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Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

12th/13th September 2026

The Grace of Forgiveness

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Today, the Word of God teaches us one of the most important virtues of the Christian life: forgiveness. The readings remind us that we have received God's mercy freely, and therefore we are called to show the same mercy to others.

In the Gospel, Peter asks Jesus, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Peter thought seven times was generous. But Jesus answered, "Not seven times, but seventy-seven times" or "seventy times seven." Jesus is not giving a number to count. He is teaching us that forgiveness must have no limits. A Christian is called to forgive again and again, just as God continually forgives us.

The first reading from Sirach gives us a powerful reminder. It says that anger and hatred are terrible things, and that those who hold onto them harm themselves. Sirach asks us to remember God's commandments and to forgive our neighbour's faults. There is also a clear condition: if we forgive others, our own sins will be forgiven. When we refuse to forgive, we close our hearts to the mercy that God wants to pour into our lives.

Jesus explains this truth through the parable of the unforgiving servant. The servant owed an enormous debt that he could never repay. Out of compassion, the king forgave everything. Yet the same servant refused to forgive a small debt owed to him by a fellow servant. Because he failed to show mercy, he lost the mercy he had received. The message is clear: God expects us to share with others the forgiveness that He has given to us.

Our God is the source of all compassion and forgiveness. He loved the world so much that He sent His only begotten Son to save fallen humanity. Jesus carried our sins upon Himself and opened the way for reconciliation with God. Throughout His life, Jesus showed mercy to sinners, and even on the Cross He prayed for those who crucified Him: "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." What a beautiful example of forgiveness!

Hatred, resentment, and revenge are like a fire that burns within us. They destroy our peace, our relationships, and our spiritual life. But compassion and forgiveness are healing graces. Every time we forgive, we invite God into our hearts to heal the wounds that others have caused. Forgiveness does not mean forgetting the pain; it means allowing God's love to be greater than the hurt.

The Christian faith is built upon forgiveness. Families grow in love when family members forgive one another. Communities remain united when people practice mercy. The Church becomes a sign of God's kingdom when Christians choose reconciliation over division.

Each time we come before God in prayer, He blesses us with His mercy and teaches us to forgive. Let us ask the Lord today for the grace to let go of anger, heal broken relationships, and become people of forgiveness.

May we always remember: the more we forgive, the more we experience God's healing love in our lives.

Amen.

Readings for this week (12th & 13th September)

Twenty-Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time

First Reading: Sirach 27:30-28:7

Forgive your neighbour's faults and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.

Responsorial Psalm:

The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to anger and rich in compassion.

Second Reading: Romans 14:7-9

Whether alive or dead, we belong to the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you.

Alleluia!

Gospel Reading: Matthew 18:21-35

I tell you that you forgive not seven times but seventy times seven.

Readings for next week (19th & 20th September)

Twenty-Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time

First Reading: Isaiah 55:6-9

My thoughts are not your thoughts.

Responsorial Psalm:

The Lord is near to all who call him

Second Reading: Philippians 1:20-24, 27

For me to live is Christ

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son.

Alleluia!

Gospel Reading: Matthew 20:1-16

Why are you jealous because I am generous?

Monday 14th Sept— The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

(Feast)

Tuesday 15th Sept – Our Lady of Sorrows (Memorial)

Wednesday 16th Sept – Sts Cornelius (pope, martyr) & Cyprian (bishop, martyr) (Memorial)

Rosary at Tamborine Mountain

The Rosary at Tamborine Mountain now has a new start time of **7am** before the Sunday Mass each week. Thank you to those who continue to support this ministry.

Parish Strategic Planning Journey continues.

Following on from the very enthusiastic first gathering on Saturday July 25th in Mercy Hall, representatives of the Pastoral Council met last night and under the guidance of Teresa McGrath from Archdiocesan Ministries grouped our current Parish ministries into seven overarching areas. These will be presented to the Parish in the coming weeks for all parishioners to have input into how and where we want our Parish to progress to in the future.

Money Counters

14th September—Colleen

21st September—Trish

28th September – Peter

6th October - Colleen

Please pray for our sick brothers and sisters

Ken Armstrong, Barbara Barnes, Hope Hartley, Leanne Deearin, Jan Dore, John Breckon-Thomas, John & Therese Hagan, Nereza Don, Marie McIlhatton, Rev Geoffrey Reader, Fae Eyears, 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,

and those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Frank Edward Johns (5th September)

Susan Ellen (Nellie) Ward (12th September)

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

May they rest in peace. Amen.

URGENT!!! Parish Account Closure

We have been instructed to close a few of the Parish accounts as they are not interest bearing, so we are losing 'passive income' each month. If you have filled out a direct debit form and submitted it to the office at any point, your transaction won't be touched and so you won't need to do anything further.

If you have an alternative direct debit set up, we urge you to please check and make any alterations to make sure it is directed to the following account:

Name: Beaudesert Parish

BSB: 064-786

ACCT: 100 000 275

This is the same for Mass dedications and anything of that sort, the above details are for our sole working account so should be the only one used moving forward.

If you have not set up a direct debit through the office, you are welcome to set one up and cancel your private transaction. This will help avoid any confusion in future. If you have any questions or concerns, or you are unsure whether you have a transaction through the office or privately, please contact the office during opening hours and I will be more than happy to chase it up. *Thank you.*

URGENT

Holy Baptism

We welcome to our Parish, Amelia, Louis & Hayden Goode, and Arthur Bown, who will be Baptised into the Catholic Faith this weekend. Please keep these children and their families in your prayers.



