

# Welcome to OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH

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We would like to acknowledge the Giabal and Jarowair peoples, Traditional Owners of this land and pay our respects to their Elders past and present.

## Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup> October 2022 Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

### First Reading

[Wis 11:22 - 12:2](#)

A reading from the book of Wisdom  
*You have mercy on all things because you love everything that exists.*

In your sight, Lord, the whole world is like a grain of dust that tips the scales, like a drop of morning dew falling on the ground. Yet you are merciful to all, because you can do all things and overlook men's sins so that they can repent. Yes, you love all that exists, you hold nothing of what you have made in abhorrence, for had you hated anything, you would not have formed it. And how, had you not willed it, could a thing persist, how be conserved if not called forth by you? You spare all things because all things are yours, Lord, lover of life, you whose imperishable spirit is in all. Little by little, therefore, you correct those who offend, you admonish and remind them of how they have sinned, so that they may abstain from evil and trust in you, Lord.

### Responsorial Psalm

[Ps 144:1-2, 8-11, 13-14. R. see v.1](#)

(R.) I will praise your name for ever,  
my king and my God.

1. I will give you glory, O God my King,  
I will bless your name for ever.  
I will bless you day after day  
and praise your name for ever. (R)

2. The Lord is kind and full of  
compassion, slow to anger, abounding  
in love. How good is the Lord to all,  
compassionate to all his creatures (R.)

3. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, and your friends shall repeat their blessing. They shall speak of the glory of your reign and declare your might, O God. (R.)

4. The Lord is faithful in all his words and loving in all his deeds. The Lord supports all who fall and raises all who are bowed down. (R.)

### Second Reading

[2 Thes 1:11 - 2:2](#)

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

*The name of our Lord Jesus Christ will be glorified in you and you in him.*

We pray continually that our God will make you worthy of his call, and by his power fulfil all your desires for goodness and complete all that you have been doing through faith; because in this way the name of our Lord Jesus Christ will be glorified in you and you in him, by the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ. To turn now, brothers, to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and how we shall all be gathered round him: please do not get excited too soon or alarmed by any prediction or rumour or any letter claiming to come from us, implying that the Day of the Lord has already arrived.

### Gospel Acclamation

[Jn 3:16](#)

Alleluia, alleluia!  
God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life.

Alleluia!

### Gospel

[Lk 19:1-10](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*The Son of Man came to seek and to find that which was lost.*

Jesus entered Jericho and was going through the town when a man whose name was Zacchaeus made his appearance; he was one of the senior tax collectors and a wealthy man. He was anxious to see what kind of man Jesus was, but he was too short and could not see him for the crowd; so he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to catch a glimpse of Jesus who was to pass that way. When Jesus reached the spot he looked up and spoke to him: 'Zacchaeus, come down. Hurry, because I must stay at your house today.' And he hurried down and welcomed him joyfully. They all complained when they saw what was happening. 'He has gone to stay at a sinner's house' they said. But Zacchaeus stood his ground and said to the Lord, 'Look, sir, I am going to give half my property to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody I will pay him back four times the amount.' And Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house, because this man too is a son of Abraham; for the Son of Man has come to seek out and save what was lost.'

Next Week's Readings (5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> November 2022) – Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C  
1st Reading: 2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14 2nd Reading: 2 Thes 2:16 – 3:5 Gospel: Lk 20:27-38

## 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/>



## Have you thought? Conversion

When we hear this story about Zacchaeus, our focus is normally on the conversion of heart that appears to take place within Zacchaeus. However, his determination to see Jesus from the outset suggests that the conversion has already taken place within Zacchaeus. It is the muttering, grumbling crowd who are called to conversion; called to soften their hearts and see a faithful man where they have previously only seen a sinner. Throughout the gospel, the welcome and acceptance Jesus extends to the 'outsider' and the 'sinner' confronts and challenges those who would hold themselves up as being better than these others.

