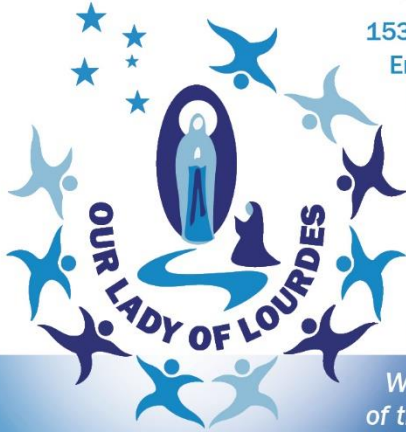


# Welcome to OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH



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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, 5<sup>th</sup> February 2023 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

### First Reading

[Is 58:7-10](#)

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

*Your light will shine like the dawn.*

Thus says the Lord:

Share your bread with the hungry, and shelter the homeless poor, clothe the man you see to be naked and turn not from your own kin. Then will your light shine like the dawn and your wound be quickly healed over. Your integrity will go before you and the glory of the Lord behind you. Cry, and the Lord will answer; call, and he will say, 'I am here.' If you do away with the yoke, the clenched fist, the wicked word, if you give your bread to the hungry, and relief to the oppressed, your light will rise in the darkness, and your shadows become like noon.

### Responsorial Psalm

[Ps 111:4-9. R. v.4](#)

(R.) A light rises in the darkness for the upright.

1. He is a light in the darkness for the upright: he is generous, merciful and just. The good man takes pity and lends, he conducts his affairs with honour. (R.)

2. The just man will never waver: he will be remembered for ever. He has no fear of evil news; with a firm heart he trusts in the Lord. (R.)

3. With a steadfast heart he will not fear; open-handed, he gives to the poor; his justice stands firm for ever. His head will be raised in glory. (R.)

### Second Reading

[1 Cor 2:1-5](#)

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

*I came to you to proclaim Christ crucified.*

When I came to you, brothers, it was not with any show of oratory or philosophy, but simply to tell you what God had guaranteed. During my stay with you, the only knowledge I claimed to have was about Jesus, and only about him as the crucified Christ. Far from relying on any power of my own, I came among you in great 'fear and trembling' and in my speeches and the sermons that I gave, there were none of the arguments that belong to philosophy; only a demonstration of the power of the Spirit. And I did this so that your faith should not depend on human philosophy but on the power of God.

### Gospel Acclamation

[Jn 8:12](#)

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the light of the world, says the Lord; the man who follows me will have the light of life.

Alleluia!

### Gospel

[Mt 5:13-16](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

*You are the light of the world.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You are the salt of the earth. But if salt becomes tasteless, what can make it salty again? It is good for nothing, and can only be thrown out to be trampled underfoot by men.

'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill-top cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put it on the lamp-stand where it shines for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine in the sight of men, so that, seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your Father in heaven.'

Next Week's Readings (11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> February 2023) – Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: [Sir 15:15-20](#) 2nd Reading: [1 Cor 2:6-10](#) Gospel: [Mt 5:17-37](#)

## Parish Activities

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** - Friday afternoons in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel from 1:00pm - 5:30pm.

**ANAM CARA** – Wednesday 9.00am 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 10:30am in the quiet room at the church.

**ECUMENISM GROUP** - meet the 4th 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 1st 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 2nd and 4th 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

#### Following blessings

Today's gospel passage is one that is quite commonly quoted and relatively well known. When it is taken in isolation, it's very easy to forget that these words immediately follow the Beatitudes that we heard in last week's gospel. The imperative for justice in the images of salt and light of the world becomes even clearer when we remember that these words follow the blessings on those who are poor; who mourn; who are merciful and fight for justice. Jesus has blessed all these who are least in the world and then charges the disciples to be salt and light for them.

## Sunday Reflection...

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We live in a world where appearances frequently matter more than they should. Contrary to this predominating tendency, Jesus teaches us that what we do flows from who and what we are. We can enlighten the world with the message of the gospel, because our lives have been transformed by that gospel and now we ourselves are light for others. We can serve others in various ways, only because we have been saved by God's grace and now we are agents of that grace in the lives of others. Our own renewal becomes the means through which God renews the world. This may sound grandiose, but it isn't. It is the truth about the way God works. Extraordinary things are accomplished through ordinary people. Jesus grew up as the son of a carpenter; some of the apostles were fishermen; Paul was a tentmaker; we are clerks and teachers, bus drivers and doctors, bank tellers and engineers. Like Paul we come to ministry in weakness and fear and much trembling. It is the Spirit and power of God that work the wonders, and God works them through mundane elements of life such as light and salt. As children, many of us learned the corporal and the spiritual works of mercy. We learned that we can practise them in every walk of life. Today's readings remind us of this. We may not be asked to perform extraordinary feats, but all disciples of Jesus are called upon to do the ordinary things of life in an extraordinary way.

