



Welcome to **OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH**

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Parish Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9:00am - 1:00pm

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Weekday Mass - Thursday 10am

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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 March 2025 First Sunday of Lent – Year C

First Reading

[Deuteronomy 26:4-10](#)

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

The confession of faith of the elect.

Moses said to the people: 'The priest shall take the panner from your hand and lay it before the altar of the Lord your God. Then, in the sight of the Lord your God, you must make this pronouncement: "My father was a wandering Aramaean. He went down into Egypt to find refuge there, few in numbers; but there he became a nation, great, mighty, and strong. The Egyptians ill-treated us, they gave us no peace and inflicted harsh slavery on us. But we called on the Lord, the God of our fathers. The Lord heard our voice and saw our misery, our toil and our oppression; and the Lord brought us out of Egypt with mighty hand and outstretched arm, with great terror, and with signs and wonders. He brought us here and gave us this land, a land where milk and honey flow. Here then I bring the first-fruits of the produce of the soil that you, Lord, have given me." You must then lay them before the Lord your God, and bow down in the sight of the Lord your God.'

Responsorial Psalm

[Ps 90:1-2, 10-15. R. v.15](#)

(R). Be with me, Lord when I am in trouble.

1. He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High and abides in the shade of the Almighty says to the Lord: 'My refuge, my stronghold, my God in whom I trust!' (R.)

2. Upon you no evil shall fall, no plague approach where you dwell. For you have commanded his angels, to keep you in all your ways. (R.)

3. They shall bear you upon their hands lest you strike your foot against a stone. On the lion and the viper you will tread and trample the young lion and the dragon. (R.)

4. His love he set on me, so I will rescue him; protect him for he knows my name. When he calls I shall answer: 'I am with you.' I will save him in distress and give him glory. (R.)

Second Reading

[Romans 10:8-13](#)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

The confession of faith of the believers in Christ.

Scripture says: The word, that is the faith we proclaim, is very near to you, it is on your lips and in your heart. If your lips confess that Jesus is Lord and if you believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, then you will be saved. By believing from the heart you are made righteous; by confessing with your lips you are saved. When scripture says: those who believe in him will have no cause for shame, it makes no distinction between Jew and Greek: all belong to the same Lord who is rich enough, however many ask for his help, for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

Gospel

[Luke 4:1-13](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus was led by the Spirit through the wilderness where he was tempted.

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit through the wilderness, being tempted there by the devil for forty days. During that time he ate nothing and at the end he was hungry. Then the devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to turn into a loaf.' But Jesus replied, 'Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone.'

Then leading him to a height, the devil showed him in a moment of time all the kingdoms of the world and said to him, 'I will give you all this power and the glory of these kingdoms, for it has been committed to me and I give it to anyone I choose. Worship me, then, and it shall all be yours.' But Jesus answered him, 'Scripture says: You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.' Then he led him to Jerusalem and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God', he said to him 'throw yourself down from here, for scripture says: He will put his angels in charge of you to guard you, and again: They will hold you up on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.' But Jesus answered him, 'It has been said: You must not put the Lord your God to the test.' Having exhausted all these ways of tempting him, the devil left him, to return at the appointed time.

Next Week's Readings (15th/16th March 2025) – Second Sunday of Lent – Year C
1st Reading: [Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18](#) 2nd Reading: [Philippians 3:17-4:1](#) Gospel: [Luke 9:28-36](#)

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 Joseph, 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 temptations

The three temptations Jesus faces all focus upon the nature of his mission and ministry. The first temptation is to miraculously feed himself – is his ministry to be about himself or others? The second is to take power and authority over all the world – to fulfil the human expectations of what a Messiah ought to be or fulfil God's plan of service, rather than domination? The third temptation is about grandstanding – to make a spectacular declaration of his arrival or to minister to the lowly and reveal himself in that way?

Sunday Reflection...

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Lent is a time when we are reminded that there is nothing we can do to win our salvation. It is a pure gift from God. Like Jesus in the wilderness, we are to allow God's plan to unfold in and through us. Lent is a time for us to enter actively into the mysteries of the death and resurrection of Jesus, and there to marvel at what God has done for us.

