



# 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, 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> April 2022** **Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord - Year C**

### **First Reading**

[Is 50:4-7](#)

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

*I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will not be ashamed.*

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied he provides me with speech. Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear.

For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle.

The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

### **Responsorial Psalm**

[Ps 21:8-9, 17-20, 23-24. R. v.2](#)

**(R.)** My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

1. All who see me deride me. They curl their lips, they toss their heads. 'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him; let him release him if this is his friend.'  
**(R.)**
2. Many dogs have surrounded me, a band of the wicked beset me. They tear holes in my hands and my feet. I can count every one of my bones. **(R.)**
3. They divide my clothing among them. They cast lots for my robe. O Lord, do not leave me alone, my strength, make haste to help me! **(R.)**
4. I will tell of your name to my brethren and praise you where they are assembled. 'You who fear the Lord give him praise; all sons of Jacob, give him glory. Revere him, Israel's sons.'  
**(R.)**

### **Second Reading**

[Phil 2:6-11](#)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

*He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high.*

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are, and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

### **Gospel**

[Lk 22:14 - 23:56](#)

The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

**Please be seated for the reading of the long Gospel.**

You are invited to join in and participate as a congregation and read the crowd parts on the screen when prompted.

## 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/>

### **Historical** **Context**

#### **Crucifixion**

*The Romans used crucifixion as a deterrent against insurrection and rebellion. Not only was it an agonising death it was usually a slow, drawn out death – taking days to die. Victims were always crucified in public settings; alongside main thoroughfares or on hilltops outside a city. The victims were left on the cross for weeks while birds and wild dogs ate their bodies. The idea of crucifixion was that nothing was left to bury as this was the ultimate domination and humiliation of the rebel. The account of Jesus dying within a few hours is very unusual.*

## **Project Compassion Sunday Reflection...**

Today we read the passion narrative from the Gospel of St Luke. It is not by any means for the faint hearted. Even if it is familiar to us, we should try to remember how extraordinary it is. After so many centuries of cruelty, crucifixion still ranks as one of the most appalling things people have ever thought to do to their fellow humans. Yet this was how God chose to show the depth of his love. God was prepared to go to any lengths for us. The letter to the Philippians says that Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave. Why? The only possible explanation is love. Anyone who has loved another knows that it will inevitably bring a share of suffering. Jesus walks alongside all who suffer. He shares their cross as they share his.

The fact that crucifixion was so common in the Roman world should also make us pause for a moment. Jesus lived and died in a world in which people were routinely degraded. He met plenty of them in his travels, people cast by the wayside, and helped many. For those without power, life was fragile, even cheap. Has much changed? Throughout Lent, Caritas Australia has invited us to share the work of Project Compassion. The stories we have encountered remind us that the world is still an uneven field. Project Compassion invites us to respond in love to free people in captivity to very challenging circumstances. It invites us in a small way to carry the cross, to live in hope of the Resurrection.

Perhaps this week, as well as joining in the services of Holy Week, we can take some time to sit quietly with the passion narrative from Luke's Gospel on our own. Think about all the characters we meet: Peter, Judas, Pilate, Herod, the women of Jerusalem, Simon of Cyrene, the soldiers, the two criminals, the women from Galilee, the centurion, Joseph of Arimathea. Try to see the events from each of their perspectives. Then quietly see them from your own perspective, from your world in 2022. Pray in humble gratitude.

### **Scriptural** **Context**

#### **One with the lost**

*Throughout the Gospel of Luke, Jesus is portrayed as not only the champion of the poor and outcast, but indeed being one with them. The witnesses to his birth in this gospel are lowly shepherds, not the wise men from the East. His parables and actions are addressed to the lost and the lowly. He eats with sinners and other outcasts – to the horror of Jewish leaders. Finally, at his death, Jesus is crucified as a criminal with other criminals. This gospel in particular addresses the message and ministry of Jesus to those on the margins of society.*

### **Gospel Focus**

#### **Changing expectations**

*The early audience of the gospel accounts would have known exactly what was meant by crucifixion. It was an all too familiar reality for them as the Romans sought to suppress any suggestion of opposition to their rule. The early audience would have recognised that the account of Jesus' death and burial was not in keeping with their knowledge of what normally happened. They would have known that something special was being conveyed through this story. They would have known that the story of his death was only a prelude to the real story of Jesus' passion – his resurrection.*

## **Thought of the day...**

A penitent went to the Priest to confess he'd been blowing up trains. The Priest said, "For your penance, do the stations".