### LIVING THE GOSPEL

#### Be the change

Gandhi, the great leader of the Indian independence movement, is credited with saying, "You must be the change you want to see in the world." He sought a life free from tyranny and violence and so led a movement of non-violent resistance. It's tempting to think that he may have been influenced by some of the teachings of Jesus because so much of his approach reflected Jesus' call for justice. The charge to be the light of the world that shines in the sight of all and sets an example for all is echoed succinctly in Gandhi's words.



### Have you thought?

#### Affirmation or Challenge

The salt and light of the world passage is often used to affirm and encourage, but when Jesus tells his disciples – and us – to be salt and light of the world it is not so that they can draw attention and glory to themselves. The whole purpose of being salt and light is to lead others into right relationship with one another and with God. Whilst the translation we have clearly states that disciples are to be salt and light of the world, it is just as clear that the intention is that they/we be salt and light for the world.

## Thought of the Day...

I LOVE TO MAKE LISTS.

I ALSO LIKE TO LEAVE THEM ON THE KITCHEN COUNTER AND THEN GUESS WHAT'S ON THE LIST WHILE AT THE STORE.



## Please Pray For...

### Recent Deaths:

**Anniversaries:** Francis (Frank) Williamson, Luke de Winter, David Ross Smith, Ian McQuillan, Margaret Morris, Patricia Booshard, Mary Dwyer, Peter Downton, Terry Fallon, Des McGovern, Gloria Glennon, Fr Raymond White,

**Those Who Are Sick:** Neil Fanning, Glen Englart, Hazel Soriano, Tim & Olivia Zvirblis, Damian Laurence, Fiona Heneghan, Audrey Bentley, Bella Liddy-Morrow, Yvonne Oliveiro, Gregory and Genia Casey, 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

**February Birthdays:** Margaret Greer, Colleen Redinger, Pat McDonnell, Bryan Carlin, Laura Bentley, Michael Kelly, Vic White, Lyn Stephens

## Parish News...

Sat 4/2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o 4.45pm Reconciliation</li> <li>o 6pm Mass</li> </ul>
Sun 5/2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o 9.30am Mass – inc. Children's Liturgy</li> <li>o 10.30am Social Justice Meeting</li> <li>o 5.30pm Mass</li> </ul>
Mon 6/2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o 6.30pm Parish Council Meeting</li> </ul>
Tue 7/2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Mass 10am</li> <li>o 10.30am Prayer Group</li> </ul>
Wed 8/2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o 9.00am Anam Cara in Presbytery</li> <li>o 10am Mass</li> </ul>
Thu 9/2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o 8am SvDP Meeting in Quiet Room</li> <li>o 10am Mass</li> <li>o Craft Group 10.30am</li> </ul>
Fri 10/2	

### Confirmation and First Eucharist 2023 – Enrolments Closing Soon

Enrolments are now open for the Confirmation and First Eucharist program for 2023 which is available for children in Yr 4 and above and who have received the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

- Please click [here](#) for the Initial Parent Letter including program dates and full information.
- Please click [here](#) for the Registration Form. Registrations close on the 13<sup>th</sup> February.

### Happy 50th Wedding Anniversary

We wish to congratulate Bernie and Tina Dever on their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary which was celebrated on the 3rd February 2023.



### Little Black Books/ Lenten Reflections

The Little Black Books for Lent have now arrived and are available for purchase for \$2.00 from the back of the church. Please place your money into the envelope provided and place into the collection plate.

## Word of God Sunday – Pope Francis

“Brothers and sisters, I would like to thank those who work to make sure that the Word of God is shared, proclaimed and put at the centre of our lives. Thank you to those who study and delve into the riches of the Word. Thank you to the pastoral workers and to all Christians engaged in the work of listening to and spreading the Word, especially lectors and catechists. Thank you to those who have accepted the many invitations I have made to take the Gospel with them everywhere and to read it every day. And finally, I especially thank our deacons and priests. Thank you, dear brothers, for you do not let God's holy people be deprived of the nourishment of the Word. Thank you for committing yourselves to meditating on it, living it and proclaiming it. Thank you for your service and your sacrifices. May the sweet joy of proclaiming the Word of salvation be a consolation and reward for all of us”.

### LOL Feast Day and Volunteer's Mass – Morning Tea & BBQ – Next Weekend

Please join us next weekend to celebrate all our wonderful volunteers at:

- the sausage sizzles after the 6pm and 5.30pm Masses or
- the morning tea after the 9.30am Mass. Please bring a plate to share for morning tea.



