be people who show tenderness, respect and care for others as you did.

Holy Spirit, you are with us always, showing us the way. Move us to assist those who experience violence and abuse, and support their call for justice.

Empower us to hold perpetrators of violence and abuse responsible, encouraging them to change their behaviour.

AMEN



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

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.