



Welcome to **OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH**

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We would like to acknowledge the Gialal and Jarowair peoples, Traditional Owners of this land and pay our respects to their Elders past and present.

Sunday, 9th February 2025 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C

First Reading

[Isaiah 6:1-8](#)

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Here am !! Send me.

In the year of King Uzziah's death I saw the Lord seated on a high throne; his train filled the sanctuary; above him stood seraphs, each one with six wings. And they cried out to one another in this way, 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. His glory fills the whole earth.' The foundations of the threshold shook with the voice of the one who cried out, and the Temple was filled with smoke. I said: 'What a wretched state I am in! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have looked at the King, the Lord of hosts.' Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding in his hand a live coal which he had taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. With this he touched my mouth and said: 'See now, this has touched your lips, your sin is taken away, your iniquity is purged.' Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying: 'Whom shall I send? Who will be our messenger?' I answered, 'Here I am, send me.'

Responsorial Psalm

[Ps 137:1-5, 7-8, R. v.1](#)

(R). In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart, you have heard the words of my mouth. Before the angels I will bless you. I will adore before your holy temple. (R.)

2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love which excel all we ever knew of you. On the day I called, you answered; you increased the strength of my soul. (R.)

3. All earth's kings shall thank you when they hear the words of your mouth. They shall sing of the Lord's ways; 'How great is the glory of the Lord!' (R.)

4. You stretch out your hand and save me, your hand will do all things for me. Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands. (R.)

Second Reading

[1 Corinthians 15:1-11](#)

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

I preach what they preach, and this is what you believe.

Brothers, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, the gospel that you received and in which you are firmly established; because the gospel will save you only if you keep believing exactly what I preached to you – believing anything else will not lead to anything. Well then, in the first place, I taught you what I had been taught myself, namely that Christ died for our sins, in accordance with the scriptures; that he was buried; and that he was raised to life on the third day, in accordance with the scriptures; that he appeared first to Cephas and secondly to the Twelve. Next he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died; then he appeared to James, and then to all the apostles; and last of all he appeared to me too; it was as though I was born when no one expected it. I am the least of the apostles; in fact, since I persecuted the Church of God, I hardly deserve the name apostle; but by God's grace that is what I am, and the grace that he gave me has not been fruitless. On the contrary, I, or rather the grace of God that is with me, have worked harder than any of the

others; but what matters is that I preach what they preach, and this is what you all believed.

Gospel

[Luke 5:1-11](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

They left everything and followed him.

Jesus was standing one day by the lake of Gennesaret, with the crowd pressing round him listening to the word of God, when he caught sight of two boats close to the bank. The fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats – it was Simon's – and asked him to put out a little from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking he said to Simon, 'Put out into deep water and pay out your nets for a catch.' 'Master,' Simon replied 'we worked hard all night long and caught nothing, but if you say so, I will pay out the nets.' And when they had done this they netted such a huge number of fish that their nets began to tear, so they signalled to their companions in the other boat to come and help them; when these came, they filled the two boats to sinking point. When Simon Peter saw this he fell at the knees of Jesus saying, 'Leave me Lord; I am a sinful man.' For he and all his companions were completely overcome by the catch they had made; so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were Simon's partners. But Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on it is men you will catch.' Then, bringing their boats back to land, they left everything and followed him.

Next Week's Readings (15th/16th February 2025) – Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C

1st Reading: [Jeremiah 17:5-8](#) 2nd Reading: [1 Corinthians 14:12, 16-20](#) Gospel: [Luke 6:17, 20-26](#)

Parish Activities

ANAM CARA – Wednesday 9.00am in the Presbytery

BAPTISM information mornings are held on the 1st Sunday of the month. Please phone the office if you wish to attend.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY - 9.45am 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 9:45am 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 at 10am every Tuesday in the Quiet Room.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL – meet the 1st Monday of each month at 6.30pm in the Presbytery Meeting Room.

SOCIAL JUSTICE - meet 1st Sunday of the month at 10:45am 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. If you have any concerns about the safety of children, young people and adults at risk please contact our Parish Safeguarding Representatives, Sue Whitelegg or Jo and Ray Johnston on **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

The Call of the disciples

In the other two synoptic gospels – Matthew and Mark – the call of the disciples is one of the first recorded actions of Jesus' adult life. Luke, on the other hand, delays the call until after Jesus' public ministry has commenced. By this stage of the gospel, Jesus has made a public declaration about the nature of his ministry and begun to enact it. In this way, the sort of ministry Jesus will undertake is already established when the disciples are called to join it. It becomes a more conscious decision by the disciples – they know what they're getting in to!

Sunday Reflection...

