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Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st/2nd August 2026

National Vocation Awareness Week

Sunday August 2nd 2026, 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Written by Fr Neil Muir, Rector, Holy Spirit Seminary

A wise person whom I worked for before I became a priest told me: 'You will only be really genuinely good at what you do if you love it.'

All the readings this Sunday speak of how God's love forms us into who we genuinely are as images of God.

We each grow and evolve into our potential as God's children by loving who God has made us to be, and by loving who God has made us to be as God's people, God's beloved.

In the first reading, Isaiah sees God feeding us spiritually, beyond our material wants. "Pay attention, come to me; listen, and your soul will live. With you I will make an everlasting covenant out of the favours promised to David." (Isaiah 55:3, JB) God nourishes us with life and love, and this calls us to be in relationship with our brothers and sisters.

In the responsorial psalm, we are reminded to pray for genuine discernment of who and what we are called to be and do according to God's desires for us. What will give life to ourselves and to others according to the gifts that God has endowed us with?

In today's second reading from Romans, Paul reminds us that we are called by Christ to live as an expression of God's love for all humanity, for our brothers and sisters. A love which will not be distorted or overcome by any worldly power or desire. That is our vocation: to be in, and for, Christ. To live the life of Christ for others.

The Gospel from Matthew sees a crisis point in the life of Jesus and his disciples when they hear of the beheading of John the Baptist.

This is a crisis for Jesus, both in his life and in his vocation as a follower of John the Baptist. What does he do? Matthew records that he and his companions go off to a 'lonely place', a place to reflect and pray about the future, and to discern the calling they have from God. Notice that Jesus, despite being in a lonely place, is not alone; his companions and community are with him.

Jesus also attracts others: people seek him out, and in this way Jesus begins his public ministry and begins to live out his vocation as messiah, the Christ.

The feeding of the five thousand gives this sense of vocation a Eucharistic element. The people are not just fed literally by Jesus, but, like the first reading, receive spiritual nourishment to live out the call to be God's people, God's witness in the place where they live.

Not only are the five thousand fed by Jesus, but they are fed in abundance, so generously that the 'scraps remaining' fill twelve baskets. In this Gospel, Jesus' vocation is revealed, and our vocation to follow him—and to be renewed as the 12 tribes of Israel—is revealed.

Through the Eucharist, the Lord's call to us to be a part of his life and mission is emphasised, so that we might remain and endure in Him.

As we pray in this National Vocations Week, we ask that our Church be nourished through the Eucharist, in its covenantal vocation to witness to Christ in Word and Deed. May we be open to God's call to a vocation that both enriches the Church in its life and serves the World in knowing God's presence and love for all people.

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

Eighteenth 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.

Readings for next week (8th & 9th August)

Nineteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

First Reading: 1 Kings 19:9, 11-13

Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord God.

Responsorial Psalm:

Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

Second Reading: Romans 9:1-5

I would willingly be condemned if it could help my people.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

I hope in the Lord, I trust in his word.

Alleluia!

Gospel Reading: Matthew 14:22-33

Command me to come to you over the water.

Mon 3rd Aug—St Dominic (priest) (Memorial)

Tues 3rd Aug—St John Vianney (priest) (Memorial)

Thurs 6th Aug—The Transfiguration of the Lord (Feast)

Sat 8th Aug—St Mary of the Cross (Solemnity)

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

Barbara Barnes, Hope Hartley, Leanne Deerrain, 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.

Terry Geraghty—5th July

Bill Dunne—28th July

Mick Benstead—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.

Called by Name

National Vocation Awareness Week

2-9 August 2026



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National Vocation Awareness Week is an opportunity to pray for vocations and discernment in the Church, helping all the faithful to explore their calling, and to take the next step in responding to God's call. How will you respond to God's call this week? How will you encourage others in their call?

