



Welcome to **OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH**

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

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Mass times: Saturday: 6:30pm Vigil | Sunday: 9.45am

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, 13th April 2025 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord – Year C

First Reading

[Isaiah 50:4-7](#)

A reading from the prophet Isaiah
I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will not be ashamed.

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied he provides me with speech. Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

Responsorial Psalm

[Ps 21:8-9. 17-20. 23-24. R. v.2](#)

(R.) My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

1. All who see me deride me. They curl their lips, they toss their heads. 'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him; let him release him if this is his friend.' **(R.)**

2. Many dogs have surrounded me, a band of the wicked beset me. They tear holes in my hands and my feet. I can count every one of my bones. **(R.)**

3. They divide my clothing among them. They cast lots for my robe. O Lord, do not leave me alone, my strength, make haste to help me! **(R.)**

4. I will tell of your name to my brethren and praise you where they are assembled. 'You who fear the Lord give him praise; all sons of Jacob, give him glory. Revere him, Israel's sons.' **(R.)**

Second Reading

[Philippians 2:6-11](#)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high.

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are, and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel Acclamation

[Philippians 2:8-9](#)

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Christ became obedient for us even to death dying on the cross. Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel

[Luke 22:14 - 23:56](#)

The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

Please be seated for reading of the long Gospel.

You are invited to join in and participate as a congregation and read the crowd parts on the screen when prompted.



Next Week's Readings (19th/20th April 2025) – Easter Sunday – Year C

1st Reading: [Acts of the Apostles 10:34. 37-43](#) 2nd Reading: [Colossians 3:1-4](#) Gospel: [Luke 24:1-12, John 20:1-9](#)

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/>

Historical Context

Crucifixion

The Romans used crucifixion as a deterrent against insurrection and rebellion. Not only was it an agonising death it was usually a slow, drawn out death – taking days to die. Victims were always crucified in public settings; alongside main thoroughfares or on hilltops outside a city. The victims were left on the cross for weeks while birds and wild dogs ate their bodies. The idea of crucifixion was that nothing was left to bury as this was the ultimate domination and humiliation of the rebel. The account of Jesus dying within a few hours is very unusual.

Sunday Reflection...

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In this final Lenten Sunday we look again at the significance of Christ in our lives. We recognise him as our saviour, but we look more closely in order to discover just what kind of saviour he is. He has taken the form of a slave; he has been glorified with a name above all other names; he continues to suffer with us.

We have not been saved through military power, but through the self-offering humility of Jesus. Though he was really in the form of God, Jesus came in the form of a slave. We have a saviour who was crushed for our iniquities, nailed to a cross as a convicted felon, and there endured the sense of abandonment. In the face of this, we must ask a fundamental question: Why does God love us with such abandon? We have a saviour who was lifted up and exalted precisely because he emptied himself of his divine prerogatives. He became one of us in order to show us how we are to live. Unlike conquerors who triumph by putting down their opponents, Jesus was raised up because he himself was first willing to be put down.

We have a saviour who first offered himself for us and then continues to offer himself to us as an example to follow. As he was willing to empty himself for our sake, so we are told to empty ourselves for the sake of others.

Gospel Focus

Changing expectations

The early audience of the gospel accounts would have known exactly what was meant by crucifixion. It was an all too familiar reality for them as the Romans sought to suppress any suggestion of opposition to their rule. The early audience would have recognised that the account of Jesus' death and burial was not in keeping with their knowledge of what normally happened. They would have known that something special was being conveyed through this story. They would have known that the story of his death was only a prelude to the real story of Jesus' passion – his resurrection.

Scriptural Context

One with the lost

Throughout the Gospel of Luke, Jesus is portrayed as not only the champion of the poor and outcast, but indeed being one with them. The witnesses to his birth in this gospel are lowly shepherds, not the wise men from the East. His parables and actions are addressed to the lost and the lowly. He eats with sinners and other outcasts – to the horror of Jewish leaders. Finally, at his death, Jesus is crucified as a criminal with other criminals. This gospel in particular addresses the message and ministry of Jesus to those on the margins of society.

Thought of the week...



Please Pray For...