The temptations of Jesus are the same temptations that we face when we are inclined to think that somehow we are in control. While the goals of the temptations may be admirable – feed the hungry, bring the world under the control of good, trust in God's power to protect us – we often choose to accomplish them in ways that are less than admirable. We try to perform the extraordinary so that what we do reflects favourably on us. We use brute force in order to achieve control. We put God to the test rather than live peacefully with God's plan as it unfolds within and around us. We seek to become the super-hero, the super-minister, the super-Christian on our own. In his responses to the tempter, we see Jesus constantly deferring to the power of God: It is not by bread alone . . . worship only God . . . do not put God to the test. In a real sense, these temptations are a reminder that the fundamental temptation is to deny our human limitations and refuse to let God be God for us.



Have you thought? The Devil

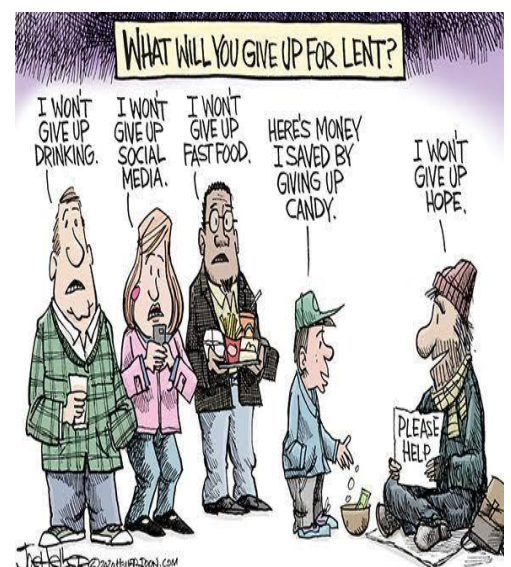
The personification of 'the devil' is sometimes difficult to contemplate. The one who tempts Jesus in the wilderness is referred to in this passage as 'the devil'. Devil is the English translation of a Greek word, diabolos. As the gospel of Luke was originally written in Greek, we can assume that diabolos was the word used. Diabolos has several meanings: the accuser; the slanderer; the one who separates. It is the purpose of the temptations to 'separate' Jesus from God and from his intended approach to his ministry. The temptations we face are often those that 'separate' us from what we know to be right.

Living the gospel

Lent

The 40 days that Jesus spent praying and preparing in the wilderness is reflected in the season of Lent that lasts 40 days from Ash Wednesday until the day before Easter Sunday (not counting Sundays in the season). It has been traditional that during the time of Lent Christian people renew their efforts in prayer, fasting and almsgiving. All three of these practices are actions of preparation. Just as Jesus prepared for his ministry in the wilderness, so too is Lent an opportunity for us to be deliberate about our reflection on what we are called to do in this world.

Thought of the week...



Please Pray For...

Recent Deaths: Alan Smith

Anniversaries (7th – 13th March): Patricia Lucht, Patricia 'Patsy' Wilkes, Moya Coleman, Lewis Duff, Patrick Murphy, Felicity Kruger, Josephine & William O'Dea, May Remeus, Sam Booth, Gerry McNamara, John Hurley, Rev Fr Joseph Skelly, Rev Fr Kevin Ryan, Rev Fr Bernard Kane

Those Who Are Sick: Peter Hickey, Kathie Ober, Brian Reardon, 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

March Birthdays: Thelma Johnstone, Pat McGovern, Regina Thompson, Ron O'Brien, Judy Wilson, Peter Reynolds, Sarah Dias, Harrison Dwan, Kevin Mahoney

Parish News...