## Sunday Reflection...

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The change of seasons is always an opportune time to marvel at the magnificence of the natural world of which we are a part. Its colours, its textures, its smells all reflect the limitless imagination of the creator. Perhaps the most marvellous feature of the world is the interconnectedness of all the elements of which it consists. Somehow the spirit of the creator is manifested through each and every aspect of this universe. And we are part of it all. The universe may be as a grain in the balance or a drop of morning dew, but each grain and each drop contains within it the possibilities of the future. Offering hospitality is a profound social act. When we offer hospitality, we invite another into our world, into our lives. We shift our attention from our own cares and concerns to the needs and comfort of the other. By the act of hospitality we transform strangers into friends and intimates, just as Jesus did with Zacchaeus. The hospitality that Jesus offers dissolves all constraints. Relationships disregard the biased measures of propriety, forging bonds of reconciliation and issuing everyone an invitation to intimacy. The hospitality that Jesus offers recreates the world from one of insider versus outsider to one of universal inclusivity. Sinners become friends, the lost are found, and all are restored to the rightful place as children not merely of Abraham but of God. The creativity of the creator is matched by the compassion of the re-creator.

## Historical Context

### Tax Collectors

Tax collectors were hated by most Jews at the time of Jesus. Firstly, the taxes they collected were going to support Rome – a foreign, Gentile power that was an unwelcome occupying force in Palestine. The Jews' taxes were paying the wages of the army that occupied their country, so tax collectors were seen as collaborators with the enemy. Secondly, the system of tax collection lent itself to abuse and corruption. Tax collectors were required to collect a certain amount from their district; any excess they collected was theirs to keep – that was their income.



## Thought of the Day...



## Please Pray For...

### Recent Deaths:

**Anniversaries:** George Keryk, Alexandria (Lexie) Kruger, Robert (Bob) Watson, Derrick Carrol, Vincente Valencia, Fr Edmund O'Donnell

**Those Who Are Sick:** Trish Betros, Noel Lipp, Michael (Micky) Lynch, Kevin Boland, George Streidl, Ros Kettle, Frank Kenneally, Carmel & Ron O'Brien, Lillian Roberts, Brian Thomson, Fr Don Murray, Judy Reardon, Peggy Thies, John Axtell, Ted Schulz, Noel O'Mara, Mick O'Mara, Patrick Wright,

**October Birthdays:** Fr John Quinlan, Annette Bishop, Brian Bowe, Ann Suhr, Dorothy O'Connor, Jenny Packer, Bernadette Smith, Sr Pat Quinn, Larry Ryan, Matt Stower, Isabella Dwan, Angus Dwan, Carol Rawlinson

## Parish News...

Sat 29/10/22	Mass 6.00pm
Sun 30/10/22	Mass 9.30am Mass 5.30pm
Mon 31/10/22	
Tue 01/11/22	All Saints Day Mass 10am Prayer Group 10.30am
Wed 02/11/22	All Souls Day Mass 10am Anam Cara 9.30am in the Presbytery
Thu 03/11/22	Craft Group 10am
Fri 04/11/22	

### 2022 Date Claimers:

- 1<sup>st</sup> November – All Saints Day Mass 10am
- 2<sup>nd</sup> November – All Souls Day Mass 10am
- 6<sup>th</sup> November – “The Letter” movie screening 6.30pm
- 27<sup>th</sup> November – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent
- 29<sup>th</sup> November – Seniors’ Christmas Party after 10am Mass
- 11<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Carols 6.30pm
- 19<sup>th</sup> December – 2<sup>nd</sup> Rite of Reconciliation. Time to be advised.

### Christmas Mass Planning

It is time to start planning our Christmas Masses so next weekend (5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Nov), at all Masses, we will be asking for your preferred Mass times for 2022. Please give this some careful thought before next weekend.



### Working Bee – change of date - Sat 5<sup>th</sup> Dec

8am-11am to tidy the gardens and do a few little odd jobs. Morning Tea provided. Please bring appropriate tools, utes, trailers etc. Many hands make light work. Thanks in advance.



### Happy World Teachers’ Day 2022

Thank you to all our extraordinary teachers for “making a difference every day educating and inspiring young Queenslanders”. This year we say thank you to our teachers for “teaching through every moment”.



## COMING SOON

Please join us for  
**“The Letter”**  
*starring Pope Francis*  
**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> Nov 6.30pm**  
**LOL Church**

In 2015, Pope Francis wrote Laudato Si’, an encyclical letter about the environmental crisis, to every single person in the world. A few years later, four voices that have gone unheard in global conversations have been invited to an unprecedented dialogue with the Pope. Hailing from Senegal, the Amazon, India, and Hawai’i, they bring perspective and solutions from the poor, the indigenous, the youth, and wildlife into a conversation with Pope Francis himself.

In 2022, on the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the Vatican released a new documentary titled “The Letter,” which follows their journey to Rome and the extraordinary experiences that took place there and is packed with powerfully moving personal stories alongside the latest information about the planetary crisis and the toll it’s taking on nature and people.

