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Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4th/5th July 2026

In the first reading from the prophet Zechariah, we hear the joyful proclamation: "*See, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey.*" This is a prophecy about Jesus Christ, the true **Prince of Peace**. Unlike earthly rulers who establish power through force and weapons, Jesus comes with humility, gentleness, and love. He comes not to conquer nations but to conquer hearts.

All people desire peace. We want peace in our families, peace in our communities, and peace in our hearts. Yet many things in daily life disturb our peace—family problems, financial worries, sickness, disappointments, conflicts, and uncertainties about the future. Often, we look for peace in worldly solutions, but lasting peace can come only from Jesus. He alone can calm the storms within us. Whenever our peace is disturbed, we should immediately turn to Him in prayer, trust, and surrender. Those who follow Christ and remain close to Him experience the peace that the world cannot give.

In the second reading, St. Paul speaks about two ways of living: **living according to the flesh** and **living according to the Spirit**. This teaching has profound meaning for our lives. A person who lives only according to the desires of the flesh is never truly satisfied. Human desires have no end. The more one possesses, the more one wants. Consider someone whose only ambition is to accumulate money. No matter how much wealth he gains, he continues to desire more. His heart remains restless and dissatisfied.

On the other hand, a person who lives according to the Spirit seeks God above all things. Such a person learns self-control, trust, gratitude, and contentment. He does not measure happiness by possessions or achievements. Even when life is difficult and material resources are limited, he remains peaceful because God is the centre of his life. The Holy Spirit gives him strength, wisdom, and inner joy. St. Paul reminds us that the Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead lives within us and helps us live a life pleasing to God.

In today's Gospel, Jesus extends a loving invitation: "**Come to me, all you who labour and are burdened, and I will give you rest.**" What comforting words! Every one of us carries burdens. Some carry the burden of sickness, some struggle with family difficulties, some carry grief, anxiety, fear, or guilt. Jesus does not say, "Solve your problems first and then come to me." Instead, He says, "Come to me." He wants us to bring everything to Him.

Jesus also says, "*Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart.*" The yoke of Christ is not a burden but a relationship of love. When we walk with Him, our burdens become lighter because He carries them with us. When we learn His humility, patience, and trust in the Father, we find true rest for our souls.

As we celebrate this Eucharist, let us open our hearts to Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Let us choose to live according to the Spirit rather than the desires of the flesh. And whenever we feel tired, burdened, or troubled, let us respond to the Lord's invitation: "**Come to me.**" May His peace fill our hearts, His Spirit guide our lives, and His love strengthen us each day.

Blessings and greetings,
Father Tomi Alexander.

Readings for this 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.

Readings for next week (11th & 12th July)

Fifteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

First Reading: Isaiah 55:10-11

The rain makes the earth fruitful.

Responsorial Psalm:

The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

Second Reading: Romans 8:18-23

All creation is waiting for the revelation of the children of God.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower;
all who come to him will live for ever.

Alleluia!

Gospel Reading: Matthew 13:1-23

A sower went out to sow.



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 Deerein, 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, Clayton Musk & Moyla Shannon.

We remember and pray for those who have recently died,

Pamela McGrath

Brigitte Szela

and those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

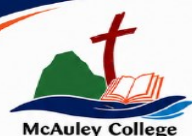
Kathryn Tilley (6th July)

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

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.




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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 faint 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

6th July—Peter 13th July— Colleen
 20th July—Trish 27th July—Peter

St Mary's School Gala ———>

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

Holy Baptism

We welcome to our Parish, Tobias Grahame Mitchell Hartley, Lydia May Edith Hartley, and Astrid Catherine Wynne who will be Baptised into the Catholic Faith this weekend. Please keep these children and their families in your prayers.

The Brown Scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel.

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

Please advise of your intent to enrol by emailing the Parish Office st.marys@bne.catholic.net.au or contact Greg Moran 0417773096.



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)

Archdiocese of Brisbane
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday Mass
 Walking Together in Christ:
 A Celebration of Faith and Culture

Sunday 5 July 2026
 9:45am at the Cathedral of St Stephen

Marking 40 years of Pope St John Paul II's visit and 50 years of NAIDOC

Followed by a celebration of culture, community and faith in the Hanly Room

Archdiocesan MINISTRIES RECONCILIATION ACTION PLAN NAIDOC WEEK 50 YEARS DEADLY 2026

The Archdiocese of Brisbane MURRI MINISTRY

This event has been made possible by funding from the National Indigenous Australians Agency.

CELEBRATING 125 YEARS OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION 1901–2026

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125th Year Anniversary Gala DINNER
 CELEBRATING 125 YEARS OF FAITH, MERCY, EDUCATION & COMMUNITY

SATURDAY 22 AUGUST 2026 **6:00 PM** FOR 6:30 PM 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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ALL FUNDS RAISED WILL SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY AND FUTURE GENERATIONS OF STUDENTS.

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: 6th—12th 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 6th</u>	<u>Tuesday 7th</u>	<u>Wednesday 8th</u>	<u>Thursday 9th</u>	<u>Friday 10th</u>	<u>Saturday 11th</u>	<u>Sunday 12th</u>
Beaudesert 5:00pm	Beaudesert 5:00pm	Tamborine Mt 9:00am	No mass	Beaudesert 8:50am	Kerry 4:30pm	Tamborine Mt 7:30am
		Beaudesert Adoration 4:30pm Mass 5:30pm			Beaudesert 6:30pm	Canungra 9:00am
						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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