

# 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, 6<sup>th</sup> October 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B

### First Reading

[Genesis 2:18-24](#)

A reading from the book of Genesis

*They were two in one flesh.*

The Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone. I will make him a helpmate.' So from the soil the Lord God fashioned all the wild beasts and all the birds of heaven. These he brought to the man to see what he would call them, each one was to bear the name the man would give it. The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of heaven and all the wild beasts. But no helpmate suitable for man was found for him. So the Lord God made the man fall into a deep sleep. And while he slept, he took one of his ribs and enclosed it in flesh. The Lord God built the rib he had taken from the man into a woman, and brought her to the man. The man exclaimed: 'This at last is bone from my bones, and flesh from my flesh! This is to be called woman, for this was taken from man.' This is why a man leaves his father and mother and joins himself to his wife, and they become one body.

### Responsorial Psalm

[Ps 127. R. v.5](#)

(R). May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

1. O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways! By the labour of your hands you shall eat. You will be happy and prosper. (R)

2. Your wife will be like a fruitful vine in the heart of your house; your children like shoots of the olive, around your table. (R)

3. Indeed thus shall be blessed the man who fears the Lord. May the Lord bless you from Zion in a happy Jerusalem all the days of your life! May you see your children's children. On Israel, peace! (R)

### Second Reading

[Hebrews 2:9-11](#)

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

*He who sanctifies, and those who are sanctified have one origin.*

We see in Jesus one who was for a short while made lower than the angels and is now crowned with glory and splendour because he submitted to death; by God's grace he had to experience death for all mankind. As it was his purpose to bring a great many of his sons into glory, it was appropriate that God, for whom everything exists and through whom everything exists, should make perfect, through suffering, the leader who would take them to their salvation. For the one who sanctifies, and the ones who are sanctified, are of the same stock; that is why he openly calls them brothers.

### Gospel Acclamation

[Cf 1 John 4:12](#)

Alleluia, alleluia!

If we love one another, God will live in us in perfect love.

Alleluia!

### Gospel

[Mark 10:2-16](#)

A Reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

*What God has joined together, no one must divide.*

Some Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, 'Is it against the law for a man to divorce his wife?' They were testing him. He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?' 'Moses allowed us' they said 'to draw up a writ of dismissal and so to divorce.' Then Jesus said to them, 'It was because you were so unteachable that he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation God made them male and female. This is why a man must leave father and mother, and the two become one body. They are no longer two, therefore, but one body. So then, what God has united, man must not divide.' Back in the house the disciples questioned him again about this, and he said to them, 'The man who divorces his wife and marries another is guilty of adultery against her. And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another she is guilty of adultery too.' People were bringing little children to him, for him to touch them. The disciples turned them away, but when Jesus saw this he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. I tell you solemnly, anyone who does not welcome the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.' Then he put his arms round them, laid his hands on them and gave them his blessing.

Next Week's Readings (13<sup>th</sup> Oct 2024) – 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B

1st Reading: [Wisdom 7:7-11](#) 2nd Reading: [Hebrews 4:12-13](#) Gospel: [Mark 10:17-30](#)

## Parish Activities

**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.

**FRIENDSHIP & CRAFT 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 Tuesday of the month at 10.30am 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 Quiet Room.

**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 afternoons in the quiet room at the church at 2pm.

## Parish Councillors

Jo Johnston, Ray Johnston, Bernadette Witham, Emma Dever, Melissa McLean, Julie Whittaker, Peter Castles, Georgina Humphrys, Brandon Joesph, Clare Watson

## Safeguarding Children, Young People and Adults at risk:

In Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, we commit ourselves to ensuring the safety and well-being of children, young people and adults at risk in our Parish community. The best interests of the child, young person or adult at risk come first.

Our Parish takes a zero tolerance approach to all forms of abuse. Concerns about the safety of children, young people and adults at risk may be raised with our Parish Safeguarding Representatives, Sue Whitelegg, Jo and Ray Johnston (**0437 839 838**). If you believe anybody is at immediate risk of harm you should phone 000. You are encouraged to provide feedback on Safeguarding policies and procedures.

