

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, 27th October 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B

First Reading

[Jeremiah 31:7-9](#)

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

I shall lead them back in mercy – both the blind and the lame.

The Lord says this:

Shout with joy for Jacob!

Hail the chief of nations!

Proclaim! Praise!

Shout:

The Lord has saved his people,
the remnant of Israel!

See, I will bring them back
from the land of the North
and gather them from the far ends of
earth;

all of them: the blind and the lame,
women with child, women in labour:
a great company returning here.

They had left in tears,

I will comfort them as I lead them back;
I will guide them to streams of water,
by a smooth path where they will not
stumble.

For I am a father to Israel,
and Ephraim is my first-born son.

Responsorial Psalm

[Ps 32:4-5. 18-20. 22. R. v.22](#)

(R). The Lord has done great things for
us; we are filled with joy.

1. When the Lord delivered Zion from
bondage,
It seemed like a dream.
Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
on our lips there were songs (R)

2. The heathens themselves said:
'What marvels the Lord worked for
them!' What marvels the Lord worked
for us! Indeed we were glad. (R)

3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our
bondage
as streams in dry land.
Those who are sowing in tears
will sing when they reap. (R)

4. They go out, they go out, full of
tears,
carrying seed for the sowing:
they come back, they come back, full of
song,
carrying their sheaves. (R)

Second Reading

[Hebrews 5:1-6](#)

A reading from the letter to the
Hebrews

*You are a priest forever in the line of
Melchizedek.*

Every high priest has been taken out of
mankind and is appointed to act for
men in their relations with God, to offer
gifts and sacrifices for sins; and so he
can sympathise with those who are
ignorant or uncertain because he too
lives in the limitations of weakness.
That is why he has to make sin
offerings for himself as well as for the
people. No one takes this honour on
himself, but each one is called by God,
as Aaron was. Nor did Christ give
himself the glory of becoming high
priest, but he had it from the one who
said to him: You are my son, today I
have become your father, and in
another text: You are a priest of the
order of Melchizedek, and for ever.

Gospel Acclamation

[See 2 Timothy 1:10](#)

Alleluia, alleluia!

Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done
away with death, and brought us life
through His gospel.

Alleluia!

Gospel

[Mark 10:46-52](#)

A Reading from the holy Gospel
according to Mark

Master, grant that I may see.

As Jesus left Jericho with his disciples
and a large crowd, Bartimaeus (that is,
the son of Timaeus), a blind beggar,
was sitting at the side of the road.
When he heard that it was Jesus
of Nazareth, he began to shout and to
say, 'Son of David, Jesus, have pity on
me.' And many of them scolded him
and told him to keep quiet, but he only
shouted all the louder, 'Son of David,
have pity on me.' Jesus stopped and
said, 'Call him here.' So they called the
blind man. 'Courage,' they said 'get up;
he is calling you.' So throwing off his
cloak, he jumped up and went to Jesus.
Then Jesus spoke, 'What do you want
me to do for you?' 'Rabbuni,' the blind
man said to him 'Master, let me see
again.' Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith
has saved you.' And immediately his
sight returned and he followed him
along the road.

Next Week's Readings (2nd/3rd November 2024) – 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B

1st Reading: [Deuteronomy 6:2-6](#) 2nd Reading: [Hebrews 7:23-28](#) Gospel: [Mark 12:28-34](#)

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 Blindness

Blindness is a powerful metaphor that is used repeatedly throughout scripture. It is almost always a metaphor for blindness of heart or blindness of mind rather than a purely physical affliction. There are multiple accounts of healing blindness in the gospel. Saul/Paul is blinded on the road to Damascus and only has his sight restored when he is baptised. The Pharisees are described as being 'blind fools' and there the prophets make numerous references to blind seeing as a sign of the Messiah's arrival. It is a very powerful image of being 'blind' to truth and 'blind' to the teaching of Jesus.

Sunday Reflection...