Recent Deaths

Anniversaries (11th – 17th April): Christopher Nugent, Maria Gerstner, Dulcie & Mick Long, Anne Gleeson, Gus Plater, Sister Mary McGovern, Elizabeth Hopper, Mary Backstrom, Rev Msgr Leslie Schuhkraft, Rev Fr John Michael, Rev Fr Lex Herzig, Rev Fr Anthony O'Keefe, Rev Fr Roderick Lynch

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

April Birthdays: Christina Dever, Veronica O'Connell, Thomas Kelly, Monica Thompson, Jonah Joseph, Savanna Joseph, Shania Joseph, Catherine Dyson, Joe Kelly

Parish News...

Sat 12/4	o 6.30pm Palm Sunday Vigil Mass
Sun 13/4	o 9.45am Palm Sunday Mass
Mon 14/4	o 5.30pm Chrism Mass (St Pat's)
Tue 15/4	o 10am LOW o 10.30am Prayer Group in the Quiet Room
Wed 16/4	o 9am Anam Cara in the Presbytery o 6.30pm SPRED in the Church
Thu 17/4	o 10.30am Craft in the Quiet Room o 7pm Mass (St Anthony's)
Fri 18/4	o 10am Stations of the Cross o 3pm Good Friday Passion

Date Claimers:

14th April – 5.30pm Chrism Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral
25th April – Anzac Day Mass 10am followed by morning tea.

Easter Ceremony Times

- ❖ 14th April – Chrism Mass at 5.30pm (St Pat's)
- ❖ 17th April - Holy Thursday Mass at 7pm (St Anthony's)
- ❖ 18th April – Good Friday Stations of the Cross at 10am (LOL)
- ❖ 18th April – Good Friday Passion of the Lord at 3pm (LOL)
- ❖ 19th April - Easter Sunday Vigil Mass Time 6.30pm (St Anthony's)
- ❖ 20th April – Easter Sunday Mass at 9.45am (LOL)

Choir Practice

Choir Practice for the Good Friday Celebration of the Passion of The Lord will be held this Sunday 13th April following the 9.45am Mass.

Reminder - Carpark Closed

The Liturgy Group reminds parishioners that for the safety of all, the Church entry on Goodwood Street will be closed from 6.15pm for the 6.30pm Palm Sunday Vigil (12th April). If you need to park in the church carpark, please make sure you arrive before this time.

Holy Thursday 17th April – 7pm (St Anthony's)

Altar Servers	Oil Bearer	Ministers of the Word	Foot Washing		Extraordinary Ministers	Ushers
	J Bonell	J Wilson	R O'Brien C Dyson Desley Salty	J Salty M Cushway Daniel Salty	K Walsh	G Ferguson L Walsh

Good Friday 18th April at 10am – Stations of the Cross and 3pm – Celebration of the Passion (LOL)

Musician	Welcomers	Commentary	Reader 1	Reader 2	Ipad
J Wilson	G & J Ferguson	Daniel Salty	M Ondrus	J Axtell	M Connell

Adult Servers	Welcomers	Solemn Intercessions	Readers	Gospel	Collectors	Ipad
L Walsh K Walsh	C Watson C Dyson	Dcn BJ Perrett	L Bentley	N) Dcn BJ Perrett J) Fr J Collins O) R O'Brien	K Roberts	M Cushway & M Connell

Easter Vigil 19th April (St Anthony's)

Time	Altar Servers	Ushers	Ministers of the Word	Extraordinary Ministers	Collectors
19 th April at 6.30pm	A Mendoza	L Walsh J Ferguson C Dyson	1) Desley Salty 2) R O'Brien	G Ferguson K Walsh	Daniel Salty John Salty

Easter Sunday 20th April (LOL)

Time	Altar Servers	Welcomers	Commentary	Ministers of the Word	Offertory Procession	Extraordinary Ministers	Ipad	Piety Stall
20 th April at 9.45am		Anderson Family	M Ondrus	T O'Mara T Ryan	Blumke Family	J Axtell B Denny	J Anderson	A Suhr

Good Friday Holy Land Collection

The annual collection for the support of the Church in the Holy Land will take place on Good Friday, 18th April. This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment and housing. Parishes, schools, orphanages and medical centres throughout the Holy Land also rely on assistance from this collection. It is also used to maintain over 70 Churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus.

There will be a special collection taken during the 3pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion. To help you prepare, envelopes are available on the pews and the tables at the entrances to the church this weekend.



Holy Land Commissariat
Franciscan Provincial Office
47 Victoria Street | Waverley NSW 2024 | Australia

Bishop Ken Howell's Easter Message

A copy of Bishop Ken's Easter Message can be found on the noticeboard or you can click [here](#) to view online.

