

# 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**

**weekday masses - Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 10am**

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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, 15<sup>th</sup> January 2023 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

### First Reading

[Is 49:3. 5-6](#)

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

*I will make you the light of the nation so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.*

The Lord said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I shall be glorified'; I was honoured in the eyes of the Lord, my God was my strength. And now the Lord has spoken, he who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, to gather Israel to him: 'It is not enough for you to be my servant, to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back the survivors of Israel; I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.'

### Responsorial Psalm

[Ps 39:2. 4. 7-10. R. vv.8. 9.](#)

(R.) Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.

1. I waited, I waited for the Lord and he stooped down to me; he heard my cry. He put a new song into my mouth, praise of our God. (R)

2. You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings, but an open ear. You do not ask for holocaust and victim. Instead, here am I. (R.)

3. In the scroll of the book it stands written that I should do your will. My God, I delight in your law in the depth of my heart. (R.)

4. Your justice I have proclaimed in the great assembly. My lips I have not sealed; you know it, O Lord. (R.)

### Second Reading

[1 Cor 1:1-3](#)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

*The grace and peace of God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.*

I, Paul, appointed by God to be an apostle, together with brother Sosthenes, send greetings to the church of God in Corinth, to the holy people of Jesus Christ, who are called to take their place among all the saints everywhere who pray to our Lord Jesus Christ; for he is their Lord no less than ours. May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

### Gospel Acclamation

[Jn 1:14. 12](#)

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Word of God became flesh and dwelt amount us.

He enabled those who accepted him to become the children of God.

Alleluia!

### Gospel

[Jn 1:29-34](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

*This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world*

Seeing Jesus coming towards him, John said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world. This is the one I spoke of when I said: A man is coming after me who ranks before me because he existed before me. I did not know him myself, and yet it was to reveal him to Israel that I came baptising with water.' John also declared, 'I saw the Spirit coming down on him from heaven like a dove and resting on him. I did not know him myself, but he who sent me to baptise with water had said to me, "The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and rest is the one who is going to baptise with the Holy Spirit." Yes, I have seen and I am the witness that he is the Chosen One of God.'

Next Week's Readings (21<sup>st</sup> /22<sup>nd</sup> January 2023) – Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: [Is 8:23 – 9:3](#) 2nd Reading: [1 Cor 1:10-13, 17](#) Gospel: [Mt 4:12-23](#)

## 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

#### Baptism of Jesus

Each of the three synoptic gospels (Mark, Luke and Matthew) presents an account of the baptism of Jesus. All three versions record the Spirit descending in the form of a dove. In the fourth gospel, it is interesting that the gospel writer does not actually give an account of the baptism as by the time of this gospel's writing the story is well entrenched in the Christian culture. Instead of a baptism account, John the Baptist appears to recall the event. Rather than needing to describe the event, this gospel writer treats it as a given and simply refers to it.

## Sunday Reflection...

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Ours is an historical religion. It not only unfolds within the joys and disappointments of time and place, but it is rooted in actual events that took place in the lives of real people. The Christ to whom we commit ourselves is not a mythic character, a figment of communal religious imagination. He is someone who was born into history, at a specific period of time, in a particular place. He was known by real people like John the Baptist; he submitted himself to historical rituals like baptism. He had followers who testified to the truth of both his existence and his life. Jesus was a man of history. Like Paul, we too have been called to be apostles. We received this call when we were baptised. The beginning of the year, with its custom of making new resolutions, is a wonderful time to remember to what we have committed ourselves. At times it seems that our own apostleship is no less daunting than was Paul's. However, it is no less immediate either. Whether the period of history is the first half of the first century, as was the time of Jesus, or the second half, as was the time of Paul, or the twenty-first century, as is our time, salvation unfolds within the events of time. Furthermore, the followers of Jesus always return to the events of his life in order to discover the meaning of the events in their lives. These past events are reinterpreted in the ongoing present. Discipleship is never otherworldly.

