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Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

25th/26th July 2026

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Today's readings invite us to reflect on the greatest gift that God gives us: the gift of wisdom and faith. In the first reading, God appears to Solomon and asks him what he desires. Solomon does not ask for riches, power, or a long life. Instead, he asks for an understanding heart, the wisdom to discern between good and evil. Solomon realizes that true wisdom comes from God. Human knowledge alone is not enough. We need God's grace to recognize what is right and to reject what is wrong.

This lesson is very important for us. In a world where many voices try to influence us, we need the wisdom that comes from God. Faith helps us to see life through God's eyes. It is evident in the lives of sincere believers that faith transforms people. Those who remain close to God grow in goodness, patience, kindness, and holiness. God strengthens them to understand what is good and to live according to His will. This growth in character is a sign of God's presence working within them.

In the second reading, St. Paul gives us great encouragement. He says, "We know that all things work together for good for those who love God." This does not mean that believers will never suffer. Difficulties, sickness, disappointments, and losses are part of human life. However, God is present in every situation. He can turn even our sufferings into blessings. The greatest example is Jesus Christ Himself. What seemed to be a tragic defeat on the Cross became the source of salvation for the whole world. In the same way, God can use our struggles to strengthen our faith, deepen our trust, and bring us closer to Him.

In the Gospel, Jesus compares the Kingdom of Heaven to a hidden treasure and to a pearl of great price. The people who discover them immediately sell everything they possess in order to obtain them. Jesus teaches us that life with God is the greatest treasure we can ever find. Faith, our relationship with Christ, and our hope of eternal life are worth more than any earthly possession.

Sadly, many people today sacrifice their faith for worldly success, wealth, pleasure, or status. They spend their lives chasing temporary things while neglecting the treasure that lasts forever. Jesus reminds us that nothing in this world can give the peace, joy, and meaning that come from knowing God. When we discover Christ as our treasure, we are willing to make sacrifices, to let go of sin, and to place Him at the centre of our lives.

Today, we also celebrate World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. Our grandparents are precious gifts from God. They have shared with us their wisdom, experience, faith, and love. Through many years of joys and struggles, they have learned to trust in God's providence. Their lives teach us valuable lessons that no book can provide. They are often the guardians of family traditions and the first teachers of prayer and faith.

Let us thank God for our grandparents and all elderly people. Let us honour them, listen to them, and learn from their wisdom. May we imitate their faith, their perseverance, and their love. Let us pray that God will bless them with good health, peace, and happiness.

May the Lord grant all of us the wisdom of Solomon, the trust of St. Paul, and the commitment shown by those who found the hidden treasure and the pearl of great price. Amen.

Fr Tomi Alexander

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

Sixteenth 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.

Readings for next week (1st & 2nd August)

Seventeenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

First Reading: Isaiah 55:1-3

Hasten and eat.

Responsorial Psalm:

The hand of the Lord feeds us: he answers all our needs.

Second Reading: Romans 8:35, 37-39

No creature can separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Alleluia!

Gospel Reading: Matthew 14:13-21

They all ate and were satisfied.

Wed 29th July— Sts Martha, Mary & Lazarus

(Memorial)

Fri 31st July— St Ignatius of Loyola (priest) (Memorial)

Sat 1st Aug— St Alphonsus Liguori (bishop, doctor)

(Memorial)

Masses During August

Due to Fr Tomi being away, the following changes to Masses will apply from Monday 3rd August through till the 4th September:

- ◇ NO Monday, Tuesday or Friday Masses.
- ◇ NO Family Masses
- ◇ Wednesday at both Tamborine Mountain and Beaudesert will be celebrated as Liturgy of the Word with Holy Eucharist by volunteers.
- ◇ Exposition on Wednesday at Beaudesert will remain at the same time.
- ◇ Kerry and Rathdowney will be celebrated as Liturgy of the Word with Holy Eucharist by volunteers
- ◇ August Christmas Creek will remain as a regular Mass

Thank you for your understanding and we encourage you to keep coming along to your regular Mass time to help support our wonderful volunteers.