So, he went off and blew the stations up!!!



## Please Pray For...

**Recent Deaths:** Lorna Dunne

**Anniversaries:** Rev Msgr Leslie Schuhkraft, Fr John Michael, Fr Lex Herzig, James McConachy, Dulcie and Mick Long, Kevin Stower, Gwen Nissen, Elizabeth Sims, Christopher Nugent,

**Those Who Are Sick:** 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, Olivia Zvirblis and Alan Curr.

**April Birthdays:** Christina Dever, Catherine Dyson, Veronica O'Connell, Thomas Kelly, Monica Thompson, Pat MacGinley

## Parish News...

### Easter Mass Times

- 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> April - Palm Sunday 6pm, 9.30am and 5.30pm
- 11<sup>th</sup> April - Chrism Mass 5.30pm at St Pat's Cathedral
- 14<sup>th</sup> April - Holy Thursday Mass 7pm
- 15<sup>th</sup> April - Good Friday Stations of the Cross 10am  
- Passion of the Lord 3pm

Set up for the Easter Vigil will take place after the 3pm Good Friday service. **Helpers needed please.**

- 16<sup>th</sup> April - Holy Saturday Mass 7pm
- 17<sup>th</sup> April - Easter Sunday Mass 8am & 9.30am

### 1<sup>st</sup> Rite of Reconciliation for Lent

- 9<sup>th</sup> April - 4.45pm
- 5<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> April - 10.30am

## Carpark Closed

The Liturgy Group reminds Parishioners that the **Church entry on Goodwood St will be closed for the 6pm Palm Sunday Vigil (9<sup>th</sup> April) and 6pm Easter Vigil (16<sup>th</sup> April)** for the Blessing of Palms and Service of Light to take place in the car park. Parishioners who need to park close to the Church are invited to access the lower car park via the Presbytery gateway from Holberton Street.

## Choir Practice for Easter

Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> April after 9.30am Mass at 10.30am



## Holy Thursday – 14<sup>th</sup> April 7pm

Welcomers	Commentator	Readers	Oil Bearers	Extraordinary Ministers	Ipad
C & J Sullivan	G Borger	L Walsh J Coman	D Clark (I) A Cournane (B) L Bentley (C)	K Ober	J Ferguson

## Stations of the Cross – 15<sup>th</sup> April 10:00am

Musician	Welcomers	Reader 1	Reader 2	Ipad
J Wilson	K Roberts M Cushway	M Ondrus	J Coman	J Ferguson

## Celebration of the Passion – 15<sup>th</sup> April 3.00pm

Welcomers	Solemn Intercessions	Altar Servers	Readers	Gospel	Extraordinary Minister	Musician	Ipad
J Ferguson M Cushway	1) J Wilson 2) P Murphy	1) _____ 2) _____	1) N Doyle 2) M Cleary	N) L. Bentley J) J. Coman O) G. Borger	1) D Clark  <b>Collectors</b> G Ferguson K Roberts	H Richards	J Ferguson

## Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> April

Time	Welcomers	Altar Servers	Commentary	Ministers of the Word	Extraordinary Ministers	I pad Operator
16 <sup>th</sup> of April 7.00pm	M Cushway K Roberts	_____	B Witham	1) L Bentley 2) R Johnston 3) J Wilson E) R O'Brien	D Clark	J Ferguson  <b>Lights/Fire</b> G Ferguson
17 <sup>th</sup> of April 8.00am	A Cournane _____	_____ _____	C Anderson	1) L Bentley 2) M Ondrus	J Sullivan	Anderson Family
17 <sup>th</sup> of April 9.30am	_____ _____	_____ _____	C Hudson	1) J Coman 2) M Conrick	P Murphy	K Kruger

## Social Justice Easter Raffle

OLOL Parish and Social Justice Group will once again hold an Easter Raffle with all proceeds going to Project Compassion. Tickets will be on sale, before and after weekend Masses until Easter Sunday. Prizes will be drawn at Easter Sunday 9.30 am Mass.

