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Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

18th/19th July 2026

In the Gospel of Matthew 13:24–43, Jesus teaches us through three beautiful parables: the Parable of the Weeds among the Wheat, the Mustard Seed, and the Yeast. These parables reveal important truths about the Kingdom of God and how God works in our world and in our lives.

In the first parable, Jesus speaks about a farmer who sowed good seed in his field. While everyone was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat. As time passed, both the wheat and the weeds grew together. When the servants wanted to pull out the weeds immediately, the master told them to wait until the harvest. This parable reminds us that good and evil exist side by side in the world. Within society and even within the Church, there are saints and sinners growing together. God does not immediately destroy those who do evil because He desires their conversion. Jesus came not to condemn but to save. He said, "I desire mercy, not sacrifice." God gives people time to repent, change, and return to Him.

Throughout Christian history, we see many examples of God's mercy transforming sinners into saints. St. Peter denied Jesus three times during His Passion, yet Jesus forgave him and made him the head of the Church. St. Paul once persecuted Christians, but after encountering Christ, he became one of the greatest apostles and missionaries. Mary Magdalene, who had a troubled past, experienced the mercy of Jesus and became a faithful disciple and saint. These examples remind us never to judge others too quickly. Anyone we meet can be transformed by God's grace. The Kingdom of God is a place where weakness can be turned into holiness through repentance and faith.

The second parable is about the mustard seed. Jesus says that it is one of the smallest seeds, yet it grows into a large shrub where birds can come and nest. This teaches us that the beginnings of God's Kingdom often seem small and insignificant in the eyes of the world. Faith, prayer, acts of kindness, and listening to God's Word may appear ordinary, but they carry great power. A small act of faith can lead to remarkable blessings. The Blessed Virgin Mary was a simple and humble woman, yet because she welcomed God's Word into her heart, she became the Mother of the Saviour and a model for all believers. God's Kingdom grows quietly but powerfully in those who trust Him.

In the parable of the yeast, Jesus compares the Kingdom of Heaven to yeast mixed into flour. Though small and hidden, yeast transforms the whole batch of dough. In the same way, Christians are called to be a positive influence in the world. Our faith, love, kindness, and witness can touch the lives of those around us. Within our families, workplaces, and communities, we can bring hope, peace, and joy. A sincere prayer, a helping hand, or a word of encouragement can make a great difference in another person's life.

As disciples of Christ, may we trust in God's mercy, nurture the seed of faith within us, and become a transforming influence in the world. Let us allow God's Kingdom to grow in our hearts so that others may encounter His love through us. Amen.

Blessings and greetings,
Father Tomi Alexander.

Readings for this week (18th & 19th July)

Sixteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

First Reading: **Wisdom 12:13, 16-19**

In the place of sin, you give repentance.

Responsorial Psalm:

Lord, you are good and forgiving.

Second Reading: **Romans 8:26-27**

The Spirit himself pleads for us in a way that could never be put into words.

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 13:24-30**

Let them grow together until the harvest.

Readings for next week (25th & 26th July)

Seventeenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

First Reading: **1 Kings 3:5,7-12**

You have asked for wisdom

Responsorial Psalm:

Lord, I love your commands

Second Reading: **Romans 8:28-30**

He predestined us to become true images of his Son.

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 13:44-52**

He sells everything he owns and buys the field.

Wed 22nd July— St Mary Magdalene (Feast)

Sat 25th July— St James (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.

R.C.I.A. Reception into Full Communion of the Catholic Church

For the last several months, Jordan Randle has been meeting with the RCIA team here in our parish. During this time, she has discerned her readiness to commit to entering fully into the Catholic Church. St. Mary's Parish and the whole Catholic community now welcomes Jordan into the Body of Christ as she celebrates the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist, this weekend at St. Mary's. We are asked to warmly welcome her into our faith family and to support her with our prayers.

Please pray for our sick brothers and sisters

Leanne Deerain, Jan Dore, John Breckon-Thomas, John & Therese Hagan, Nereza Don, Marie McIlhatton, Rev Geoffrey Reader, 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, Clayton Musk & Moyla Shannon.

We remember and pray for those who have recently died,

and those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

William Ward—11th July

Vincent Ward—13th July

Maree Ryan Youll—14th July

Johnny Ward—15th July

Marie Benyon—16th July

Doris Ward—17th July

Henry Seidenspinner—20th July

Joan Murchie—21st July

*Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen.*

The Brown Scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel.

The Scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel will be celebrated after 9.30 am on the 19th of July.



Information available at the front of the church or at the following

[The Brown Scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel – Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church \(olmc-mission.org\)](http://TheBrownScapularofOurLadyofMountCarmel-OurLadyofMountCarmelChurch@olmc-mission.org)

Holy Baptism

We welcome to our Parish, Ogie Richard McLaughlin and Grayson Thomas Wilkie who will be Baptised into the Catholic Faith this weekend. Please keep these children and their families in your prayers.



June Income Report

(some figures may not be 100% accurate– use this as a rough guide only)

Collection:	\$5,988.60
Beauesert:	\$3,540.05
Tamb Mtn:	\$1,156.10
Christ Ck:	\$405.80
Kerry:	\$170
Canungra:	\$426.65
Rathdowney:	\$290
Credit Cards:	\$1,205
Direct Debit:	\$2,742.50
Giving App:	\$550
Total:	\$10,486.10

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

Submissions can be dropped into the school office or scanned and emailed to

pbeaudesert@bne.catholic.edu.au
 by **Friday, 31st July**.

Money Counters

13th July— Colleen 20th July—Trish
 27th July—Peter 3rd August—Colleen

St Mary's School Gala ———>

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

Bible Reflection— 16th Sunday (19th July)

"He spoke to them another parable. "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed with three measure of wheat flour until the whole batch was leavened."" - Matthew 13:33

Reflect today on the quiet ways God is at work within you, within the Church, and throughout the world. Though you might not always perceive the movement of grace, trust that it is active—like yeast in dough—gently transforming, sanctifying, and preparing hearts for the glory to come. Resist the temptation to measure your spiritual growth by visible signs or immediate results. Instead, remain faithful to prayer, attentive to the Word, and docile to the promptings of the Holy Spirit. God's kingdom unfolds in time, and its rising is certain. Even when the world seems overwhelmed by sin or division, remember that the heaven is at work. The final load is being prepared for the eternal banquet—and you are being made ready, one hidden grace at a time, until you are fully prepared to share in the joy of eternal feast.

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10.00 am Mass

Celebrant: Archbishop Shane Mackinlay

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ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY BEAUDESERT

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GUEST SPEAKERS Inspiring voices, sharing stories of faith, education and community.

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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: 20th—26th 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 20th</u>	<u>Tuesday 21st</u>	<u>Wednesday 22nd</u>	<u>Thursday 23rd</u>	<u>Friday 24th</u>	<u>Saturday 25th</u>	<u>Sunday 26th</u>
Beaudesert 5pm	Beaudesert 5pm	Tamborine Mt <i>NO Mass</i>	No mass	Beaudesert 8:50am	Beaudesert 6:30pm	Tamborine Mt 7:30am
		Beaudesert <i>NO Adoration</i> Liturgy of the Word with Holy Eucharist 5:30pm				Beaudesert 9:30am
						<i>NO Family Mass due to Multicultural Day Celebrations</i>

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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