We thank the volunteers who have so graciously put their hands up to assist us with this.

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,

Christopher Ondaatje (23rd July— aged 94yrs)

and those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Felix Ward—30th July

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

Parish Newsletter Sick List

We are looking to make sure our parish sick list is current and contains accurate information.

If you would like a name removed or added please contact our parish office via email or phone so that we can ensure this happens.

Invitation for New Parish Volunteers

Currently we are looking for new volunteers to help us out at all our churches. We need people to help perform many tasks to assist the existing volunteers so that no one volunteer shoulders too much of the burden.

Tasks include setting up for Mass (Sacristans), assistance with gardening, cleaning the Churches, reading at Mass, Extraordinary Ministry of the Eucharist, visiting the sick and disabled of the parish, plus many other duties.

Training for all tasks will be provided if you choose to become involved. If you are interested, we invite you to come and help our parish community. If you are interested in volunteering please inform the Parish Office. Thank you for the generous donation of your time.

Volunteer Training

We are happy to announce that 52% of training for all volunteers has been completed. This is the highest it has been since migrating to the new system!

Thank you to all those who have completed their topics and contributed to this milestone.

If you have not already completed your training, please keep an eye out for more reminders to complete it. The emails come from an Archdiocese of Brisbane email account, not the Parish email. Please help us get to 100%!

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

*Loving God,
you are faithful from generation to generation, and
you never forget your people.
We give you thanks for the gift of these
grandparents and elderly among us.
For their lives, their faith, their wisdom, and for the
love they have shared and continue to share.
Bless them with your peace.
Strengthen them in hope.
Sustain them in times of weakness, and surround
them with the care and companionship of others.
Renew in them the joy of knowing that they are a
precious presence in our community, and a living
sign of your enduring love.
May they continue to inspire us by their witness,
and be upheld by our gratitude and care.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.*



World Day
for Grandparents
and the Elderly
2026

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

20th July—Trish 27th July—Peter
3rd August—Colleen 10th August—Trish

St Mary's School Gala ———>

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

Excerpt from a message from His Holiness Pope Leo XIV

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

(Feast of St Joachim and Anne, 26th July, 2026)

The celebration of the World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly is an opportunity to rediscover that the Church is called to be a mother to all and that at any age it is always possible to recognize ourselves as sons and daughters of God. May this day, therefore, be an inspiration for everyone, especially the young, to revive the beautiful custom of visiting their grandparents, the elderly members of the family and even those who have no one to visit them. Bring them, through this message and your presence, the closeness and affection of the Pope. Ensure that the words of the prophet, "But I will never forget you," take the form of a tender and affectionate encounter. "In an era that favors speed and fragmentation, the human person still yearns to receive care and recognition from attentive minds, kind words and hands capable of tenderness. The digital culture multiplies connections and offers new opportunities for interaction; yet, the human heart retains an irrevocable need for genuine closeness" (Encyclical Letter, *Magnifica Humanitas*, 239).

The full message will be sent with the Parish Newsletter email, or can be requested by contacting the Parish Office.

Walking with Mary in Hope and Wonder

You're invited to join Mary MacKillop Place for a Zoom novena of prayer and reflection. Over 9 days, we'll explore hope and wonder through the life of Mary MacKillop as we journey towards celebrating her Feast Day on Saturday 9th August.



When: 7:30pm-8:00pm daily from
30th July—7th August

Link: <https://zoom.us/j/92816949299>

Link will be sent with the Parish Newsletter, or you can contact the Parish Office.



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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: 27th—2nd August

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 27th</u>	<u>Tuesday 28th</u>	<u>Wednesday 29th</u>	<u>Thursday 30th</u>	<u>Friday 31st</u>	<u>Saturday 1st</u>	<u>Sunday 2nd</u>
Beaudesert 5pm	Beaudesert 5pm	Tamborine Mt 9am	No mass	Beaudesert 8:50am	Christmas Creek 4:30pm	Tamborine Mt 7:30am
		Beaudesert Adoration 4:30pm Mass 5:30pm			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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