### LIVING THE GOSPEL

#### Pointing the way

*John the Baptist fills the role of 'pointing the way' to Jesus. In our own lives we also have the ability to 'point the way' towards Jesus. It doesn't need to be as blatant as John's 'Look, there he is!' However, the way we choose to live our life can point the way just as powerfully as John did. More often than not, our actions speak much more powerfully than any words we might utter. Consistently treating others with respect, maintaining prayer as a central part of life and working for justice in the world will make an impression on others and point the way to Jesus.*

### GOSPEL FOCUS

#### Ranking

There is an odd line in today's passage. John reminds the crowd that he had said 'A man is coming after me who ranks before me because he existed before me.' In Jewish tradition, the prophets and patriarchs who came earlier in their history ranked higher than those who came later. They believed that the history of salvation was at its pinnacle with God's self-revelation to Abraham. Successive episodes and characters were regarded as lesser. But John affirms that Jesus ranks before himself because Jesus existed before John. He is saying that Jesus is more than simply the latest in a long line of prophets.

## Thought of the Day...

LANCE IS A VERY UNCOMMON  
NAME NOWADAYS



## Please Pray For...

**Recent Deaths:** Eileen (Meg) Bougoure, Cardinal George Pell

**Anniversaries:** Dorothy Hogan, Simon Davidson, Kevin Ezzy, Norah Dooley, Melua Murray, Michael O'Sullivan, Jack Hogan, Thomas Garner, Joy McLoughlin, Charles and Alma Mountford,

**Those Who Are Sick:** Hazel Soriano, Tim & Olivia Zvirblis, Damian Laurence, Fiona Heneghan, Audrey Bentley, Jan Sullivan, 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

**January Birthdays:** Faye Kroh, Desley O'Connell, Margaret White, Chloe Soriano, Molly Ferguson, Karlie Ward, Lily Ward

## Parish News...

Sat 14/1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o 4.45pm Reconciliation</li> <li>o <b>6pm Mass</b></li> </ul>
Sun 15/1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o <b>9.30am Mass</b></li> <li>o <b>5.30pm Mass</b></li> </ul>
Mon 16/1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o 10am BUPA Liturgy of the Word</li> </ul>
Tue 17/1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o <b>10am LOW</b></li> <li>o 10.30am Prayer Group</li> </ul>
Wed 18/1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o 9.00am Anam Cara in Presbytery (Please note change of time)</li> <li>o <b>10am LOW</b></li> </ul>
Thu 19/1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o <b>10am LOW</b></li> <li>o 10.30am Craft Group</li> </ul>
Fri 20/1	

## Confirmation and First Eucharist 2023 – Enrolments Now Open

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.** No enrolments will be accepted after this time.



## Weekday Masses

In Father Quinlan's absence next week, there will be a Liturgy of the Word held in place of 10am Mass on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January.

## Australia Day Mass

Please join us for Mass to celebrate Australia Day.

**When:** Thursday 26 January, 10:00am

**Where:** Our Lady of Lourdes Church.

**Morning tea will be served after Mass.**



## Children's Bulletin

Just a reminder that there are printed children's bulletins and colouring pencils provided for the children attending Mass each weekend. They can be found on the table at the back of the church.



## Lenten Program

Please indicate your interest in participating in a Lenten Program this year by adding your name to the list at the back of the church.

## Change of Baptism Days in 2023

Baptisms will be moved back to Sunday's at 10.30am on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month from February. Any Baptisms already booked for Saturday will still be honoured. Baptisms will also continue to be celebrated during weekend Masses. Please contact the Parish office for more information or to book into a Baptism Information evening which are held on the first Wednesday evening of each month.