By supporting Fairtrade at Easter, you are empowering small scale cocoa farmers in developing countries to improve their lives and livelihoods, invest in their communities and control their futures. Tickets \$1ea



## Good Friday Holy Land Collection

The annual collection for the support of the Church in the Holy Land will take place on Good Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup>. This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment and housing. Parishes, schools, orphanages and medical centres throughout the Holy Land also rely on assistance from this collection. It is also used to maintain over 70 Churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus.

Last year, due to the ongoing global pandemic, it was again a difficult time for the Church and people of the Holy Land with much reduced income due to fewer pilgrims and lower church attendance around the world. In Australia, we were more fortunate and Australian Catholics donated \$1,126,098 (compared to \$406,023 in 2020 and \$1.3 million in 2019). This year, the Holy Land will continue facing an income shortfall due to the ongoing effects of the pandemic and so we again ask Catholics around the world to be as generous as possible. Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land on Good Friday and please keep them in your prayers. **There will be a special collection taken during the 3pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion - Envelopes will be found on the pews.**

## Offer a Mass for your Loved One This Easter



Aid to the  
Church in Need  
ACN AUSTRALIA

As we approach the Holy Season of Easter consider offering up a Mass for your loved ones. These Mass stipends support priests in the poorest parts of the world who have no other means of support and are offered for the intentions of the benefactor. You can also send your loved ones a Mass card. Visit [www.aidtochurch.org/masses](http://www.aidtochurch.org/masses)

## Pope's monthly Intention for April

Health Care Workers

We pray for health care workers who serve the sick and the elderly, especially in the poorest countries; may they be adequately supported by governments and local communities.

## Project Compassion Prayer 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> April

Loving God,

We pray that all women may be respected and encouraged to take their rightful place in society. We pray also that all people will have access to clean water and safe house. May we act for justice in concrete ways, such as through Project Compassion. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

## OLOL Ecumenism Group

### The Joy of the Gospel – Pope Francis

The commitment to ecumenism responds to the prayer of the Lord Jesus that **“they may all be one:”** (John 17:- 21-23). The credibility of the Christian message would be much greater if Christians could overcome our divisions and the church could realise that those joined in baptism with her are often separated from full communion with her. We must never forget that we are pilgrims journeying along side each other.

Pope Francis asks us to consider how many important things unite us? If we really believe in the abundantly free spirit working of the Holy Spirit, we can learn so much from one another.

Spiritual Ecumenism is the very basis of the Ecumenical Movement, as it articulates that unity in Spirit-led which comes from Christ's prayer that **we may all be one.**

## Good Friday Stations of the Cross

Arranged by the Social Justice Commission  
Gather on the steps of St. Patrick's Cathedral  
at 7.30am Stopping at a number of 'stations'  
at key locations around the CBD.  
Returning to the Cathedral by 9am.  
Please bring hat, water and walking shoes.



## Emergency Appeal for Ukraine

The Catholic charity Aid to the Church in Need is conducting an emergency appeal to support the Church in Ukraine. Funds are being sent to clergy and religious who are on the ground assisting the people.

Please visit [www.aidtochurch.org/ukraine](http://www.aidtochurch.org/ukraine) or phone 1800 101 201.



## Project Compassion Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> April



Every day, more than 200 million children miss out on school, around 690 million people go hungry and 2.2 billion people cannot access clean drinking water. With your generosity, Caritas Australia has been able to help millions of vulnerable people around the world, through Project Compassion appeal.



Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 so this transformational program can continue to empower and strengthen vulnerable communities *For All Future Generations*

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow For All Future Generations. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your Parish, by visiting [lent.caritas.org.au](http://lent.caritas.org.au), or by calling 1800 024 413.