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Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

29th/30th August 2026

Social Justice Sunday calls us to recognise that faith is not separate from the realities of the world but deeply engaged with them. It is lived not only in belief, but in how we respond to injustice, how we carry responsibility, and how we choose to act for the good of others.

The readings speak honestly into this space. Jeremiah gives voice to the cost of living truthfully. The call of God is not easy to carry. It unsettles, exposes, and places him in tension with those around him. Yet it cannot be silenced, there is something within him that burns, a deep knowing that what is true must be spoken, even when it is difficult. This reflects the heart of justice: not comfort, but fidelity to what is right.

The psalm draws us into a deeper grounding. Beneath the struggle is a longing for God, a thirst that cannot be satisfied by anything else. It is this relationship that sustains and holds us. Without it, the work of justice becomes heavy and exhausting. With it, there is a source of strength that endures, even in dry and difficult places.

Paul shifts the focus to transformation. Faith is not lived by simply following what surrounds us. It requires a change of mind and heart, a new way of seeing. Social justice flows from this transformation. It is not only about action, but about how we perceive the world, how we recognise dignity, and how we discern what is truly good.

In the Gospel, this becomes even more direct. Jesus speaks of a path that is not aligned with human expectations. It is not about securing life, but about giving it. Peter resists this, wanting to protect and preserve what seems right. Yet Jesus reveals that this way of thinking, though understandable, is limited.

The invitation that follows is clear and challenging: to take up the cross and follow. This is not a call to seek suffering, but to accept that living truthfully and justly has a cost. To stand for dignity, to act with integrity, to place others before self, these are not always easy choices.

There is a deep paradox here, to hold onto life tightly is to lose it. To give it freely is to find it, this speaks directly into the work of justice. When we act only for ourselves, life becomes smaller. When we act for others, especially those most in need, something opens, not only in the world, but within us.

Social justice, then, is not an optional extra to faith. It is an expression of it. It flows from recognising who Christ is and allowing that recognition to shape how we live.

The readings invite us to notice where we resist this call. Where do we turn away from what is difficult? Where do we hold too tightly to what is safe? And where might we be invited to step forward, even in uncertainty?

This is not something we do alone. Like Jeremiah, we may struggle. Like the psalmist, we may feel the dryness. Yet we are held within something deeper, a relationship with God that sustains and transforms.

We are invited, again, to live with openness and courage. To allow our faith to move beyond words into action, and to trust that in giving of ourselves, we do not lose life, but discover it more fully.

Readings for this 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 to which we are called.

Alleluia!

Gospel Reading: Matthew 16:21-27

Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself.

Readings for next week (5th & 6th September)

Twenty-Third Sunday In Ordinary Time

First Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-9

If you have not warned the wicked man, then I will hold you responsible for his death.

Responsorial Psalm:

O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

Second Reading: Romans 13:8-10

Love is the fulfilment of the Law.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.

Alleluia!

Gospel Reading: Matthew 18:15-20

If your brother or sister listens to you, you will have won that person back.

Thursday 3rd September—St Gregory the Great (Pope, doctor) (Memorial)

Money Counters

31st August—Trish 7th September—Peter

14th September—Colleen 21st September—Trish

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, 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,

Scott Murphy (18th August, 2026)

and those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

John Ward Smith (24th August)

Brenda Deerrain (26th August)

Bob McCormack (27th August)

Paddy Ward (28th August)

Patrese Dunne (29th August)

Graeme Hamer (2nd September)

Jim Deerrain (3rd September)

May Taylor (4th September)

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

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.

Office Closure— Friday 4th September

The office will be closed Friday 4th September for the show.

I will be here on the Thursday of that week, instead. The newsletter will be sent on this day so any submissions will need to be in by Wednesday 2nd Sept.

Thank you for your understanding.

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



Social Justice Sunday (30th August)



Today, on this social justice Sunday, we reflect on the Social Justice Statement of 2026 "The Cost of Our Living" created by the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference.

Summary:

In a wealthy country like Australia, it seems inconceivable that there should be so much hardship. Many of us cannot see a way out of the cost of living crisis. This must change. Australia needs to learn to hope again. And we know that the Gospel of Jesus Christ is the antidote to the current struggle and despair.

We need to become prophets of hope, not just by what we say, but by what we do and the way we do it. The cost of living crisis has resulted in significant challenges for so many of us, but we have the ability to turn things around. We need to see the hardship that others do not see or do not want to see. We need to lend a helping hand to all those around us who struggle to live with any dignity. We need to bring together people from all walks of life, including those bearing the brunt of the cost of living crisis, to develop local action as well as to promote national action to address the struggles we all face. Trusting in the Spirit, all of us in parishes, schools and agencies across the country can help to lift the cloud of gloom which overwhelms so many of us today and replace it with hope for a stronger, compassionate, more resilient and fairer country.

A copy of the Statement will be sent with the Newsletter email, or a copy can be obtained from the office.

O God of justice and mercy,

look upon the struggling families of Australia crushed by the rising cost of living- parents skipping meals, choosing between medicine and power, fearful that one more bill will break them.

Lord Jesus, born in poverty, teach us to see You in every exhausted worker, every pensioner going cold, every young adult trapped at home.

Holy Spirit, move the hearts of lawmakers, employers and landlords to choose fairness over profit and the common good over excess. Strengthen your Church to be a voice for the voiceless and a true refuge for the poor. Mary, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, and St Joseph, protector of workers, intercede for us that rents and wages may be just and fair and no child in this land go hungry or without a home. Turn our nation to solidarity and hope that honest work may always provide bread, and no one be forced to choose between dignity and survival.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Bible Reflection– 22nd Sunday (30th August)

"Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle to me. you are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do.

- Matthew 16:23

Reflect today on Peter's and Jesus' words: "God forbid, Lord!" and "Get behind me, Satan!" In this exchange, Jesus is also speaking to each of us, saying, "Never run from the Cross!" We must never flee from a selfless and sacrificial embrace of suffering, even when that suffering is unjust. God can and will transform all freely embraced suffering into a means of His eternal glory and our sanctification. With our Lord, reject the evil one's false empathy. Reject the lie that suffering is meaningless. Choose instead to lay down your life in love with Christ, and in doing so, you will rise with Him, victorious over every sin and diabolical lie, overcoming even the sufferings of this life through your free and faithful embrace.

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6 - 12 September 2026

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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: 31st August—6th September

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 31st	Tuesday 1st	Wednesday 2nd	Thursday 3rd	Friday 4th	Saturday 5th	Sunday 6th
No Mass	No Mass	Tamborine Mt Liturgy of the Word with Holy Eucharist 9am	No Mass	No Mass	Christmas Ck 4:30pm	Tamborine Mt 7:30am
		Beaudesert Exposition 4:30pm Liturgy of the Word with Holy Eucharist 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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