



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

Sunday, 29th May 2022 The Ascension of the Lord - Year C

First Reading

[Acts 1:1-11](#)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

*Why are you standing here looking into the sky?
Jesus has been taken into heaven.*

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is,' he had said, 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

Responsorial Psalm

[Ps 46:2-3, 6-7, 8-9. R. v.6](#)

(R.) God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

1. All peoples, clap your hands, cry to God with shouts of joy! For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear, great king over all the earth. **(R)**

2. God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast. Sing praise for God, sing praise, sing praise to our king, sing praise. **(R)**

3. God is king of all the earth. Sing praise with all your skill. God is king over the nations; God reigns on his holy throne. **(R)**

Second Reading

[Eph 1:17-23](#)

A reading from the letter of the St Paul to the Ephesians

He made Jesus to sit at his right hand in heaven.

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that

can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

Gospel Acclamation

[Mt 28:19, 20](#)

Alleluia, alleluia!
Go and teach all people my gospel. I am with you always, until the end of the world.
Alleluia!

Gospel

[Lk 24:46-53](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

While blessing them, he was taken to heaven.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.

'And now I am sending down to you what the Father has promised. Stay in the city then, until you are clothed with the power from on high.' Then he took them out as far as the outskirts of Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. Now as he blessed them, he withdrew from them and was carried up to heaven. They worshipped him and then went back to Jerusalem full of joy; and they were continually in the Temple praising God.

Next Week's Readings (4th June/5th June 2022) – Pentecost– Year C

1st Reading: Acts 2:1-11 2nd Reading: 1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13 Gospel: Jn 14:15-16, 23-26

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/>

SCRIPTURAL CONTEXT

Luke-Acts

The two works of Luke and Acts, ascribed to the same writer, are both addressed to the same person, Theophilus. However, the Greek name, Theophilus, means 'Friend of God' or 'Beloved of God'. Theophilus may have been a particular person or may have been a literary device by the author – using the name to imply that the books were written to any 'Friend of God'. There is a common style employed in the writing of the two works and a common theology runs through both works and it is these commonalities that lead scholars to conclude that the two works share the same author.

Sunday Reflection...

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The Feast of the Ascension is really a kind of liminal moment in the Easter season. It is a time between times; a moment when we have left one place, but have not yet arrived at a second. While the narratives that describe the Ascension fit well into the unfolding story of redemption, the feast celebrates the exaltation of Jesus. The readings allow us to focus on this theological point while we commemorate a turning point in the life of the church. We do this by considering the enthronement of Christ in the heavens and the new body of Christ on earth.

Many of the Easter accounts have directed our attention to the appearances of Jesus which were intended to strengthen the Christians' belief in his bodily resurrection.

Today we stand awestruck, watching Jesus ascend into the clouds of heaven, there to be enthroned at the right hand of God. Today is a day to be overwhelmed by the reality of the divinity of the one whom we have known in his humanity.

Christ who ascended into heaven in his body carries on what he began on earth through his new body, the community of believers. He teaches through its apostles and evangelists. He ministers through its prophets and pastors. We have not been left alone; we have his power, the same power with which he performed marvels when he walked the earth. We have not been left alone; we have each other. Together we make up the new body of Christ.

GOSPEL FOCUS

A message for all people

One of the defining features of the Gospel of Luke is the fact that the message preached and practised by Jesus made salvation available to all people. At times in the gospel some of the Jewish audience became quite angry at Jesus because he said that pagans and gentiles were also included in the salvation he promised – something they regarded as exclusive to the 'chosen' people. The two accounts of the Ascension make very clear that the message and ministry of Jesus are to be carried to all nations – even to the ends of the earth!

LIVING THE GOSPEL

You will be my witnesses

Organisers of the twenty-third World Youth Day hosted by Sydney in 2008 took as its theme verse 8 of the passage from Acts 1 that is today's first reading: "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you and you will be my witnesses." The choice of this theme for a world-wide gathering of young people of faith is a significant reminder of the call of Jesus to go out to the ends of the earth and to bear witness to his message. These are the final words on earth attributed to Jesus and they echo to us through time.

Thought of the day...



Please Pray For...

Recent Deaths: Michael Bathesby, Benjamin Poole

Anniversaries: Jack Costello, Irene Dunne, Catherine Keating, Sr Joan Shannon MSS, Josephine Paddison, Betty "Joan" Kirwin, George Elliott, Maureen Stower, Brian Jones,

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, Mary-Kate Thomson.

Parish News...

2022 Date Claimers:

- 5th June – Pentecost Sunday
- 5th June - Social Justice meeting – 10.30am
- 5th June - Sound of Music Sing Along 1pm – 4pm
- 12th June – Feast of the Most Holy Trinity
- 19th June – Feast of the Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

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

Thank you for supporting Caritas with Project Compassion. Our parish contributed a total of \$5,500.50 this year.