Easter Blessings

The Last Supper on the Big Screen

The Chosen is the first-ever multi-season TV show about the life of Jesus. The Last Supper will be shown on the big screen for a limited time only. Catch it at the Toowoomba Strand from Thursday 10th April at 12.45pm and 6.30pm. Click [here](#) to see more session times.



Tenebrae: A Service of Shadows

When: Tuesday 15th April 2025 7pm

Where: Holy Name Catholic Church.

This tradition has been held during Holy Week for more than a thousand years. Tenebrae means "shadows", and this service is a meditation on the shadows and darkness of Christ's suffering and death, focussing on the Last Supper, Gethsemane, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday.

Readings trace the story of Christ's passion, music portrays its pathos, and the ambience of candles and shadows conveys the mystery of Holy Week. More information can be found [here](#)

ENEWS UPDATE

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

CLERGY APPOINTMENTS

With the departure of **Fr Thomas Duncan** from the Diocese on 21 April, **Fr Anthony Arockiam MSFS** has been appointed to the position of Parish Priest of Roma and Priest Director of Mitchell, Wallumbilla-Surat Parishes. **Fr John Fowles** will assist Balonne Catholic Parish St George in the interim.

CHRISM MASS 2025

Date: 14/4/25 Monday **Time:** 5:30pm

Where: St Patrick's Cathedral Tmba

Parishioners of the Toowoomba Diocese are warmly welcome to the Chrism Mass. This special Mass is a wonderful opportunity to gather as a diocese. During the Mass, Bishop Ken Howell, joined by the clergy of the diocese, blesses the oils that will be used in the sacraments in the year ahead. The Chrism Mass will also be [livestreamed](#).

CENTENARY: CATHOLIC WWI MEMORIAL BOWEN HILLS

Date: 25 & 26/4/25 Friday & Saturday

Where: Our Lady of Victories, Bowen Hills Parish, Brisbane

Qld's premier Catholic WWI memorial is turning 100 and everyone's invited! Saturday 26 April 2025 is Centenary Day for Our Lady of Victories, Bowen Hills parish. 11am Mass with Archbishop Coleridge, Papal Nuncio Archbishop Balvo, civic, military, Polish dignitaries; afternoon of entertainment, exhibition and activities for all ages. Special Anzac Day events on Friday 25 April include 7am Memorial Mass and evening cocktail event featuring Warwick Adeney, Last Post ceremony, exhibition, drink/canapés
RSVP essential: bowenhillsparish.org.au/100years or call 0468 723 724 [See Flyer for Details](#).

FEAST FOR FREEDOM FUNDRAISER

Date: 26/4/25 Saturday **Time:** Following 5pm Mass

Where: St Anthony's Parish Community Centre, Memory St Tmbaa

All are welcome to a pot-luck dinner hosted by The Dignity Project. Please bring a plate to share, BYO cold drinks. Funds raised go to support the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre, [donate online](#) or with cash on the night. RSVP 20 April to the Parish Office 4636 1737.

[See flyer for details.](#)

CATHOLIC MISSION: MAY ROSARY PRAYER SESSIONS

Date: 1-31/5/25 Monday to Friday **Time:** 10:00am-11:00am

Where: [Teams online - Join here](#)

Catholic Mission is thrilled to invite everyone to a special Rosary prayer session dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. We will be praying the World Mission Rosary, which aims to "embrace the world in prayer" and especially pray for those living in poverty. This unique rosary features colour-coded decades representing each continent, continuing the mission of foundress Blessed Pauline Jaricot. It helps us understand what it means to belong to a Global Church and how the Church can lead through the work of Mission.

RSVP: Kindly let us know if you will be attending online by 25th April by emailing Fiona.ng@catholicmission.org.au



**PROJECT
COMPASSION**

Palm Sunday
12th and 13th April 2025

As Project Compassion 2025 draws to a close for another year, we want to extend our heartfelt gratitude for your generous support throughout this Lenten Season. This year, we shared the inspiring stories of 3 individuals whose lives have been transformed through your compassion and generosity. But the work isn't done yet. There is still time to donate! Together, we can Unite Against Poverty and help transform lives this Lent.

Please donate today.

You can support Project Compassion 2025 through the donation boxes, Envelopes or by scanning the QR code.

Or online at: caritas.org.au/project-compassion

Or by calling: 1800 024 413

