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Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

27th & 28th June 2026

In the **first reading**, we encounter the generous Shunammite woman who offers hospitality to the prophet Elisha. She recognizes him as a man of God and makes space for him in her home, even arranging a room for his rest. Her kindness is quiet and sincere—she asks for nothing in return. Yet God sees her generosity and blesses her with the gift of a son. This passage reminds us that true hospitality flows from a heart attentive to God's presence in others. Often, the blessings we receive are not the result of what we demand, but of what we freely give.

The **Gospel** continues this theme but brings a challenging edge to discipleship. Jesus speaks about the cost of following Him: "Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me." These words can seem difficult, even unsettling. However, Jesus is not asking us to abandon love for our families; rather, He is calling us to place God at the centre of all our relationships. When Christ becomes our priority, our love for others becomes deeper, freer, and more life-giving.

Jesus also speaks of *welcoming others*—prophets, righteous people, and even "little ones." This extends the lesson from the first reading. Offering even a cup of cold water in His name carries eternal value. Every small act of kindness, when done out of love for Christ, becomes part of God's work in the world. Our daily interactions—often overlooked—are transformed into sacred opportunities.

The **second reading from Romans** deepens this reflection by turning our attention inward. St. Paul reminds us that through baptism, we have died with Christ and are raised to new life. We are no longer slaves to sin but called to live as people renewed in grace. This new identity shapes how we relate to others. Our hospitality, our sacrifices, and our acts of love are not merely human efforts—they flow from the new life we have already received in Christ.

Living as disciples means embracing both the *cost* and the *joy* of following Jesus. It means placing Him at the centre, trusting that in doing so, we lose nothing of true value but gain everything that leads to eternal life.

As a parish community, we are invited this week to renew our commitment to simple, faithful living. A warm welcome, a listening ear, or a small act of kindness can be powerful expressions of God's love. Let us ask the Lord for the grace to recognize His presence in each person we meet, and to respond generously.

May we, like the Shunammite woman, open our hearts and homes; like St. Paul, live as people transformed by grace; and like true disciples, follow Christ with courage and trust.

Blessings and greetings,
Father Tomi Alexander.

Readings for this week (20th & 21st 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.

Readings for next week (4th & 5th July)

Fourteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

First Reading: Zechariah 9:9-10

See how humbly your king comes to you.

Responsorial Psalm:

I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

Second Reading: Romans 8:9, 11-13

If by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body, you will live.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and Earth; You have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia!

Gospel Reading: Matthew 11:25-30

I am gentle and humble of heart.

Friday 3rd July— St Thomas, apostle

Feast



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 Deerrain, 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 (this 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.
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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

Submissions can be dropped into the school office or scanned and emailed to pbeaudesert@bne.catholic.edu.au by **Friday, 31st July**.

Mass at Palen Creek– July

There will be NO Mass at Rathdowney for the month of July. Instead, Mass will be celebrated on **Saturday 18th July at 11am at Palen Creek** to celebrate the Feast of St James. Lunch will follow the Mass– please bring a plate to share, and don't forget your chairs!

Tea and coffee will be provided. All are welcome. We look forward to seeing you there.



Holy Baptism

We welcome to our Parish, Atlas James who will be Baptised into the Catholic Faith this weekend. Please keep this child and his family in your prayers.

Money Counters

28th June—Trish	6th July—Peter
13th July— Colleen	20th July— Trish

St Mary's School Gala ———>

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

SAINT MARY'S BEAUDESERT

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125th Year Anniversary Gala — DINNER —

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SATURDAY 22 AUGUST 2026
6:00PM FOR 6:30PM START
ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY BEAUDESERT

WELCOME DRINK INCLUDED on arrival

CANAPÉS INCLUDED during pre-dinner

EARLY BIRD TICKET PRICE

SINGLE TICKET	\$155 PER PERSON	COUPLE	\$300	TABLE OF 8	\$1200
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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: 29th June—5th July

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 29th</u>	<u>Tuesday 30th</u>	<u>Wednesday 1st</u>	<u>Thursday 2nd</u>	<u>Friday 3rd</u>	<u>Saturday 4th</u>	<u>Sunday 5th</u>
Beaudesert 5:00pm	Beaudesert 5:00pm	Tamborine Mt 9:00am	No mass	Beaudesert Mass 8:50am Adoration 9:45am	Christmas Ck 4:30pm	Tamborine Mt 7:30am
		Beaudesert Adoration 4:30pm Mass 5:30pm		Wongaburra 10:30am	Beaudesert 6:30pm	Beaudesert 9:30am

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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