



Welcome to **OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH**

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We acknowledge and respect the living culture of the Giabal and Jarowair peoples, past, present and emerging, the traditional custodians of the land on which we meet.

Sunday, 31st July 2022 Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

First Reading

[Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23](#)

A reading from the book of Ecclesiastes

What do people gain by all their work?

Vanity of vanities, the Preacher says. Vanity of vanities. All is vanity! For so it is that a man who has laboured wisely, skilfully and successfully must leave what is his own to someone who has not toiled for it at all. This, too, is vanity and great injustice; for what does he gain for all the toil and strain that he has undergone under the sun? What of all his laborious days, his cares of office, his restless nights? This, too, is vanity.

Responsorial Psalm

[Ps 89:3-6, 12-14, 17. R. v.1](#)

(R.) In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

1. You turn men back into dust and say: 'Go back, sons of men.' To your eyes a thousand years are like yesterday, come and gone, no more than a watch in the night. (R.)
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3. Make us know the shortness of our life that we may gain wisdom of heart. Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever? Show pity to your servants. (R.)

4. In the morning, fill us with your love; we shall exult and rejoice all our days. Let the favour of the Lord be upon us: give success to the work of our hands. (R.)

Second Reading

[Col 3:1-5, 9-11](#)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

Seek the things that are above where Christ is.

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him. That is why you must kill everything in you that belongs only to earthly life: fornication, impurity, guilty passion, evil desires and especially greed, which is the same thing as worshipping a false god; and never tell each other lies. You have stripped off your old behaviour with your old self, and you have put on a new self which will progress towards true knowledge the more it is renewed in the image of its creator; and in that image there is no room for distinction between Greek and Jew, between the circumcised or the uncircumcised, or between barbarian and Scythian, slave and free man. There is only Christ: he is everything and he is in everything.

Gospel

[Lk 12:13-21](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

To whom will all this wealth of yours go?

A man in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Master, tell my brother to give me a share of our inheritance.' 'My friend,' he replied, 'who appointed me your judge, or the arbitrator of your claims?' Then he said to them, 'Watch, and be on your guard against avarice of any kind, for a man's life is not made secure by what he owns, even when he has more than he needs.' Then he told them a parable: 'There was once a rich man who, having had a good harvest from his land, thought to himself, "What am I to do? I have not enough room to store my crops." Then he said, "This is what I will do; I will pull down my barns and build bigger ones, and store all my grain and my goods in them, and I will say to my soul: My soul, you have plenty of good things laid by for many years to come; take things easy, eat, drink, have a good time.'" But God said to him, "Fool! This very night the demand will be made for your soul; and this hoard of yours, whose will it be then?" So it is when a man stores up treasure for himself in place of making himself rich in the sight of God.'

Next Week's Readings (6th/7th August 2022) – Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C
1st Reading: Wis 18:6-9 2nd Reading: [Heb 11:1-2, 8-12](#) Gospel: Lk 12:32-48

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/>

SCRIPTURAL CONTEXT

Do not worry

This parable and teaching about the love of wealth is followed up by Jesus telling his disciples not to worry about what they will eat and what they will wear. He invites them to look to the birds of the air and flowers of the fields. God provides them with all that they need. Jesus tells his disciples to seek the kingdom and all the other necessities of life will be given to them as well. Rather than focusing on accumulating wealth as the rich man in today's parable, Jesus reassures his disciples that if they focus their lives on the kingdom they will have all that they need.

Sunday Reflection...

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Both the first reading and the psalm response speak about the transitoriness of life. Life is all we have and it is so fragile, so fleeting. When we realise this, we may fear that in the end we will have nothing to show for our lives. Such thoughts show that we have not learned the most basic lesson of life – life is to be lived! The goods of the earth are both good and essential for survival and advancement. However, they do not satisfy the deepest longings of the human spirit. They provide us with pleasure and challenge, but they cannot shield us from the transitoriness of life itself. In the face of such impermanence, they are ultimately worthless. Life itself is the far greater good; goods only enhance life. Recognising the transitoriness of life and the vanity of goods, we come to see that the only reality worthy of our total commitment is our relationship with God in Christ. Though made of dust and thus subject to perishability, we are joined with Christ and are promised imperishability. Having died to the vanities of this world, having taken off our old selves with their evil desires, we can now live as a new self, in generosity rather than greed, with openness to others rather than religious or gender or social biases. In our commitment to Christ we will discover that we can transform what is transitory in life by giving it away in love. If we can live in this way, life is anything but vanity!



Have you thought? Greed is good!

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.

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Thought of the Day...



"It's called 'reading'. It's how people install new software into their brains"

Please Pray For...

Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries: Most Rev Basil Roper DD, James and Maria Cronin, Bill Cronin, Bernard Roberts, Ian Graham, Vic Ruhle, Noreen Ryan, Olive Boden, Barry Lysaght, John Bale, Kevin Burke, Ken Leane, Herbert Kruger, Mary Bennett (Connolly), John Francis Roessler, Kathleen May Roessler, Cec Curr

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, 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:

- 31st July – Teacher and Staff Thank You Mass 9.30am with Morning Tea to follow.
- 6th/7th August – Flick and Tick Weekend
- 7th August – Social Justice Meeting 10.30am
- 7th August – Second Sacrament of Reconciliation Workshop after 9.30am Mass
- 8th August – St Mary of the Cross School Mass at 10am (Parishioners Welcome)
- 8th August - Parish Council Meeting 6.30pm
- 15th August – Feast of the Assumption School Mass at 10am (Parishioners Welcome), Parish Mass TBA

Flick and Tick –Weekend of 6th/7th August

Our parish community is enriched and sustained by the generous work of many volunteers who contribute to our various ministries and groups.