Sat 8/3	o 6.30pm Mass
Sun 9/3	o 9.45am Mass o 2 nd Workshop Sacramental Program
Mon 10/3	o 10.30am Funeral Mass for Alan Smith
Tue 11/3	o 10am LOW o 10.30am Prayer Group in the Quiet Room o Glenvale Villas Visitation
Wed 12/3	o 9am Anam Cara in the Presbytery o 6.30pm SPRED in the Church
Thu 13/3	o 10am Mass o 10.30am Craft in the Quiet Room o 2pm SVPD Meeting
Fri 14/3	

Date Claimers:

- 15th/16th March – Parish Council Nominations begin
- 17th March – BUPA Visitation & Feast of St Patrick
- 19th March – Feast of St Joseph
- 20th March – 10am Anointing Mass
- 23rd March – 10.45am Workshop 3 for Sacramental Candidates
- 25th March – Annunciation of the Lord

Parish Council seeks your feedback

The Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) has been working very hard to ensure a smooth transition to the new arrangements following Fr Quinlan's retirement. The PPC will conduct a review of the new arrangements following the trial until Pentecost. The PPC welcomes any comments, ideas or suggestions you have to offer. Please speak to any of the Parish Councillors, or phone the parish office on 4634 1453 or email ourladyoflourdesparish@twb.catholic.org.au

Lenten Group Meeting

The Lenten Group meets each Friday at 9.30am in the Quiet Room. All are welcome to attend.

Anointing Mass Transport

If you require transport to the Anointing Mass on Thursday 20th March at 10am, please contact the office as soon as possible on 4634 1453 or by email at ourladyoflourdesparish@twb.catholic.org.au

Easter Ceremonies – Help Needed

We are looking for volunteers for the Easter Ceremonies. If you are able to help, would you please put your name on the sheet on the table at the back of the church. We need as much help as possible during this busy season. Please don't leave all the work to just a few.

Spiritual Spring-Cleaning tips

Missed the start of Lent? No bother – start whenever you can – even an imperfect attempt is better than none.

Make a plan. Make it achievable. And write it down. Poorly defined goals tend to get lost in the clutter of life.

Keep forgetting to honour your Lenten promise? Diarise it. Set the alarm on your phone. Put sticky notes on the bathroom mirror. Pen it on the back of your hand. Get an accountability partner (kids make excellent ones!)

Regressed to bad habits? Just start over. Don't let the evil one discourage you – recommit regularly to your Lenten promise.

Pope's Monthly Intention for March 25

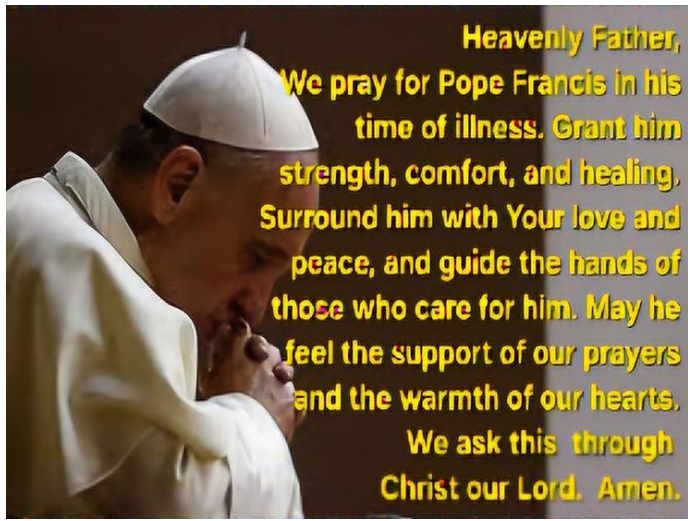
For families in crisis

Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences. Click [here](#) to watch a short video of Pope Francis inviting us to pray for families in crisis, and to reflect on the importance of forgiveness.

Intinction

At Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, it is custom to receive the Blood of Christ from the chalice. *'Take this all of you and drink from it, for this is the chalice of my blood'*. We ask that parishioners be mindful of this and refrain from the practice of self-intincting.