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.



Parish Information Folder

A reminder that a Parish Information Folder has been developed and is at the back of the church in the alcove adjacent to the Quiet Room door. All the information you need can be found in this folder. **Please feel free to offer this information to anyone you welcome to the parish.**

Please pray for

We remember in prayer the Innocents and Innocence of Robb Elementary School. Texas”

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:

- 29th May – First Eucharist (Mass 2) at 11am
- Sacrament of Reconciliation registration [click here](#)

The Sound of Music Sing-along

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.

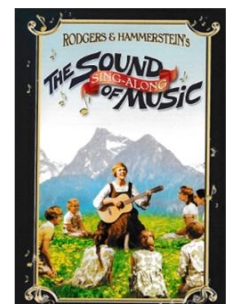
Great family fun!

WHEN: Sunday 5th June

WHERE: In the Church

TIME: 1pm – 4pm

COST: Free Entry



Time	Altar Servers	Welcomers	Commentary	Ministers of the Word	Extraordinary Ministers	I pad Operator	Piety Stall
4 th June at 6pm	E Ward	B Witham M Greer	A Lasserre	C O'Brien G Borger	R Fallon	M Ferguson	J Wells
5 th June at 9.30am	E Dwan S Dias	K Kruger A Webber	P Murphy	N Ryan J Kelly	M Ondrus	M Conrick	A Suhr
5 th June at 5.30pm	N Morcom M Morcom	M Ryan B Bambosek	K Tague	J Ryan L Bentley	A Jessen	D Stark	V Barker

A Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

The annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is observed in Australia in the week between Ascension and Pentecost. This year it will be celebrated from 29th May to 5th June.

The theme for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in 2022 was chosen by the Middle East Council of Churches "We saw the star in the East, and we came to worship" (cf Matthew 2:2)



More than ever, in these difficult times, we need a light that shines in the darkness and that light, Christians proclaim, has been manifested in Jesus Christ.

A prayer service will be held at Lifeworks Uniting Church, 615 Boundary St Glenvale at **7pm on Wednesday 1st June** and Middle Ridge Uniting Church, 264 Stenner St on **Thursday 2nd June at 9.30am**. Those who are unable to join a communal prayer service during that week or who wish to pray privately can be in communion with others praying all around the world for the greater visible unity of Christ's Church by using the prayer resource available from the Parish Office.

A Christian Prayer for Unity

One only Holy Spirit of Father and Son
in whom all are baptized,
one giver of many gifts, one tree of many fruits
one speaker of every tongue,
renew in our day the wonders of Pentecost,
grant that people of every race and nation
may understand one another,
and as one, proclaim the praises of God.
Grant that all may be one
as you, Spirit, with the Father and the Son
are one God, one Lord.
Grant unity to the Body of Christ;
grant unity to the human family.
Sole breath of every living thing,
may all be one who, in you,
live and move and have their being. –

Carl K. Moeddel, From Jesuit Resources

Further information and resources: <https://www.ncca.org.au/about-faith-unity>

Adult Formation Opportunities – Evangelisation Brisbane

A Morning's Prayer

Our team delivers 'A Morning's Prayer' series at Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre in Ormiston throughout 2022. Each of these mornings is on a Saturday from 9am to 12pm. They include a time of input, prayer, morning tea, reflection and faith sharing, and aims to provide a prayerful respite from the busyness of life. The next session is on **Saturday 4th June**. We encourage you to book early as spaces are limited. To register, head to:

<https://app.tickets.org.au/eb/amorningsprayer3>

Cathedral Seminar- "People of Spirit and Eucharist"

In 2022, our team is hosting 4 seminars to reflect on aspects of the Catholic faith, and to consider how that might be incorporated into our daily lives. Our second seminar is coming up on **Thursday the 30th June (7-8.30pm)** with *Deacon Peter Pellicaan (Executive Director, Evangelisation Brisbane)* as our guest speaker for the first half of the evening. The second half will be led by *Shane Dwyer (Associate Director for Adult Formation)*. The recording of this seminar is available to purchase should you be interested but unable to attend on the night. To register, head to:

<https://app.tickets.org.au/eb/CathedralSeminar-June>

Diocesan E-news...



ORDINATIONS

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.

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/>

Need Help?

One of the roles of The Parish Pastoral Council is to support and develop the ongoing life of our parish community. If you have any suggestions, concerns or need support in any way, please see a member of the Parish Pastoral Council. Parish Pastoral Councillors are available before and after Mass to assist. Photographs of our current Parish Councillors can be found on the poster above the Piety Stall card cabinet.