Time	Altar Servers	Welcomers	Commentary	Ministers of the Word	Offertory Procession	Extraordinary Ministers	I pad Operator	Piety Stall
21 <sup>st</sup> Jan at 6pm	E Ward T Kelly	R Campbell K Roberts	B Witham	M Cleary S Lasserre	P & E Castles	P Hoopert	Kelly Family	G Schoolrl
22 <sup>nd</sup> Jan at 9.30am	S Dias	Dias Family	J Coman	T O'Mara P Murphy	Anderson Family	Consie Hudson	S Connolly	K Kruger
22 <sup>nd</sup> Jan at 5.30pm	H Beutel H Ryan	M & J Ryan	C Smith	B Reardon L Bentley	Ryan Family	A Beeston	K Tague	J Sullivan

## Anam Cara Come & See

Are you looking for spiritual support on your journey of faith?

Could Anam Cara be for you?

Anam Cara is a spiritual conversation group in the Ignatian (Jesuit) tradition, focusing each gathering on a selected piece of scripture for prayerful reflection and sharing,

The OLOL Anam Cara group meets each Wednesday in the Presbytery at 9am. While you are welcome any time, you are invited to see if "Anam Cara" is for you at a Come and See session on **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> Feb at 9am**. Please arrive early so that prayer time can begin promptly at 9am.

For more info contact Clare Smith on 0438 691 661 or Mary Ondrus on 0499 777 784.



## Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for January For educators

We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.

Pope Francis says "Education is an act of love that illuminates the path for us to recover a sense of fraternity, so we will not ignore those who are most vulnerable"

Please click [here](#) for a short video appeal released by the Vatican on January 10<sup>th</sup>.

## 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:

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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@iinet.net.au](mailto:maryallen@iinet.net.au)

## Statement on the death of Cardinal George Pell

by Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB, President, Australian Catholic Bishops Conference

It was with great sadness that I learned of the unexpected death of Cardinal George Pell in Rome on Tuesday evening (Rome time). Cardinal Pell provided strong and clear leadership within the Catholic Church in Australia, as Archbishop of Melbourne and Archbishop of Sydney and as a member of the Bishops Conference for more than 25 years.

His many strengths were widely recognised, both in Australia and around the world, as his Vatican appointments as Prefect of the Secretariat for the Economy and as a member of the Council of Cardinals, an advisory group to Pope Francis, testify.

Cardinal Pell's impact on the life of the Church in Australia and around the world will continue to be felt for many years. As we remember him and reflect on his legacy, I invite all Catholics and other people of goodwill to join in praying for Cardinal Pell, a man of deep and abiding faith, and for the repose of his soul.



AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS CONFERENCE

## World Day of Prayer 2023 – 3<sup>rd</sup> March '23

The World Day of Prayer is an international ecumenical Christian laywomen's initiative. It is run under the motto "Informed Prayer and Prayerful Action," and is celebrated annually in over 170 countries on the first Friday in March. The movement aims to bring together women of various races, cultures and traditions in a yearly common Day of Prayer, as well as in closer fellowship, understanding and action throughout the year. Planning will begin shortly and more information will be available closer to the date or by clicking [here](#).

## 7 Questions to Ask Measuring Integral Ecology in Our Lives – week 1

*Looking through the Lens of Laudato Si'*

On 24th May 2020, the 5th anniversary of Laudato Si', Pope Francis declared an Anniversary Year of Laudato Si'. He outlined a multi-year roll-out plan for action, which encompasses seven sectors in the community: families, dioceses, schools, universities, hospitals/health care centres, business/agricultural farms and religious orders and he outlined seven Laudato Si' goals or ways of measuring ecology in the spirit of Laudato Si'. These questions provide one way of framing and guiding thoughts and actions to engage with the world today and will be shared with you over the coming weeks for your consideration.

This week's question is:

**Am I responding in a way that is listening to the cry of the earth?** Am I considering how my choices will impact the earth and its precious resources? E.g. Is the power I am using coming from a renewable energy source? What impact is the waste I am producing having on the earth?