	Altar Servers	Welcomers	Commentary	Ministers of the Word	Offertory Procession	Extraordinary Ministers	I pad Operator	Piety Stall
15 th Mar at 6.30pm	E Ward L Ward	G Schoorl M Cushway	C Ferguson	J Kelly L Walsh	D & N Clark	H. S Kelly W. K Ober W. K Walsh	Kelly Family	D Clark
16 th Mar at 9.45am	E Young	Dias Family	T Ryan	M Cash K Kruger	Watson Family	H. T O'Mara W. A Cournane W. P Murphy	J Cash	C & S Dias



Heavenly Father,
 We pray for Pope Francis in his
 time of illness. Grant him
 strength, comfort, and healing,
 Surround him with Your love and
 peace, and guide the hands of
 those who care for him. May he
 feel the support of our prayers
 and the warmth of our hearts.
 We ask this through
 Christ our Lord. Amen.

Transport to Mass

If you are unable to drive or the new Mass times or a change in your mobility makes getting to Mass more difficult, please let the Parish Office staff know. We are very blessed to have generous volunteers who can provide transport for you. If you would like to be included on the list of transport providers, please contact the Parish Office on 4634 1453.

ENews UPDATE

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

CYCLONE ALFRED UPDATE

Our prayers are with everyone in the path of Cyclone Alfred. Please follow the advice of emergency services and take recommended steps to stay safe. For information regarding church closures, watch Facebook. Do not travel if it is not safe to do so or you have been advised to stay home. For emergency assistance, call SES 132 500 For life-threatening emergencies, call 000

BOM Weather Warnings www.bom.gov.au/qld/warnings/
 Preparedness via Get Ready QLD www.getready.qld.gov.au
 Ergon Energy Outage Finder and Outage Preparedness www.ergon.com.au/network/outages

Toowoomba Regional Council Disaster Dashboard www.disaster.tr.qld.gov.au

ABC rolling news coverage of Cyclone Alfred [Tropical Cyclone Alfred live updates](#)

ROMA ST PATRICK'S IRISH NIGHT

Date: 15/3/25 Saturday Time: 6:00pm-11:00pm

Where: St John's School, Duke St Roma Cost: \$25.00pp

How do musicians show off on St Patrick's Day? They play the bragpipes!

No bagpipes at Roma's St Patrick's Day Dinner - but Maggie's Music will be playing through the night. Along with Irish stew, bar and Irish dancing, it's sure to be a good night. Grab your friends, don your green and get ready for a night of laughter and luck!

Tickets available through [EventBrite](#), Roma Parish Office ph 07 4622 1075 or on the night.

MARONITE MASS

Date: 23/3/25 Sunday Time: 11:00am

Where: St Anthony's Church, Memory St Tmba

Fr Fadi Salami, the Maronite Priest from Brisbane, will be Celebrating Mass in the Maronite Rite on Sunday 23/3/25. Father is offering the Mass for all the members of the Lebanese Community who have died since the beginning of last year. All parishioners are warmly invited to attend.

LENTEN RESOURCES

The Pope's Lenten Message for 2025 is on the Vatican website: [MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR LENT 2025](#).

The Dicastery for Integral Human Development is making available infographics and visual resources that you can freely download, and these will be updated during the course of the season: [EN: bit.ly/Lent_2025](http://EN.bit.ly/Lent_2025)

WAY OF THE CROSS

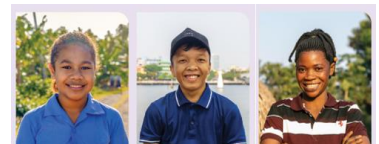
With full-page illustrations of each station, this booklet by Liturgy Brisbane gives a scriptural Way of the Cross from the Last Supper to the Resurrection. Ideal for use in the parish or schoolroom during Lent, the simple format includes a scriptural text, people's responses and verses of the hymn Stabat Mater.

[Purchase from Liturgy Brisbane here.](#)



PROJECT COMPASSION

First Sunday of Lent 8th and 9th of March 2025



Project Compassion 2025 shares three stories from around the world. We'll meet **Toefuata'iga** - (*Toy-foo-ah-tah-ing-ah*) from Samoa, **Lam** from Vietnam and **Irene** from the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC). Each of this year's stories reflects diverse challenges, yet they are united by the shared determination to overcome adversity and create better futures for themselves and their communities.

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