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Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

17th/18th October 2026

One of the most beautiful messages in this Sunday's readings is the personal love of God for each one of us. In the first reading, God speaks to His anointed one and says, "I have called you by name." These words reveal a God who knows us personally. We are not strangers to Him. God knows our names, our joys and our sorrows, our successes and our struggles. He knows the deepest desires of our hearts.

God also says that He takes hold of the hand of His chosen one. This image is filled with tenderness and comfort. Just as a loving parent holds the hand of a child while crossing a busy road, God holds our hands through the journey of life. He guides us when we are confused, strengthens us when we are weak, and lifts us up when we fall. Even in difficult moments, we are never alone. The Lord walks beside us, leading us with love and care.

In the Gospel, Jesus teaches, "Give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." With these words, Jesus reminds us that we have responsibilities both as citizens and as believers. We have duties towards our country, our community, and society. Respecting laws, contributing to the common good, and working for justice and peace are important parts of our Christian life. They help create order, stability, and prosperity in the world.

However, Jesus also reminds us that there is something that belongs to God alone: our hearts. Everything we are and everything we have ultimately comes from Him. Therefore, we are called to give God His rightful place in our lives through prayer, worship, love, and obedience to His will.

Many people today think that happiness can be found without God. Yet when we push God aside, we often become centred only on ourselves. Selfishness slowly grows in our hearts and can damage our relationships, families, and communities. Selfishness is one of the greatest dangers facing humanity because it makes us think only of our own needs and forget the dignity and needs of others.

God is the source of all goodness, truth, and love. The values that build strong families and peaceful societies come from Him. Compassion, forgiveness, generosity, respect, and self-sacrifice flourish when God is at the center of our lives. A world without God becomes a world that struggles to understand true love and true purpose.

This week, let us remember that God calls each of us by name and lovingly holds our hands. Let us faithfully fulfill our responsibilities in society, but above all, let us give God what belongs to God: our hearts, our trust, and our love. When we do so, we become instruments of His goodness and help make our world a place filled with hope, love, and lasting values.

May the Lord continue to guide us by the hand and lead us closer to Him each day.

MAY GOD BLESS YOU
FR TOMI

Readings for this week (17th & 18th October)

Twenty-Ninth Sunday In Ordinary Time

First Reading: Isaiah 45:1, 4-6

I have taken the hand of Cyrus to subdue nations before his countenance.

Responsorial Psalm:

Give the Lord glory and honour

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5

We are mindful of your faith, hope, and love.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life.

Alleluia!

Gospel Reading: Matthew 22:15-21

Give to Caesar the things that belong to Caesar and to God the things that are God's

Readings for next week (24th & 25th October)

Thirtieth Sunday In Ordinary Time

First Reading: Exodus 22:20-26

If you are harsh with the widow or the orphan, my anger will rage against you.

Responsorial Psalm:

I love you, Lord, my strength.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10

You turned away from idols to serve God and await his Son.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

Alleluia!

Gospel Reading: Matthew 22:34-40

You shall love the Lord your God and your neighbour as yourself.

Christmas Creek Afternoon Tea

The kettle will be on from 4pm on Saturday 31st October for the blessing of the graves at Sacred Heart Church and Cemetery, Christmas Creek.

You are also welcome to join us for afternoon tea following the 4:30pm Mass.

Please bring a plate to share, and don't forget your chairs!

Kerry Afternoon Fellowship

We would like to invite anyone coming to the Blessing of the Graves and Mass at St John's, Kerry on Saturday November 7th to join us for fellowship afterwards.

The plan is to bring a cold drink, a chair and nibbles to share.

Looking forward to seeing you then.

Palen Creek- 'Cheer and Chatter'

Please bring a chair and a plate to share to join in with 'Cheer and Chatter' following the blessing of the graves from 3:50pm and the 4:30pm Mass at St James', Palen Creek on Saturday November 14th.

All welcome!

Please pray for our sick brothers and sisters

Rosemary Ryan, Ken Armstrong, 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,

and those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Bridget Clarke – 20th October 1993

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

May they rest in peace.

Amen.

Cemetery Blessings

Please note that the dates published in the Parish calendar are incorrect

The corrected dates are below:

Christmas Creek:	Saturday 31 st Oct	3:50pm
Beaudesert:	Sunday 1 st Nov	10:45am
Tamborine Mountain:	Wednesday 4 th Nov	9:45am
Kerry:	Saturday 7 th Nov	3:50pm
Canungra:	Sunday 8 th Nov	10:15am
Gleneagle:	Thursday 12 th Nov	5pm
Palen Ck:	Saturday 14 th Nov	3:50pm
Tamborine Village:	Saturday 21 st Nov	3:30pm

November– Month of Remembrance

If you would like your deceased loved one/s remembered at Masses throughout November, please write their name/s clearly on an envelope with a donation and place it on the collection plate at Mass, or hand it in to the parish office.

The deadline for submissions is the 17th of November.
Any names submitted after this time will unfortunately not be displayed.

