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Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

22nd/23rd August 2026

The readings draw us into a space of recognition, not simply of ideas, but of relationship, responsibility, and trust. At the centre is the question Jesus asks: 'Who do you say I am?' It is a question that cannot be answered from a distance. It asks something personal, something lived.

This recognition is not formed in isolation. It unfolds within a deeper awareness of who God is, a God whose love endures, whose handiwork will not be abandoned, and who continues to sustain what has been begun. This quiet assurance runs beneath all the readings, holding them together.

What is entrusted by God carries weight. In Isaiah, authority is given not for control, but for service, to hold, to care, and to act faithfully for the sake of others. It reflects something of God's own way: attentive, enduring, and directed toward life.

This same movement is echoed in the psalm. God is not distant or indifferent, but responsive and faithful. When we call, God answers. When strength falters, God sustains. There is a trust here that even when circumstances shift, God's love remains constant, not abandoning what has been created, but continuing to bring it toward fulfilment.

Paul draws us further into this mystery. God's ways are not easily understood or contained. Yet within this, there is a deep confidence, that all things have their origin and their end in God. What we cannot fully grasp, we are invited to trust.

The Gospel gathers these threads. Peter's confession is clear, yet Jesus reveals that this knowing is not achieved but given. It is something received, a moment of grace that opens into responsibility.

From this recognition comes participation. What is revealed is not held privately, but entrusted for the life of others, to build, to gather, to remain faithful within the community. This is where the readings meet our own lives. Faith is not simply something we inherit or repeat. It is something that unfolds within us, shaped by encounter, sustained by God's faithfulness, and lived in the responsibilities we carry.

At times, our response may feel certain; at other times, fragile. Yet beneath both is the same assurance: that we are not left to hold this alone. What God has begun is not abandoned.

The invitation is to remain open, to receive what is given, to live it faithfully, and to trust that even in uncertainty, we are held within a love that endures and brings all things to completion.



Readings for this week (22nd & 23rd August)

Twenty-First Sunday In Ordinary Time

First Reading: Isaiah 22:19-23

I place the key of the House of David upon his shoulder

Responsorial Psalm:

Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

Second Reading: Romans 11:33-36

From him, through him, and in him are all things.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church; the gates of hell will not hold out against it.

Alleluia!

Gospel Reading: Matthew 16:13-20

You are Peter, to you I will give the keys of the kingdom of heaven.

Readings for next week (29th & 30th August)

Twenty-Second Sunday In Ordinary Time

First Reading: Jeremiah 20:7-9

The word of the Lord God has meant derision for me.

Responsorial Psalm:

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

Second Reading: Romans 12:1-2

May you present your bodies as a living sacrifice.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart that we might see how great is the hope.

Alleluia!

Gospel Reading: Matthew 16:21-27

Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself.

Monday 24th August—St Bartholomew (apostle) (Feast)

Thursday 27th August—St Monica (Memorial)

Friday 28th August—St Augustine (bishop, doctor)
(Memorial)

Saturday 29th August—The Passion of St John the Baptist
(martyr) (Memorial)

Money Counters

24th August—Colleen	31st August—Trish
7th September—Peter	14th September—Colleen

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. Exposition on Wednesday at Beaudesert will remain at the same time.

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, Janet Young, Rosie, Lauraine Ward, Katrina Foster, Moya Mitchell, Michael Gough, Andrew Gough, Liz Murray, 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,

Michael 'Big Mick' O'Reilly (14th August, 2026)

Requiem Mass to be held at St Mary's on Tuesday 25th August at 10am.

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.

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.

Beaudesert Show Country Churches Home Bake Stall.

We are again this year, asking for donations of home baking to be sold at the Beaudesert Show Stall. Donations can be dropped off at the Parish Office on the Monday, Tuesday or Thursday of the show week, or alternate arrangements can be made with Joahn or Colleen.

We are also asking for volunteers to help in the stall on Friday 4th Sept (even just an hour would help!)

This is all in aid of our Country Churches.

Please phone
Joahn 0400 241 357
or
Colleen 0429 170 766



Bible Reflection– 20th Sunday (23rd August)

Jesus went into the region of Caesarea Philippi and he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” They replied, “Some say John the Baptist, other Elijah, still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter said in reply, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” - Matthew 16:13-16

Reflect today on the significance of the papacy. Even now, in the successor of Saint Peter, the words of Simon continue to echo throughout the world: “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” This is the pope’s first and most important duty– to bear witness to Christ, the Son of God. Despite the personal weaknesses of some popes and the saintliness of others, it is Jesus who established Peter and his successors as the visible foundation of the Church. Pray for the Holy Father, and trust in the timeless witness of every pope since that first moment in Caesarea Philippi– a witness upheld not by human strength, but by Christ’s own promise. To profess faith in the papacy is to profess faith in the One who instituted it and endowed it with His divine authority. *Archdiocese of Brisbane Clergy and Parish Bulletin Vol 24#16*

Mercy Day Mass at McAuley College

When: Monday 7th September at 9am

Where: The Oakland Shed, McAuley College

Please join us to celebrate our Mercy Charism, our Catholic Identity and commission the 2027 School Leaders. Refreshments to follow.

All are welcome to celebrate as one community.



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Thank you and God Bless you for your generous donations of \$865 to our Winter Appeal conducted last weekend. That will enable us to continue providing urgent assistance to the needy within our community.

Remember the words of Jesus in Matthew’s Gospel –

“Truly, I say to you, whenever you did this to the least of mine, you did it to Me.”

Peter Wilson

President, St Mary’s Beaudesert Conference



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28TH OCTOBER 9:30 AM TO 1PM



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Annual Catholic Campaign

This weekend, our parish will support the Annual Catholic Campaign. This special campaign brings together all the parishes of the Archdiocese of Brisbane, to provide support for local ministries and care for people in need in our own communities.

Funds raised will directly impact our parish and local communities. The Campaign supports the holistic formation of our future priests, cares for our elderly and retired priests, provides children in need with access to a Catholic education and gives hope to those in our community who are suffering physically and emotionally. Please do take a Campaign brochure and giving envelope home with you this week. You can either pop it in the mail or return it to the collection plate next week or you are welcome to scan the QR code on the envelope to make your gift online.

Thank you and may God bless you for your generosity and faithfulness.

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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



Mass Times: 24th—30th 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 24th</u>	<u>Tuesday 25th</u>	<u>Wednesday 26th</u>	<u>Thursday 27th</u>	<u>Friday 28th</u>	<u>Saturday 29th</u>	<u>Sunday 30th</u>
No Mass	No Mass	Tamborine Mt <i>Liturgy of the Word with Holy Eucharist</i> 9am	No Mass	No Mass	Beaudesert 6:30pm	Tamborine Mt 7:30am
		Beaudesert <i>Exposition</i> 4:30pm <i>Liturgy of the Word with Holy Eucharist</i> 5:30pm				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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