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Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

20th & 21st June 2026

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DO NOT BE AFRAID

In today's Gospel, Jesus speaks a powerful and comforting message: "*Do not be afraid.*" This simple phrase echoes through all the readings and speaks deeply to our human condition. Fear, worry, and anxiety are part of our daily lives. We encounter fear in many forms—fear of failure, fear of rejection, fear of the future, fear of suffering, and even fear of death. Like the prophet Jeremiah in the first reading, we sometimes feel surrounded by threats, misunderstood, or even betrayed. Jeremiah cries out, "All those who were my friends are on the watch for any misstep of mine." He experiences fear and isolation. Yet, even in that distress, he places his trust in God. His courage does not come from his own strength but from his faith that God is with him.

In the same way, Jesus invites us to move beyond fear. He tells us, "Nothing is covered that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known." In human life, many things remain unclear. We do not always understand why things happen. People may misunderstand us, judge us unfairly, or hide the truth. But before God, everything is clear. God sees not only our actions but also our hearts, our struggles, and our intentions. Nothing escapes His loving gaze. Therefore, we do not need to be afraid.

Jesus goes further to reassure us by using simple yet profound examples. He says that not even a sparrow falls to the ground without the knowledge of the Father. The sparrow was considered of very little value, yet God cares for it. Then Jesus adds: "*Even the hairs of your head are all counted.*" This is a beautiful reminder of how precious we are to God. If He cares so much for the smallest creatures, how much more does He care for each one of us! We are not insignificant; we are deeply loved and valued. In the second reading, St. Paul speaks about sin entering the world through one man, Adam, but grace and salvation coming through Jesus Christ. While sin and fear may be part of our human reality, God's grace is always greater. Where there is fear, God offers courage. Where there is weakness, God gives strength. Where there is sin, God brings forgiveness and new life.

Dear friends, our fears do not disappear automatically. But God's presence transforms how we face them. When we truly believe that God is with us, we gain courage. His presence makes us strong. It gives us the confidence to stand for truth, to live our faith openly, and to trust in Him even when life is uncertain.

Jesus also says, "Everyone who acknowledges me before others, I will acknowledge before my Father in heaven." This calls us to live boldly as His disciples. Fear should not silence our faith. Instead, trust in God should empower us to witness His love through our words and actions.

Let us remember: we are never alone. God knows us completely, loves us deeply, and walks with us always. In His eyes, we are precious. So today, let us bring all our fears to Him and hear Him say again, "*Do not be afraid.*" With God by our side, we can face anything with courage and hope.

Blessings and greetings,
Father Tomi Alexander.

Readings for this week (20th & 21st June)

Twelfth Sunday In Ordinary Time

First Reading: **Jeremiah 20:10-13**

He has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of those who are evil.

Responsorial Psalm:

Lord, in your great love, answer me.

Second Reading: **Romans 5:12-15**

God's gift to us is nothing like our sin against him.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of Truth will bear witness to me, says the Lord, and you also will be my witnesses.

Alleluia!

Gospel Reading: **Matthew 10:26-33**

Do not fear those who can kill the body.

Readings for next week (27th & 28th June)

Thirteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

First Reading: **2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16**

That is the holy man of God, let him remain there.

Responsorial Psalm:

For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

Second Reading: **Romans 6:3-4, 8-11**

Having been buried with him through baptism, we shall walk in a new life.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people. Praise God who called you out of darkness and into his marvellous light.

Alleluia!

Gospel Reading: **Matthew 10:37-42**

Anyone who does not accept his cross is not worthy of me. anyone who welcomes you, welcomes me.

Mon 22nd– Sts John Fisher & Tomas More

Memorial

Wed 24th– The Nativity of St John the Baptist

Solemnity



Parish Strategy Planning Meeting

All are welcome to the Mercy Hall on **Saturday 25th July from 9:30am** to meet and discuss our Parish Strategy Plan for the next 5 years.

Members from each church community are encouraged to come to ensure that our whole Parish community comes together as one with one common goal. We welcome all ideas for how to help our Parish to grow and succeed for years to come.

Please pray for our sick brothers and sisters

Pam McGrath, Leanne Deerain, Jan Dore, John Breckon-Thomas, John & Therese Hagan, Nereza Don, Marie McIlhatton, Rev Geoffrey Reader, Marie Harkin, Fae Eyears, Scott Murphy, David Murchie, Tony Torre, Dave & Lori, Janet Young, Rosie, Lauraine Ward, Katrina Foster, Moya Mitchell, Michael Gough, Andrew Gough, Liz Murray, Josie Buffalino, Sebastian Randall, John McCormack, Damian McCormack, Janette Escreet, David Ward, Denice Ward, Holly Anne, Nathan Craze, Heather Neeson, Bernice Mahoney, Bernadette Fitzgerald, Olwin Wendt, Caroline Gee, Lorelle Benyon & Moyla Shannon.