It is hoped that seeing this film will deepen our awareness of the preciousness of creation, the effects of climate change and the urgency of putting our energy behind the movement to protect our environment.

A light supper will be served from 6.30pm followed by the movie.



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5 <sup>th</sup> Nov at 6pm	G Soh V Soh	Hoopert Family	L Borger	R O'Brien C Ferguson	P Hoopert	C Juillerat	D Clark
6 <sup>th</sup> Nov at 9.30am	E McLean J Newman	Dias Family	Consie Hudson	Cristianne Dias M McLean	M Ondrus	A Winder	R Coonan
6 <sup>th</sup> Nov at 5.30pm	N Obst E Obst	K Tague S Whitelegg	V O'Connell	B Bambosek J Michel	B Reardon	A Hickey	J Sullivan

# BRING HOPE TO NEELA AND HER FAMILY

Thank you so much for your generous partnership with life-changing mission programs like the establishment of the Deberety Goat Rearing Centre in Emdibir, Ethiopia.

Your gift is helping the Church and the local community work towards constructing the Centre, supplying feed and veterinary medication, and procuring goats to provide nutritious milk to help address problems like malnutrition in babies and children. Your gift also supports mission programs around the world that reach out and give life to those in most need.

To learn more about the impact of your support, visit [catholicmission.org.au/our-work](http://catholicmission.org.au/our-work), where you can also sign up for our regular newsletter. If you missed your opportunity to learn about this vital mission program, or wish to contribute again, please go to [catholicmission.org.au/ethiopia](http://catholicmission.org.au/ethiopia) or scan the QR code below today.



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## Holy Land Pilgrimage – March 2023

Trace the journey of Jesus from the land of his birth to the way he carried his cross and gave the eternal sacrifice in this 14-day Holy Land pilgrimage to Jordan, Egypt & Israel led by Fr George Joseph MCBS. This pilgrimage features places from the Old & New Testament and includes Amman, Mt Nebo, Bethlehem, Nazareth, Sea of Galilee, Mt Sinai and Jerusalem for an all-inclusive price of \$6290 + \$150 Tips. The fare includes Airfare + Local Transfers in Deluxe Coaches + Stay in Premium Hotels + All Breakfasts & Dinners + English speaking professional guides. Departure from Brisbane on **11th March 2023**. For inquiries & bookings call **1300 721 561** or email us [info@magiholidays.com.au](mailto:info@magiholidays.com.au) Please see brochure on the noticeboard at the back of the church for more details.

## Month of the Holy Souls

The first week of November is an important week in the religious calendar. It is traditionally the month in which the Church remembers Her dead and in a special way we are invited to remember our family and friends who have died, especially those who have passed in the previous year.

The Month of Remembrance commences on November 1<sup>st</sup> with All Saints Day, followed on November 2<sup>nd</sup> by All Souls Day, where we remember and pray for the dead. This year, let us remember all our loved ones who have passed away. Mass will be celebrated at 10am both days.

**We invite you to record the names of your family and friends who have died in the Remembrance book at the back of the church so that as a community we might remember them in our prayers.**



You're Invited to  
Our Lady of Lourdes  
**Seniors' Christmas Party**  
Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> November  
After 10 am Mass  
in the School Hall.

NO CHARGE

Morning tea and lunch provided.  
Entertainment by the school children.  
**RSVP on the form at the church entrance.**

*Into your hands, Father of mercies,  
we commend our loved ones  
in the sure and certain hope that,  
together with all who have died in Christ,  
they will rise with him on the last day.  
Merciful Lord, turn toward us  
and listen to our prayers:  
open the gates of paradise to your servants  
and help us who remain to comfort one another  
with assurances of faith,  
until we all meet in Christ  
and are with you  
and with our brothers and sisters for ever.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
R. Amen.*

## All Souls Day – 2 November 2022

All Souls Day is a day where we remember our loved ones who have passed away. Majellan Media website have set up a special tribute page where you can list the names of family members you are mourning and leave a short tribute. The details will also be sent to their Redemptorist communities to be included in their Masses and prayer services. This is a free offering and to access this service on their webpage click [here](http://www.majellanmedia.com.au).

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## Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for Oct '22 A Church Open to Everyone

We pray for the Church; ever faithful to, and courageous in preaching the Gospel, may the Church be a community of solidarity, fraternity and welcome, always living in an atmosphere of synodality.