Bible Reflection– 18th Sunday (2nd August)

“Five loaves and two fish are all we have here”. Then he said, “Bring them here to me” and he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, he said the blessing, broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples who in turn gave them to the crowds. They all ate and were satisfied, and they picked up the fragments left over—twelve wicker baskets full.” - Matthew 14:17-20

Reflect today on Jesus' tender care. He looks upon your needs with the same compassion He showed to the crowds in the wilderness. Consider especially how He desires to feed you daily through the Most Holy Eucharist, the true Bread from Heaven. Bring to Him whatever you have, even if it seems small or insufficient—you struggles, weariness, prayers, and hopes—and trust in His hands, they will be multiplied for the good of your soul and the souls of others. Let this miraculous feeding stir within you a deeper faith in God's providence and a more fervent desire for the Eucharist, where Christ himself is our sustenance, our healing, and our foretaste of eternal joy.

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Strategy Planning Meeting– Thank You

A big thank you to all who attended the meeting and gave your time and ideas.

We especially thank the Pastoral Council for organising the day and the Care and Concern ladies who kept us fed.

It was the beginning of a journey with many more things to come. We will appreciate our whole community's participation in the future proceedings.

Let us all work together for the growth of our Parish.



Money Counters

27th July—Peter	3rd August—Colleen
10th August—Trish	17th August—Peter

Holy Baptism

We welcome to our Parish, Matilda MacGinley -Kroll and Avaleigh Goonan who will be Baptised into the Catholic Faith this weekend. Please keep these children and their families in your prayers.



Multicultural Day Celebrations! Thank you!

A huge thank you to all who attended and enjoyed the cultural diversity of our parish community. We sincerely thank those who donated bottled water, soft drinks & ice for us to sell as fundraising for our country churches.

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Peta & Craig Teese

So much thanks and appreciation to St Joseph Men's Group for always working hard in the background – setting up gazebos, tables, chairs and packing up when everyone is gone. Jason Pacey for manning the drinks stall and to the McAuley College students for showing up on a Sunday in uniform and impressing us all with their ability to welcome and engage all who attended. They represented their school with pride and showed the wonderful young adults they are becoming. Mary Dunne for taking what will be beautiful photos during the event – thank you – your quiet demeanour brings the best out in us all. Kaitlyn Erasmus for her help in all that needed to be communicated and sorted out from the office side of proceedings. The Liturgy Group for bringing the Mass together, the Choir and the Family Mass musicians for your presence during Mass. Don and the Indian community for always donating their time and wonderful food, also our wonderful Filipino community for their wonderful food. Our Tamborine Mountain parishioners for coming over too and for providing Singaporean cuisine. To our Irish, British, Sri Lankan and South African parishioners for your donations of delicious food and to Care and Concern for bringing in the Aussie touch, with a cuppa, sandwiches and scones.

Thanks to the wonderful cultural communities who always provide food and their presence with music and dance – it always adds greatly to the atmosphere. Our newcomers, visitors and their family & friends who attended Mass and stayed until the end to help pack everything up. Thank you all so very much for joining us, we welcome you to our Parish community and we look forward to seeing you again soon.

Finally, to Peta who made sure everything ran smoothly and for keeping me in check!

We hope that you all enjoyed the day and more importantly felt welcomed to our parish.

Thank you one and all!!

Sam Hamer – Committee Chair

One more mention:

Thank you Sam, for running this event with such calm and awesome organisation skills, you have presented another successful community building event!!

Peta Teese – Committee Secretary

Thank you!

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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:

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Are you thinking of becoming Catholic?



Mass Times: 3rd—9th 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

Monday 3rd	Tuesday 4th	Wednesday 5th	Thursday 6th	Friday 7th	Saturday 8th	Sunday 9th
Beaudesert No Mass	Beaudesert No Mass	Tamborine Mt <i>Liturgy of the Word with Holy Eucharist</i> 9am	No mass	Beaudesert No Mass	Kerry <i>Liturgy of the Word with Holy Eucharist</i> 4:30pm	Tamborine Mt 7:30am
		Beaudesert <i>Exposition</i> 4:30pm <i>Liturgy of the Word with Holy Eucharist</i> 5:30pm			Beaudesert 6:30pm	Canungra 9am
						Beaudesert 9:30am <i>No family Mass</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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