### Date Claimers:

- 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> February – Our Lady of Lourdes Feast Day and Volunteers Mass and Morning Tea/BBQ
- 11<sup>th</sup> February – World Day of the Sick
- 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> February - Project Compassion Launch
- 21<sup>st</sup> February – Shrove Tuesday
- 22<sup>nd</sup> February – Ash Wednesday
- 26<sup>th</sup> February – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent
- 26<sup>th</sup> February – Workshop 1 for Communion/Confirmation
- 14<sup>th</sup> March – Anointing Mass at 10am
- 17<sup>th</sup> March – St Patrick's Day

Time	Altar Servers	Welcomers	Commentary	Ministers of the Word	Offertory Procession	Extraordinary Ministers	I pad Operator	Piety Stall
11 <sup>th</sup> Feb at 6pm	E Ward	K Roberts R Campbell	L Borger	J Wilson N Doyle	G Hoopert & family	D Clark	M Connell	M Cushway
12 <sup>th</sup> Feb at 9.30am	J Newman	P Town C Watson	J Anderson	M Ondrus M Conrick	Coonan Family	J Coman	M McLean	A Suhr
12 <sup>th</sup> Feb at 5.30pm	H Ryan E Haylock	J & C Sullivan	J Ryan	J Axtell M Whitelegg	Ryan Family	A Jessen	K Langdale	M Ryan

## Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver – 2023 Fundraiser

The Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver are hosting their first fundraiser for 2023. "Mother and Son" is a delightful comedy adapted for stage. It features everyone's favourite Mum and her long-suffering son Arthur. The play navigates the complex and hilarious relationships among Arthur and his mother, his new girlfriend and his dentist brother and wife who are always willing to assist with Maggie. The play is being presented at the Repertory Theatre on Tuesday February 21. Doors will open at 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start. Tickets are \$25 each and include supper. A raffle with excellent prizes will be available. Tickets can be purchased from The Sisters on 07 46321818 or Helen on 0416055976. All proceeds go to The Missions.

## Marion Valley Bus Trip

Marian Valley – Shrine of Our Lady Help of Christians is about 10km from Canungra and south of Brisbane in the Gold Coast Hinterland. The next bus trip to Marian Valley will occur on Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> February. The bus will depart from Neil Street, outside St Pat's at 7.30am and the cost is \$40. For bookings, please contact Theresa on 0434 528 904. For more information about Marian Valley click [here](#)

## Job Vacancy – Parish Secretary Part-Time

Holy Name Parish is seeking a suitably experienced person for the role of Parish Secretary. 15 hrs. pw. For further information please phone Fr Darrell on 0466 283 750

## What's on at Sychar Evening Prayer in the style of TAIZE

Seven Monday sessions 6 February to 20 March  
6.00 pm – 7.00 pm (approx)

[See flyer for details](#)

[Book now via Try Booking](#)

## Encountering the Christ of the Gospels

Eight sessions 7 February – 28 March  
9.30 am – 12.00 pm

[See flyer for details](#)

[Book now via Try booking](#)

## Christian Meditation (WCCM)

Weekly Tuesday Meditation at 4.00 pm during school term

[See flyer for details](#)

## Contemplative (Centering) Prayer

11.00 am – 12.00 pm Thursdays  
beginning 9 February

[See flyer for details](#)

[Book now via Try Booking](#)

## Men Seeking Wisdom

Weekly Thursday sessions  
7.00 pm to 8.30 pm

For information contact one of the following:

Robie Jayawardhana [rjayawardhana@gmail.com](mailto:rjayawardhana@gmail.com)

Jason Obst [job70644@bigpond.net.au](mailto:job70644@bigpond.net.au)

Peter Nolan [nolan8@bigpond.com](mailto:nolan8@bigpond.com)

## Anam Cara (Spiritual Conversation in the Ignatian tradition)

Weekly Friday sessions 1.00pm – 2.00 pm (approx)

Come and See Sessions 10 & 24 March [Flyer](#)

For further information contact Clare Smith or Mary Allen at [clare\\_james1@bigpond.com](mailto:clare_james1@bigpond.com) or [maryallen@inet.net.au](mailto:maryallen@inet.net.au)

## Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for February

### For parishes

We pray that parishes, placing communion at the centre, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.

The Pope tells us that "Parishes are not a club for the few, which give a certain kind of social belonging." Parishes "have to become once again schools of service and generosity, with their doors always open to those who are excluded. And to those included. To all." They must be "close-knit communities, without bureaucracy, people-centered."

Please click [here](#) to hear a short message from Pope Francis.

## Looking through the Lens of Laudato Si'

7 Questions to Ask Measuring Integral Ecology in Our Lives

### Week 4:

The Adoption of Sustainable Lifestyles is grounded in the idea of sufficiency, and promoting sobriety in the use of resources and energy. Actions could include reducing waste and recycling, adopting sustainable dietary habits (opting for a more plant-based diet and reducing meat consumption), greater use of public transport, active mobility (walking, cycling), and avoiding single use items (e.g. plastic, etc.).

### Are we responding in a way that leads to a simpler lifestyle?

Are we considering ways in which we can use less resources and energy systems as we go about our daily life?

E.g. Could I use my car less by combining outings? Could I walk or use public transport?



## WELCOME VISITORS AND NEW PARISHIONERS

If you are new to the area or have recently started attending Church services at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish and would like to be added to our Parish register to receive our weekly bulletin and/or other parish information please complete the following details.

TITLE: ..... NAME:.....

ADDRESS.....POSTCODE.....

PHONE NUMBER.....EMAIL ADDRESS.....

Please add me to your Parish Register: Yes  No

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We seek your permission to use the information collected to fulfil the Parish commitment. Yes  No

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