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Today we consider the call to continue the mission of Jesus by engaging in some form of ministry. The first and the last readings are call narratives; the epistle contains a statement of the faith that undergirds our response to our call; the psalm response celebrates the gracious goodness of God that makes all of this possible. Our call is more than a summons to faith; it is a call to ministry. Isaiah is called in order to be sent; the fishermen are called in order to gather others to Jesus. So it is with us. We are called to be sent out to the world. This call comes to us in the ordinariness of life. It will usually come to us as we wash our nets or our dishes, as we teach or raise children, as we prepare a brief for trial or examine a patient; as we repair cars or work at the computer. The call of God comes to us in the ordinariness of life. We are called to proclaim the message of the resurrection by any and every means possible. Some, like Isaiah and the disciples of Jesus, will witness in open and dramatic ways. They will teach and preach; they will nurse the sick and care for the elderly. Others will witness in less conspicuous ways. They will insist on fair practices in their own workplaces; they will weed out expressions of prejudice and violence so that a new and just world can be fashioned for themselves and for their children. Called in the ordinariness of their lives, they will witness to the death and resurrection in that very ordinariness, thus transforming everything into extraordinariness.



Have you thought? Do not be afraid

When Peter is overcome by the catch of fish and falls on his knees before Jesus, the response Jesus makes is to simply say, 'Do not be afraid'. This phrase is the most often repeated phrase in the Bible. It appears more than 60 times throughout the Bible – depending on which translation one uses. This is an extraordinary number of times for the one phrase to appear. And the references stretch from the first book, Genesis, to the last, Revelation. It is God's message to us echoing throughout the Bible: Do not be afraid!

Living the Gospel

Hearing the Call

Like Isaiah and Peter, each and every one of us is called. It may not happen through Jesus stepping into our boat, but when we quieten our minds and our hearts enough to really listen, we become aware that God truly is calling to each and every one of us. The call comes to us through our friends; our experiences; our hopes and our fears. Sometimes we are so afraid of hearing the call that we fill our lives with noise and distractions. We fear that the call will involve hardship, or at the very least: unpopularity. But that's no excuse!

Thought of the week...

IF MONEY DOESN'T
GROW ON TREES....



WHY DO BANKS
HAVE BRANCHES?

Please Pray For...

Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries (7th-13th February): Terry Fallon, Des McGovern, Gloria Glennon, Anne Fisher, Edna Thomson, Dan Shine, Mary Richters, Marie Langton, Veronica Hodgkinson, Annette Baxter, Ellen Locke, John Arnell, Eileen Bell, Andrew McKindlay, Fr Raymond White, Rev James Byrne DD,

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

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

Parish News...

Sat 8/2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o 2pm Choir Practice in Church o 3.30pm Set up church/ hall for Sunday o NO 6pm Mass
Sun 9/2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o 9.30am Mass followed by Morning Tea in the school hall for Fr Quinlan's farewell and to welcome Fr Jamie and Rev. BJ. o NO 5.30pm Mass
Mon 10/2	
Tue 11/2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o LOL Feast Day Mass at 10am in the school hall o 10.30am Prayer Group in the Quiet Room
Wed 12/2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o 9am Anam Cara in the Presbytery o 6.30pm SPRED in the Church
Thu 13/2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Mass 10am o 10.30am Craft in the Quiet Room o 2pm St Vincent de Paul Meeting in Quiet Room
Fri 14/2	

Date Claimers:

- 15th February – 6.30pm Mass
- 16th February – 9.45am Mass
- 17th February – BUPA Visitation
- 23rd February – 10.45am Confirmation/First Communion Workshop 1
- 27th February – Office Closed

Our Lady of Lourdes Feast Day – 11th Feb

On Tuesday 11th February, we celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. This year, Mass will be celebrated in the school hall at 10.00am. Everyone is welcome to attend.

New Mass Rosters

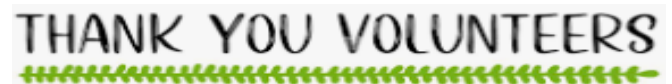
Thanks to those who have volunteered for a Mass Ministry. The rosters have now been completed and sent out. A printed copy is available by request for those without a computer. We thank you for your ongoing support to the parish.

Thank you Volunteers!

This weekend we acknowledge and thank all the wonderful volunteers who serve in our parish. From the very young to the young at heart, we would not be able to offer the many programs or maintain the upkeep of the Church and its grounds, without their service and talent. May we remember to keep in our prayers all our volunteers – past, present and future. May God continue to strengthen and call us.

Prayer for Volunteers

Jesus, we were created in the image of your love. Even now you call your Church to be your hands & feet, to offer loving service to one another in your name. We give you thanks for the Spirit you send to sustain and strengthen us in our works of love. We give you thanks for the members you raise up to respond with special service, each in their own way, to the needs of our parish and our local communities. Please bless all who freely labour for your love, especially the volunteers who give of themselves. Bring to fulfilment the gifts they offer in hope of a better world, and help us to see in one another the beauty and dignity that you bestow on each person. Renew our hearts in grace and gratitude, that we may always find new reasons for joy. Amen.