**Toowoomba Diocese Safeguarding Resources** can be found at <https://www.twb.catholic.org.au/safeguarding-policy-resources/>

## Scriptural Context

### Discipleship

*This section of Mark's Gospel explores what it means to be a disciple. While this particular passage may seem to be a bit out of place, Jesus seems to be stressing to the disciples that there are some bottom lines – some non-negotiables – when it comes to being a disciple. Unlike the Pharisees who are preoccupied with the letter of the Law, Jesus encourages his disciples to get beyond that and understand the spirit of the Law – God's dream for humankind. The shift in the passage to the focus on children seems a little disconnected but the whole passage is about living in the kingdom with the right attitude.*

## Sunday Reflection...

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In marriage, the couple does not merely receive a sacrament, they become one. They become an outward sign of the love of God. They are able to open themselves to each other in love, because God has first loved them. When they become one in marriage, they create something new, something that is a sign of the creative power of God. This in no way minimises the passionate love that they may have, or the unselfishness with which they give themselves to each other. Rather, it underscores the origin of that passion and the model of that unselfishness. We are brothers and sisters of Christ in more than one way. First, through his incarnation, he became one of us, a little lower than the angels. He shared our human existence; he knew the highs and lows of human life. Then he redefined family relationships, claiming that blood bonds were no longer the determinant for establishing kinship. Instead, those who hear the word of God and keep it, those who commit themselves to God in faithful discipleship, are his brothers and sisters. Marriage and other forms of discipleship make religious demands on us. Because we are taking a step into the unknown, they require a profound act of trust – trust in ourselves, trust in each other and, most importantly, trust in God. They also expect openness on our part – openness to give and openness to receive. Unfortunately we associate these characteristics with unpretentious children. While children may possess them because they are innocent, adults must repossess them because we have been recreated in Christ.

## Gospel Focus

### Like a little child

*Most of us at some time or another have been told to 'grow up'; 'stop acting like a child'; or to 'act your age'. It implies that, as we grow older, we have to behave in a more 'responsible' or 'mature' way than when we were children. Jesus turns this on its head and tells us that unless we 'welcome the kingdom like a little child' we will never enter it. The gospels are full of stories about people who call on God's mercy because they recognise that without God they are nothing. When they subsequently receive God's mercy or healing they welcome it all the more – like a little child.*

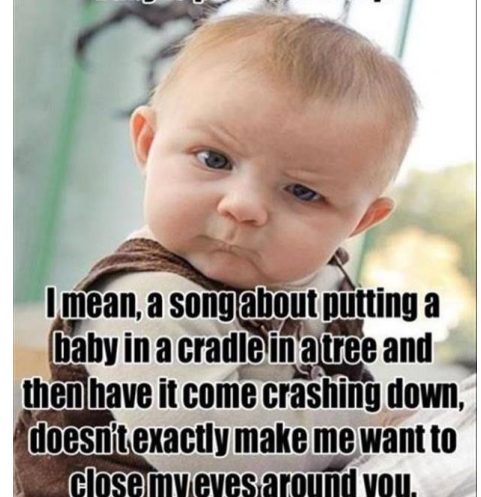
## Historical Context

### Writ of dismissal

*In Jewish tradition, a man could divorce his wife but a woman could not divorce her husband – she could only seek a court ruling to force her husband to divorce her. The grounds for divorce under biblical law were *ervat devar* – meaning 'some fault or indecency'. One legal tradition held that *ervat devar* applied exclusively to adultery while another applied it to anything that was 'offensive' to the husband. To divorce his wife, a man simply had to renounce his wife and ask a court to authorise a writ, or bill, of dismissal – his wife had no chance to challenge his decision.*

## Thought of the day.....

**Stop singing the song, Rock A Bye Baby to put me to sleep.**



**I mean, a song about putting a baby in a cradle in a tree and then have it come crashing down, doesn't exactly make me want to close my eyes around you.**

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## Please Pray For...