Holy Matrimony

Congratulations to Mary Nguyen and Dylan Strachan who will be joined in Holy Matrimony this weekend.

Please keep this couple in your prayers as they embark on this journey.

May the Lord bless their union.



Money Counters

19 th October – Peter	26 th October – Colleen
2 nd November – Trish	9 th November – Peter

Bible Reflection– 29th Sunday (18th October)

The Pharisees went off and plotted how they might entrap him in speech. They sent their disciples to him, with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are a truthful man and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. And you are not concerned with anyone's opinion, for you do not regard a person's status. Tell us, then, what is your opinion: Is it lawful to pay the census tax to Caesar or not?"

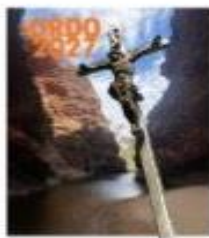
Matthew 22:15-17

Reflect today on the unity to which you are called. Do you form alliances based on personal ambition or on wholehearted worship of God? Reflect especially upon your involvement within the Church and consider whether, even unintentionally, you act more like a politician or lobbyist than a true disciple of Christ. Commit yourself not to an agenda, but to Jesus. Worship Him, surrender your life to Him, and allow Him to unite you with other members of His Body, the Church. Such unity is the only unity that endures all things and bears lasting fruit.

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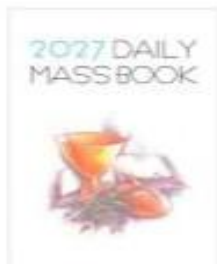
Daily Books for 2027- Orders Open

Orders will be placed at the end of October. Please contact the office to put your name down for a copy.



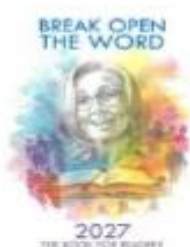
The Official Ordo for Australia and New Zealand is the indispensable reference for liturgy planning in every sacristy and church office. It includes daily reading references with taglines, psalm citations and responses, and gospel acclamations. Also highlighted are special days of commemoration, making it a practical resource for clergy, musicians, readers, and all who prepare the liturgy.

RRP \$28



The Daily Mass Book 2027 is a reliable companion for the liturgical year, spanning Advent to Advent. Containing the complete texts for Sunday and weekday Masses, it offers over 600 pages in a compact and practical format. Its two-colour printing and clear layout make it simple to use and easy to navigate day by day.

RRP \$37



Break Open the Word 2027: Year B provides the complete set of readings and psalms for every Sunday of the year, together with fresh commentary written especially for this edition. Each reflection offers a helpful background to the texts as well as practical guidance on how best to proclaim them. This book also includes a clear pronunciation guide and an introductory section, The Ministry of Reader, to support readers in their important liturgical role.

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Strategy Planning Week 3 - Community

St Mary's vision for Community is to build a connected community where everyone belongs, participates and shares in parish life.

This weekend we hear Teresa McGrath's (Director of Parish Leadership at Archdiocesan Ministries) dream about what a ministry area called Building Community could look like in a parish.

You can watch the video by clicking on the link here (if viewing on a device):

<https://tinyurl.com/visionforbuildingcommunity>

To share your dream for a **Community** ministry in our parish please complete the survey by clicking the link here:

<https://tinyurl.com/stmaryscommunity>

To access the video on your own device, use your phone's camera to scan this QR code off the printed newsletter and click the link that comes up:



At Masses- there will be hardcopies of the Survey available; however, it is preferred that you complete your survey online if you are able to. Use your phone's camera to scan this QR code off the printed newsletter and click the link that comes up to complete the survey online:



Strategy Planning Parish Summit Invitation

St Mary's Beaudesert Parish is hosting a Parish Summit and we want you to be a part of it!

When: Saturday 21st November, 9am-2pm

Where: St Mary's School Hall (Gallagher Centre)

Come and meet other parishioners, let us join together, and let's share our hopes and dreams for the future of the parish as one community.

All are invited but registration is essential.

Use the link below or scan the QR code to register. If you are unable to use this link, please call the office and I will be more than happy to assist.

Registrations: tinyurl.com/stmaryssummit



You're Invited!

GRANDPARENTS DAY

Mass and Morning Tea



We warmly invite all grandparents to join us for a special Mass at St Mary's Church, followed by a morning tea.

 **SUNDAY 25TH OCTOBER** |  **FROM 9:30AM**

We look forward to seeing you there!

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: 19th – 25th October

Monday 19th	Tuesday 20th	Wednesday 21st	Thursday 22nd	Friday 23rd	Saturday 24th	Sunday 25th
Wongaburra 9:15am <i>All welcome!</i>	Beaudesert 5:00pm	Tamborine Mountain 9:00am	No Masses	Beaudesert 8:50am	Beaudesert 6:30pm	Tamborine Mountain 7:30am
Beaudesert 5:00pm		Beaudesert Adoration 4:30pm Mass 5:30pm				Beaudesert 9:30am & 5:30pm

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.

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