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Throughout this liturgical year we have examined several aspects of our faith. We have pondered the history of our salvation, the merciful compassion of God, God's willingness to lead us out of the bondage of our addictions. We have meditated often and long on the person of Jesus, on his life and death, on the meaning of his sacrifice, on his resurrection, on his influence in our lives today. We have considered our own ongoing transformation as disciples of Jesus, baptised into his death and resurrection, commissioned to bring the news of his love to all those with whom we come into contact. We have reflected on all of these wonderful deeds of God, and now we must ask the question: What difference has it made? Have we merely acquired some information about the biblical readings, about our religious ancestors, about the ministry of Jesus and the life of the early church? Or have our eyes really been opened; have we been enabled to leave behind whatever prevents us from living the Christian life fully, to abandon our exiles or the trappings of our former lives? Have we accepted more genuinely the Christian responsibilities that are ours as baptised followers of Christ, in our own personal lives, in our families, in our relationships with others, at the workplace? To what degree have we been transformed into Christ? How open have we become to the action of the Spirit in our lives? Have we been made a new creation? And do we recognise Christ in our midst?

LIVING THE GOSPEL

Bartimaeus, a model?

Bartimaeus is a man who has almost nothing in life. His blindness has made him outcast and he is reduced to begging on the side of the road. When he is called to Jesus he jumps up and casts off what may well be his only real possession – his cloak. Yet what he does have in abundance is faith and hope. When asked what he wants Jesus to do, his answer may seem obvious, but his desire to see goes beyond physical sight. He asks for the sight of one who truly believes and to whom the truth of Jesus is revealed. In this way, he is a model to all who would be disciples.



Have you thought?

On the side of the road...

When Jesus encounters Bartimaeus he is sitting by the side of the road – a reject of society sitting off to the side as the world passes him by. There are times in all of our lives when we feel like this: hurt; ashamed; unloved; rejected; cast aside. It is at these moments in our lives that Jesus really wants to 'break through' into our experience. If we allow ourselves to hear his voice calling us to him, then we too can 'throw off our cloak' – our old life – and join him on the road.

Thought of the day.....

Not to brag or anything but I can forget what I'm doing while I'm doing it.



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Please Pray For...

Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries: George Keryk, Alexandria (Lexie) Kruger, Robert (Bob) Watson, Derrick Carrol, Vincente Valencia, Brian Savage, Fr Edmund O'Donnell

Those Who Are Sick: Brian Reardon, Jan Sullivan, Van Vu, Bev Brown, Eileen Reedy, 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 26/10	o 6pm Mass
Sun 27/10	o 9.30am Mass including Children's Liturgy o 5.30pm Mass
Mon 28/10	
Tue 29/10	o 10am Mass o 10.30am Prayer Group Meeting in Quiet Room o 10.30am Liturgy Group Meeting in Presbytery
Wed 30/10	o 9am Anam Cara in the Presbytery o 10am Mass o SPRED 6.30pm
Thu 31/10	o 10am Mass o 10.30am Friendship & Craft Group in Quiet Room
Fri 1/11	o 10am All Saints Day Mass

Date Claimers

- o 2nd November – All Souls Day
- o 3rd November – Oakes Baptism
- o 16th /17th November – World Day of the Poor
- o 17th November – Lonergan Baptism
- o 23rd /24th November – Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
- o 29th November – Seniors' Christmas Party
- o 30th /31st November – 1st Sunday in Advent

Happy World Teachers' Day - 25th October

Thank you to all our extraordinary teachers for their skilled work in educating, inspiring and supporting our students. We appreciate you!



Seniors' Christmas Party

You're invited to Our Lady of Lourdes Senior's Christmas Party which is being held on Friday, 29th November. Commencing with 10am Mass. Morning Tea and Lunch will follow in the McMorrow Centre (school hall). Entertainment will be provided by the school children. Please RSVP on the form at the church entrance or by email to lol.parish@bigpond.com. There is no charge to attend this event.

Blessing and Opening of the new school buildings

On behalf of the parish community, we extend a very special congratulations to all those whose vision, commitment, patience and perseverance has helped realise the extraordinary learning and administration spaces at the school. We pray that all present and future students and staff will find it a place of wonderful learning opportunities enabling them to live out their Catholic faith confidently and respectfully.



Time	Altar Servers	Welcomers	Commentary	Ministers of the Word	Offertory Procession	Extraordinary Ministers	I pad Operator	Piety Stall
2 nd Nov at 6pm	G Hoopert A Mendoza	Hoopert Family	P Kelly B Witham	R Jayawardhana J Kelly	R Campbell M Cushway	H. P Hoopert W. R O'Brien W. S Kelly	C Juillerat	W Hoopert
3 rd Nov at 9.30am	L Anderson J Poulton	P & J Gleeson	T Ryan	T O'Mara C Rawlinson	Dias Family	H. C Anderson W. C Watson W. M McLean	A Winder	A Suhr
3 rd Nov at 5.30pm		S Whitelegg K Langdale	M Whitelegg	B Bambosek Daniel Salty	A Brown C Brown	H. A Beeston W. B Stark W. C Golightly	Desley Salty	V Barker