New Email Addresses for Parish Office

Please be advised that the parish office has been issued with new email addresses which are now in use. Please update our contact details as the old addresses will be phased out in the very near future. New addresses are as follows:

- Parish Secretary (Karlie and Teresa) – ourladyoflourdesparish@twb.catholic.org.au
- Pastoral Coordinator (Jenny) – lol.pastoralcoordinator@twb.catholic.org.au

	Altar Servers	Welcomers	Commentary	Ministers of the Word	Offertory Procession	Extraordinary Ministers	I pad Operator	Piety Stall
15th Feb at 6.30pm	G Hoopert A Mendoza	G Schoorl M Cushway	G Ferguson	B Witham R O'Brien	Ward Family	H. w Hoopert W. W Castles W. R O'Brien	M Connell	G Schoorl
16th Feb at 9.45am	J Poulton S Dias	A Suhr P Town	J Coman	J Bonell A Cournane	Poulton Family	H. T Ryan W. C Watson W. P Murphy	K Kruger	M Webb

This Sunday – 9th February

LOLO Parish Farewell & Welcome

**9th February 2025
9.30am Mass**

**Please join us to
Farewell Fr Quinlan and
Welcome Fr Jamie & BJ**

**Morning Tea will be shared
after Mass**

Please bring a plate to share

**Please note: There will be no 6pm or
5.30pm Mass that weekend**

The Synod and the Australian Church: where to now?

A free presentation (via Zoom) from 7.30pm–9.00pm on Wednesday 19 February 2025.

The presenters are two Synod participants: Bishop Shane Mackinlay and Dr Sandie Cornish (TBC).

As well as relating their experiences of the final meeting, the presentations and discussion will highlight key issues such as the role of women in the Church, the diversity of opinions across the global Church, and the scope for local autonomy. A key question is how the Australian Church will implement the results of the Synod and address unresolved issues. Click [here](#) to register

Cybersafety Parent Information Night

Join us for an educational & empowering session with Susan McLean, Australia's foremost expert in the area of Cybersafety and young people.



Susan's unparalleled knowledge will leave audiences shocked at the reality of the online world. The session will cover positive benefits of technology as well as what parents and carers need to be aware of.



6:00pm
25 FEBRUARY, 2025

LOLO School Hall
2 ASCOT ST, NEWTOWN

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ENEWS UPDATE

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

ADMINISTRATION SUPPORT OFFICER, ST ANTHONY'S PARISH TOOWOOMBA

St Anthony's Parish Community is looking for an Admin Support Officer to work up to 20 hours per week. Days and hours are negotiable. [See Position Description for details.](#) Please submit your resume to Fr Jamie Collins (admin@stanthonysparish.com.au) by 10/2/25.

CLERGY APPOINTMENTS:

Fr Franco Filipetto VG will be on sabbatical leave during March to the beginning of June. In his absence **Fr Periya Savarimuthu** will be Administrator of Warwick.

Fr James Cronin will be Vicar General during Fr Franco's leave.

Fr Peter Dorfield has been appointed Chancellor of the diocese.

Fr John Quinlan will retire 8 February.

Fr Jamie Collins has been appointed Priest Director of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish from 8 February.

We welcome to the Toowoomba Diocese **Fr Kritsada Sukkaphat** and **Fr John Fowles**. Fr Kritsada is from Thailand and will arrive here on 14 February for ministry for a period of 12 months. Fr John is a priest of Wagga Wagga Diocese. He will begin here on 23 February. Please make Frs Kritsada and John welcome to the diocese.

ONLINE ADULT FAITH SHORT COURSES

Looking for opportunities to flesh out your faith? BBI-TAITE offer a wide variety of interesting short Adult Faith Courses throughout the year. Courses are run online via Zoom. [Visit the website for further details and to register.](#)

JUBILEE 2025

Jubilee of Artists 16-18 February

Catholics are being invited to reflect on the importance of art and artists as the church marks the Jubilee of Artists from February 15-18. The Jubilee of Artists is one of dozens of major events under the banner of the Jubilee year, which has the theme "Pilgrims of Hope".

As part of the celebrations, the National Liturgical Architecture and Art Council - an expert advisory body to the Bishops Commission for Liturgy of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference - has issued an "Invitation to Artists".

Bishops' delegate to the council, our diocese's own Bishop Ken Howell, encouraged parishes to engage more closely with artists and architects and for artists to read and reflect on the invitation. "Art is at its best when it is prophetic and brings inspiration," Bishop Ken said. "We should be harnessing the gifts and insights of our artists in our worshipping communities to better lead people to praise and worship God."

Read the full "[Invitation to Artists](#)" and [more about the Jubilee here.](#)

OTHER JUBILEES DURING FEBRUARY

8-9/2/25 Jubilee of Armed Forces, Police and Security Personnel

21-23/2/25 Jubilee of Deacons

JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE

[You can find out what Jubilee 2025 means and further resources on the website.](#)

Liturgy Brisbane's [latest edition of LitEd is devoted to the Jubilee year](#), looking at this year's events and the history.

Changes to weekday Mass/Liturgy of the Word (LOW)

From Monday 10th February, Mass/LOW will be offered every Thursday at 10am. The Parish Pastoral Council is seeking your opinion as to what other arrangements you would like considered. Please contact the Parish Office on 4634 1453 if you have any suggestions or comments.