### Recent Deaths:

**Anniversaries:** Sydney Johnson, Fr Ray O'Leary, Denis Kae, Don Greer, Ivan Mahoney, Leo Anderson, Dorothy6 Moyle, Carlos De Sliva, Fr Thomas Murphy

**Those Who Are Sick:** Brian Reardon, Jan Sullivan, Van Vu, Bev Brown, Eileen Reedy, Robert McLean, Kevin Arnott, Carmel Green, Ernie Kupfer, Jasmine Fletcher, Margaret Conrick, Hazel Soriano, Tim & Olivia Zvirblis, Audrey Bentley, Yvonne Oliveiro, Gregory and Genia Casey, Noel Lipp, Michael (Micky) Lynch, Frank Kenneally, Carmel & Ron O'Brien, Lillian Roberts, Brian Thomson, Peggy Thies, John Axtell, Noel O'Mara, Mick O'Mara, Patrick Wright

**October Birthdays:** Fr Quinlan, Annette Bishop, Dorothy O'Connor, Bernadette Smith, Sr Pat Quinn, Larry Ryan, Isabella Dwan, Candice Poulton, Anne Suhr, Angus Dwan, Carol Rawlinson.

## Parish News...

Sat 5/10	o 6.00pm Mass
Sun 6/10	o 9.30am Mass including Children's Liturgy o 10.30am Social Justice Meeting o 4.30pm JAM Session o 5.30pm Mass
Mon 7/10	o Office Closed for King's Birthday o 5.30pm Mass at Cathedral o 6.30pm Parish Council Meeting
Tue 8/10	o 10am Mass o 10.30am Prayer Group in Quiet Room o Glenvale Villas Visitation
Wed 9/10	o 9am Anam Cara in the Presbytery o 10am Mass o SPRED 6.30pm
Thu 10/10	o 10am Mass o 10.30am Friendship & Craft Group in Quiet Room
Fri 11/10	

### Date Claimers

12<sup>th</sup> October – No 6pm Mass

13<sup>th</sup> October – Annual Parish Family Mass

13<sup>th</sup> October – No 5.30pm Mass

15<sup>th</sup> October – Anointing Mass

29<sup>th</sup> November – Seniors' Christmas Party

### Mass for Peace in the Middle East

Australian Catholic Bishops' have called for a day of prayer for Peace in the Middle East to be held on Monday 7 October, the memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary. Bishop Ken Howell has asked that we unite in prayer for peace at this time & will lead us in prayer with Mass at 5.30pm Monday 7 October at St Patrick's Cathedral followed by Holy Hour until 7.00pm.

## Annual Parish Family Mass

Please join us to celebrate our Parish Family on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October at 9.30am. Followed by Morning Tea, facepainting and balloon twisting. Come and join in the fun! Set up will be at 8.00am in the school hall.

Please come along and lend a hand.

*Please bring a plate to share for morning tea.*

**Please note:** There will be no other Masses this weekend.



### Music & Choir Practice for Family Mass

A practice for the Family Mass will be held on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October from 10am – 11am. All musicians and singers welcome!!

### Children's Liturgy

Children's Liturgy will recommence this Sunday during the 9.30am Mass. All children from Prep to Year 3 are welcome to attend. Please note there will be no Children's Liturgy on the 13<sup>th</sup> October due to the Family Mass.

### Season of Creation Contemplations Wk 5

A time for you to pause and immerse your senses in the sacredness and interconnectedness of all God's creation. Take this short auto reflection into nature and share it with your friends and family. Click [here](#).

### Parish Council Update

A copy of the Parish Council update is available on the noticeboard at the back of the church.

Time	Altar Servers	Welcomers	Commentary	Ministers of the Word	Offertory Procession	Extraordinary Ministers	I pad Operator	Piety Stall
12 <sup>th</sup> Oct at 6pm				NO MASS				
13 <sup>th</sup> Oct at 9.30am	Volunteers for the Family Mass will be notified by email/phone.							
13 <sup>th</sup> Oct at 5.30pm				NO MASS				

## Volunteers Needed at Lourdes Home

St Vincent's Care Services (Lourdes Home), 227 Spring Street, Toowoomba, is looking for volunteers to help in the following areas:

- Communion ministry Tuesday mornings & Rosary Groups Tues, Wed & Thu (contact Pastoral Care on 0447 720 604)
- Assist residents to play Bingo on a Thursday morning or 1-on-1 Social visits Monday to Friday (contact Rod, Lifestyle, on 4592 6900)

If anyone has a couple of hours to spare, it would be greatly appreciated.