Bible Reflection– 24th Sunday (13th September)

“That is why the kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who decided to settle accounts with his servants. When he began the accounting, a debtor was brought before him who owed him a huge amount. Since he had no way of paying it back, his master ordered him to be sold, along with his wife, his children, and all his property, in payment of the debt.”

Matthew 18:23-25

Reflect today on the mercy you have received from God. Has He not been patient with you, gentle with your faults, and generous with His grace? Now consider someone in your life whom you have found difficult to forgive. Does that person's offense compare to the debt God has forgiven you? Let this parable challenge you to a deeper conversion of heart, one that forgives as it has been forgiven, not seven times, but seventy-seven times, and more. Only then will the kingdom of Heaven truly reign in YOU. Archdiocese of Brisbane Clergy and Parish Bulletin Vol 24#17

Beaudesert Show Stall- Thank You!

A huge thank you to our parishioners who contributed to our very successful home baking, sandwiches and tea/coffee drinks stall at the Beaudesert Show last Friday. To our volunteers on the day - what a fun way to spend a day at the show with a great group of people, meeting new friends and sharing a laugh with the 'usuals' - thank you for your time. To our bakers- wow- an amazing array of beautiful home bakes - thank you so much for your wonderful talents. To Colleen, for taking the lead role this year, to Kaitlyn for all her support from the office, to all those who bought from our stall and to those who donated funds- a heartfelt thank you!!! **We raised an incredible \$1,928.70!** Same time, same place next year!!

Safeguarding Sunday 2026 (13th September)

The Catholic Church in Australia marks Safeguarding Sunday (formerly Child Protection Sunday) on the second Sunday of September each year – at the conclusion of National Child Protection Week.

On Safeguarding Sunday, we pray for those who have been abused, their families and supporters. We recognise and apologise for the harm done by anyone in Church settings and acknowledge the vulnerability of some within our parishes and communities.

We recommit to practices that support survivors and make the Catholic Church and its ministries the safest possible place for children and people at risk. Rebuilding trust and confidence in the Church requires constant work and vigilance.

This year the theme is Love Protects and the readings show us that real love is not passive goodwill. Rather it actively shields the vulnerable, tells the truth, and never lets silence stand in for safety.

God of compassion,

you know each of us by name and hold every child close to your heart. Your love is patient and kind, not jealous or boastful, not rude or self-seeking; it bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things and it always protects.

Today we renew our commitment to safeguarding in our parish: to listen when someone finds the courage to speak, to act without delay when there is a concern, to tell the truth even when it costs us, to never to confuse mercy with silence, and to reach out in practical care to those most easily overlooked - the children, the newcomer, the housebound, the elderly, the person living alone, the person with a disability, and anyone made vulnerable by their circumstances.

Give us Sirach's wisdom to set aside the pride that hides wrongdoing, Christ's compassion that goes out to the wounded first, Paul's vision of a love that always protects, and the Psalmist's confidence that you, O Lord, redeem what is broken and crown the humble with kindness.

May this parish be a true sanctuary, safe for the smallest among us, attentive to the most vulnerable, honest with the truth, and faithful to the God whose love always protects.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.



Brain Health & Dementia Forum



Join us for a free community forum on brain health and dementia.

There will be:

- Presentations on brain health and dementia
- Information tables from a range of support services
- Information about upcoming events in the Scenic Rim
- Morning tea will be provided

When: Friday 18th of September 2026

Time: 9am – 1pm

Where: The Centre Beaudesert

Address: 82 Brisbane Street, Beaudesert, QLD, 4285

Cost: Free

RSVP: Registrations are encouraged for catering purposes.

Please call 1800 588 699 or email qld.booking@dementia.org.au to register.

A special thank you to Cuppa Plus for their support in planning this event.



This forum is funded by the Federal Government and enables Dementia Australia to reach more people living in regional and remote areas, providing greater access to services.

9am-10am: Information Stalls

10am – 10.30am

The Role of Nutrition, Physical Activity & Other Lifestyle Factors in Supporting Brain Health Presented by Healthy Lifestyles Australia

10.30am – 10.45am

The Link Between Hearing Loss and Dementia Dr Sherin Koshy

11am – 11.30am

Overview of Brain Health & Ageing: Overview of Supports Available Dementia Australia

11.30am – 11.45am

Living Well with Dementia Nadene Hottes, Dementia Australia Advocate Living with Dementia

12pm – 12.30pm

A Dementia-Friendly Scenic Rim Nadia Licence & Scenic Rim Dementia Collective

12.30pm – 1pm: Information Stalls

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Booking required by 25 October 2026



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: 14th—20th September

Monday 14th	Tuesday 15th	Wednesday 16th	Thursday 17th	Friday 18th	Saturday 19th	Sunday 20th
Beaudesert 5:00pm	Beaudesert 5:00pm	Tamborine Mountain 9:00am Beaudesert 5:30pm	No Masses	Beaudesert 8:50am	Rathdowney 4:30pm Beaudesert 6:30pm	Tamborine Mountain 7:30am Beaudesert 9:30am

Divine Mercy Devotion: Every Sunday 3:00 – 3:15pm: St. Mary's Church, Beaudesert.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Every Wednesday: Beaudesert 4:30pm

Anointing Masses: First Wednesday of each month

Reconciliation: Before weekday Masses. Please call (07) 5541 1068

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.

Safeguarding Commitment & New STOpline

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