***We remember and pray for those who have recently died,
and those whose anniversaries occur at this time.***

*Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.*

May they rest in peace.

Amen.

IMPORTANT! Parish Census

Throughout the month of June, we will be conducting a Parish census. Data forms will be made available during all masses. It would be appreciated if you could please take one, fill it out and return it before June is finished. A box will be available at the back of St Mary's church, or you are welcome to pop them into the collection plate at any of the other Masses throughout June.

Even if you believe we have your current details, we ask that you still complete a form as some information may be missing on your profile.

Having everyone's information updated is important in ensuring that we can use the information provided to go towards our Parish strategy planning for the next 5 years. It also helps for us to provide accurate pastoral care.

Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you in advance for your assistance with this.

Peters Pence Collection

Each year, parishes in the Archdiocese of Brisbane take up the Peter's Pence collection around the Feast of Sts Peter and Paul. This year, our Parish will take up the collection on **28th June (next weekend)**

The Peter's Pence Collection gives Catholics in Australia an opportunity to join in communion with the Catholic faithful throughout the world in support of the charitable works of the Holy See. The collection allows the Holy Father to respond to the most needy throughout the world, to offer timely, effective emergency assistance to our suffering brothers and sisters.

In the Archdiocese of Brisbane, we take this collection up as a retiring collection. *Thank you for your contribution.*

**St Mary's Parish
Multicultural Celebration
26th July 2026**

Free Food stalls
Cultural Dancing & music

Come and share your culture with your local community

If you would like to contribute food, dance, music or just your time on the day. Please call Sam on 0409 592 010 or see Peta in the school office.

Share your St Mary's School story
As St Mary's Primary School, Beaudesert celebrates 125 years of Mercy Education, we are inviting former students, parents and staff to share their memories and experiences for a special commemorative book, *A Symphony of Stories*. We would love to receive short stories or anecdotes about school life across the years, including memories of classrooms, buildings and grounds, travel to and from school, special events, equipment, friendships, and the people who helped shape the St Mary's community. If you would like to contribute, please:
Use A4 feint ruled paper
Have a 2.5cm margin
Handwritten (if possible) otherwise typed script is fine
Include the year or decade
Identify the contributor
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Bible Reflection– 12th Sunday (21st June)
“What I say to you in the darkness, speak in the light; what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. And do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, be afraid of the one who can destroy both soul and body in Gehenna.” - Matthew 10:27-28
Reflect today on the inner Voice of God, echoing in the depths of your conscience. Do you hear Him and respond to His voice? If so, then do not be afraid to share your knowledge of God freely and charitably with other. Foster, instead, a holy fear that drives you to greater fidelity to God and the charity of sharing His love with others.
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St John the Baptist Feast Day
Celebration of St John the Baptist Feast Day at Mt Tamborine on Sunday 28th June. Morning tea will be held after 7.30 am Mass. All Welcome.

Money Counters
22nd June—Colleen 28th June—Trish
6th July—Peter 13th July— Colleen

St Mary's School Gala ———>
To reserve and book your tickets, please call Peta at St Mary's School (5541 2005)

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Are you, or someone you know, wanting to know more about the Catholic Church or join our faith community?

Would you just like to talk about it without having to commit?

RCIA is a group of believers in the parish who meet regularly, and are ready to talk about any questions you may have! To begin a conversation, call the Parish Office 07 5541 1068, or email:

stmarys@bne.catholic.net.au

Are you thinking of becoming Catholic?



Mass Times: 22nd—28th June

Divine Mercy Devotion: Every Sunday 3.00pm — 3.15pm, St. Mary's Church, Beaudesert. All Welcome.

Reconciliation—before weekday Masses. Please call (07) 5541 1068

<u>Monday 22nd</u>	<u>Tuesday 23rd</u>	<u>Wednesday 24th</u>	<u>Thursday 25th</u>	<u>Friday 26th</u>	<u>Saturday 27th</u>	<u>Sunday 28th</u>
Beaudesert 5:00pm	Beaudesert 5:00pm	Tamborine Mt 9:00am	No mass	Beaudesert Mass 8:50am	Beaudesert 6:30pm	Tamborine Mt 7:30am
		Beaudesert Adoration 4:30pm		Adoration 9:45am		Beaudesert 9:30am & 5:30pm
		Mass 5:30pm				

Our Mission

'Guided by the Holy Spirit, we aim to be an evangelising, listening and faith-filled parish; underpinned by the values of compassion, inclusivity and love of neighbour.' Our mission is: **evangelisation** of our parish and wider communities; **liturgy and prayer opportunities** that form, inform and transform our faith; **pastoral support** through initiatives that invite people to share their gifts and talents; and **leadership** that supports life-long faith formation and promotes responsible stewardship of our resources.

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