## Day of Prayer for Peace October 7<sup>th</sup> 2024

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference will be marking October 7 as a day of prayer for peace and invite you to join with them and to let others know.

*Adapted from Pope Francis' Fratelli Tutti*

O God, Trinity of love,  
from the profound communion of your divine life, pour out upon us a torrent of sisterly and brotherly love. Grant us the love reflected in the actions of Jesus, in his family of Nazareth,  
and in the early Christian community.  
Grant that we Christians may live the Gospel, discovering Christ in each human being, recognising him crucified in the sufferings of the abandoned and forgotten of our world, and risen in each sister or brother who makes a new start.  
Come, Holy Spirit, show us your beauty, reflected in all the peoples of the earth, so that we may discover anew that all are important and all are necessary, different faces of the one humanity that God so loves.  
AMEN.

## Reflection resources for Advent

Advent Reflection resources include scripture text, reflections and thoughts to provoke prayer and discussion and deepen your spiritual journey through Advent. *Hope Reigns* Archdiocese of Brisbane can be purchased by phoning phone 07 3324 3440 or visiting [www.adventplus.com.au](http://www.adventplus.com.au). *The Light* Diocese of Wollongong can be ordered by phoning 02 4222 2411 or visiting [www.dow.org.au/shop/](http://www.dow.org.au/shop/)

# E NEWS UPDATE

A newsletter from the Catholic Diocese of Toowoomba for clergy, parishes, schools, staff and the wider community.

## SYCHAR HOUSE OF PRAYER AND SPIRITUALITY

Where: 69 Margaret Street, Toowoomba

**SIMPLICITY: THE ART OF LETTING GO – 6 sessions**

Date: Starting Tues 15/10/24 Time: 9:45am 12:30pm

[Register through TryBooking](#)

The sessions offer a compelling call to live with greater mindfulness, inspired by the timeless wisdom of the Franciscan Tradition. We will be encouraged to shift from seeking security in external things to finding peace within, allowing for a more authentic and meaningful spiritual life.

[See flyer to find out more.](#)

## LIVING FROM WITHIN THE LAND OF HOPE

Date: 16/11/24 Saturday Time: 9:00am - 2:30pm

Cost: \$35.00 [Register through TryBooking](#) (see flyer for payment details) Facilitated by Patrick Oliver, the day will be a blend of input and reflection time with an opportunity towards the end of the day for group sharing. However, the accent is upon creating a contemplative space for the Spirit to work within us, and to teach us what we need to know to enable us to live from a place of hope in the midst of troubling times.

[See flyer to find out more.](#)

## BISHOP MICHAEL PUTNEY MEMORY LECTURE

Date: 22/10/24 Tuesday Time: 7:00pm - 9:30pm

Where: Francis Rush Centre, Brisbane Cost: \$10 in person, \$5 live stream [Book tickets here](#) This year's lecture is titled "You are My Flesh and Blood: The Ecology of God" at the guest speaker is Archbishop Mark Coleridge. [Newsletter/social media insert](#)

[See flyer for further information](#)

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<https://www.brisbanecatholichistoricalsociety.org.au/journals/table-of-contents/>

## World Mission Sunday 19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup> October 2024

In the harsh Mongolian winter, where temperatures can dip to minus 40 degrees Celsius, survival is often difficult. In two weeks, we'll share with you the story of Chuluunbaatar, who faces the realities of homelessness on a daily basis. You'll learn how your generous support will help with essential services to people in need like Chuluunbaatar.

**You have the opportunity to partner with this life-giving work, as your prayers and support are crucial in ensuring this program can move forward.**



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