Prison Sunday

Prison Sunday commenced in 2016, during the Year of Mercy, as an initiative of Pope Francis to observe the Jubilee for Prisoners. "We need to nourish the roots of our hope so that they can bear fruit ... despite whatever evil we have done. There is no corner of our heart that cannot be touched by God's love," Pope Francis said at the time. Each year on the 32nd Sunday in Ordinary, the Catholic Church in Australia marks Prison Sunday, bringing attention to the plight of prisoners and highlighting the important work that prison chaplains undertake. This weekend we are delighted to have Josephine Nolan speak to us about Prison Chaplaincy at the Southern QLD Correctional Centre. Welcome Josephine. Please keep all prisoners and those who care for them in your prayers and thoughts.



Prison Chaplains Needed

Prison Chaplains are needed to service the new Lockyer Valley Correctional Centre, situated near Gatton, which is due to be opened in early 2025. This prison will be able to accommodate 1500 men. Committed Catholic men and women are invited to consider volunteering to assist in this vital pastoral work for four hours on a weekly basis. Chaplains are trained on-site by experienced prison chaplains. In this role, you will be registered as a volunteer with Centacare in the Archdiocese of Brisbane and will require, or be able to acquire, a Blue Card, police check and complete relevant Safeguarding Training. If you are interested in joining the Chaplaincy Team, please contact any of the following people for further information.: Josephine Nolan, Chaplain at Southern Qld Correctional Centre Ph 0421 270 461, Judy Norris, Director Pastoral Ministries, Centacare Brisbane Ph 07 3324 3193 or Deacon Russ Nelson, Prison Chaplain Brisbane Ph 027 743 534

E NEWS UPDATE

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

NEW ONLINE DV SEMINAR SERIES - DATE CHANGE

Date: 31/10/24 Thursday Time: 5:00pm-6:00pm

Where: Online

The first session - Getting Started: Practical Steps to be Part of the Solution

Registration: <https://www.trybooking.com/CUTQB>

The seminar will go through measures that can easily be implemented by churches to raise awareness about Domestic Family Violence. [Download Flyer for printing](#)
[Download flyer for social media.](#)

KNOWN WOMEN'S RETREAT

Date: 2/11/24 Saturday Time: 8:45am-5:30pm

Where: Holy Name Parish, Bridge St Tmba

[Register via TryBooking](#)

This retreat is open to all women 18+ who want to develop a deeper understanding of their faith and are searching for an authentic relationship with the Lord and with other like minded women. The retreat includes guest speakers, reflective prayer, adoration, confession, the rosary, praise and worship, wonderful sisterhood, catholic merchandise, creative outlets & all meals. 6pm Vigil Mass will be available after the retreat (optional).

INVITATIONAL CULTURE: MASTERCLASS WITH MICHAEL HARVEY

Date: 2/11/24 Saturday Time: 1:00pm-4:00pm

Where: Francis Rush Centre, Charlotte St Bne

Hosted by Alpha Australia, in collaboration with Evangelisation Brisbane, join us for a masterclass on building an invitational culture within your community led by renowned author, coach and leader Michael Harvey. [Book tickets here.](#)
[See flyer for further details.](#)

LAUNCH: LET'S BUILD RESPECTFUL COMMUNITIES

Date: 31/10/24 Thursday

Time: 1:45pm-3:00pm

Where: Online, register by 30/10/24 [via Trybooking](#) to receive the Zoom meeting link

"Let's build respectful communities" is a new resource developed by Catholic Social Services Victoria (CSSV) to provide key information and to start deeper conversations about what we can all do to respond well and prevent the use of gendered violence. These resources include a poster to raise awareness and a brochure which provides clear and simple information. If you are involved in a parish community please join us for a special online event to launch these new resources.



We would like to thank you for your generosity supporting the Church in Mongolia and House of Mercy.

Thanks to your kindness, people like Chuluunbaatar will have access to the support they need to help them get back on their feet. Your gift will also support a variety of Church programs around the world.

To learn more about the impact your support is making, please visit catholicmission.org.au/our-work. Here, you can also sign up to our regular newsletter to keep up to date with the latest news.

If you have not yet had the opportunity to give, please do so at catholicmission.org.au/mongolia. Your action will make a profound change on people's lives.



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