Our annual Flick & Tick is coming up next weekend. We ask all parishioners to give prayerful thought to where you could volunteer your time and talents to help support our parish. Please [Click here](#) for the Guide to Parish Ministry. Paper copies are available at the back of the church for those without access to the online guide.

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop says “God loves generous souls. Let us try to be the generous ones”. (12.8.1881)



Birthday Wishes!!

We wish Sister Cecilia a very Happy 91st Birthday!

Teacher and Staff Morning Tea – 31st July 2022 after Mass

Please join us for morning tea after the 9.30am Mass this weekend to help recognise and celebrate the dedication of all those involved in education within our diocese especially those members of our school and parish community.

Please bring a plate to share if you're able.

If you would like to contribute but are unable to make Sunday morning Mass, you may wish to drop off your plate in the Children's Liturgy Room before Sunday. Thank you!



Let us thank all those who teach in Catholic schools. Educating is an act of love; it is like giving life.

— Pope Francis —

AZ QUOTES

| Time | Altar Servers | Welcomers | Commentary | Ministers of the Word | Extraordinary Ministers | I pad Operator | Piety Stall |
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| 6 th August at 6pm | I Whittaker J Whittaker | B Witham Ward Family | G Ferguson | C Ferguson Joseph Family | P Hoopert | Soriano Family | J Wells |
| 7 th August at 9.30am | M Kelly T Kelly E McLean | A Mullins R Cleary | S Connolly | S Kelly K Kruger | P Murphy | N Ryan | A Suhr |
| 7 th August at 5.30pm | N Morcom M Morcom H Ryan | M Ryan B Bambosek | K Langdale | J Ryan N Lipp | J Axtell | A Hickey | C Roberts |

A Prayer for Catholic Education

Dear Father,

Thank you for all those men and women who have given their talents to educating our young people. Through the challenges they encounter each day, lead them to an ever deeper appreciation of the sacred duty to which you have called them.

We give thanks for the invaluable work of all those who contribute to the efficient running of our schools; office staff, support staff, tuckshop volunteers, grounds staff, P&F & Board members. We thank them for their hard work and dedication and we pray that they may continue to work in support of our schools.

Thank you for all those who lead our Catholic schools. May they be people of integrity so that they can be witnesses as well as teachers. We pray that the schools they lead will become places where our young people can experience your love in their lives.

Thank you for our Catholic schools. Help us to pray without ceasing, to work without wavering and to give without grudging in order to ensure the future of Catholic education for all of our children.

We make this prayer through your Son, Jesus Christ, our teacher and our Lord,

Amen



Beatitudes for Teachers

Blessed are you who are called to teach, for you walk in the footsteps of the Master.

Blessed are you who sow peace and harmony in your school, for yours will be the joy of the Lord.

Blessed are you when you share your faith with others, for your name will be written in their hearts.

Blessed are you who plant seeds of hope in youthful hearts, for your legacy will be the harvest.

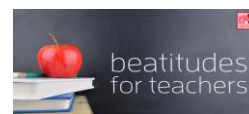
Blessed are you who are sensitive to the cries of youth, for you will become their voice.

Blessed are you who anguish now when your students are difficult, for your effort will be their light.

Blessed are you when you leaven your teaching with patience and empathy, for this is to teach as Jesus did.

Blessed are you when you reach out for your students, for you will find God and rejoice.

Blessed are you who lead your students in the ways of all virtue and love, for yours is the Kingdom of God.



Homelessness Week 1-7 August 2022

Homelessness Week aims to raise awareness of the impact of homelessness on Australia. In ['The right to shelter'](#), Fr Andrew Hamilton SJ writes about how Homelessness Week commemorations remind us stable accommodation is necessary if we are to live fully as human beings with our dignity respected.

Unit for Rent

St Patrick's Cathedral have a one bedroom unit available for rent, which would suit an actively independent person. Rent is \$325 per fortnight.

Applications are to be made in writing to the Secretary, Board of Management, St Patrick's Cathedral, PO Box 7062, Toowoomba 4350 or may be dropped to the Parish Office.

Pope Francis' apostolic letter on the liturgy, "Desiderio desideravi".

The pope's newest apostolic letter reflects upon the meaning of baptism, our understanding of mystery, inadequate liturgical approaches, the art of celebrating the liturgy and more... [Click here](#) to read 10 key quotes for every Catholic to reflect on.

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.**



The Plenary Post

When the Plenary Council process began, it was always spoken of as a three-stage journey: Preparation, Celebration and Implementation. Well, after four-and-a-half years, the People of God in Australia have reached that third stage. [Click here](#) to relive the week that was but also looks forward to the future.

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.

