

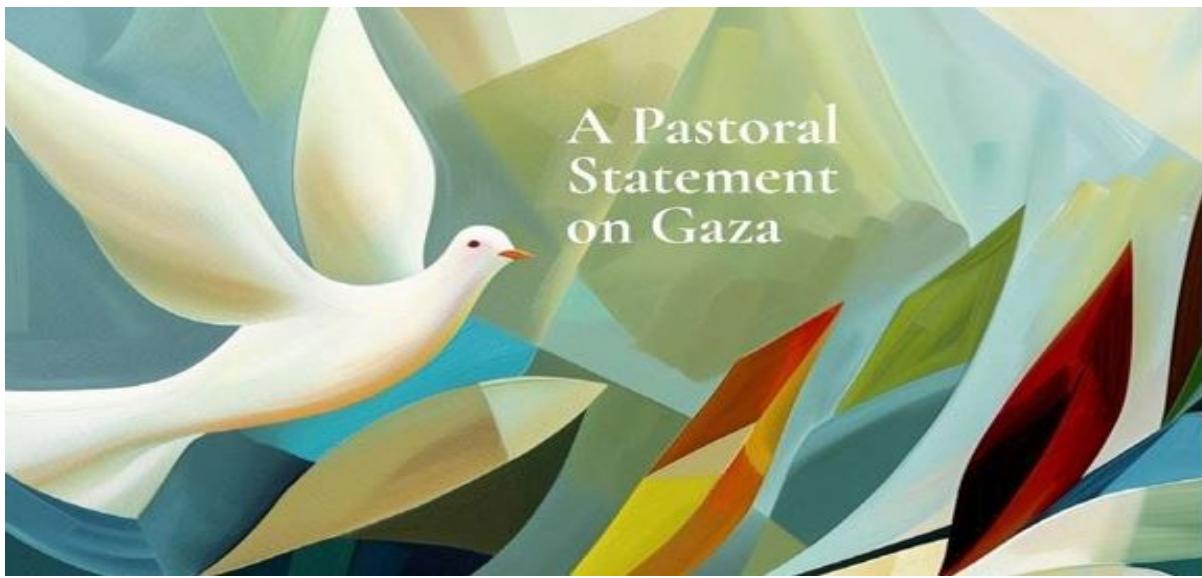
TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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23rd/24th August 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Welcome to the Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time.



The love of God knows no favourites (cf Romans 2:11). The divine mercy, justice and peace are for everyone without exception. We see the suffering of the people of Gaza with the eye of God, as we do the torment of the Israeli people. We cry out to God for the end of violence, especially the use of hunger as a weapon of war, and for the release of hostages. We plead with God to do what seems to us impossible.

Pope Leo summons us to be advocates of peace and builders of bridges; and the Australian Bishops have endorsed the Holy Father's call, urging prayer but also reflection on last year's Social Justice Statement, *Truth and Peace: A Gospel Word in a Violent World*. So I urge the entire Archdiocese of Brisbane to join Pope Leo in praying ardently for peace in Gaza and imploring peace in the Holy Land.

We can also contribute practically by helping Caritas Australia to provide essential aid such as food, water and shelter to families in Gaza. You can donate here: [tinyurl.com/CaritasgazaAppeal](http://tinyurl.com/CaritasgazaAppeal). Updated information about the efforts of the United Nations to bring a comprehensive and lasting peace in the region can be found here on the [UN site](#).

May they "beat their swords into ploughshares, their swords into pruning-hooks", so that "nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more" (Isaiah 2:4).

*Mark Coleridge, Apostolic Administrator*

Blessings, Father Stanley.

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME				PARISH PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK			
Friday 22nd August	Cooyar	6pm	Vigil	<u>Recently Deceased:</u> Shane Knaggs, John Fowke, Kevin Fry, Filipe Munoz.			
Saturday 23rd August	Blackbutt	5pm	Liturgy	<u>Death Anniversaries:</u> Erin Pollock, Christopher Perrett, Esther Garske, Pamela Cecil, Roy O'Neill, Elma Mangan.			
Sunday 24th August	Kumbia	6pm	Vigil	<u>Prayers for the sick:</u>			
	Nanango	8am	Mass	OLHC Parish - Amelia Cole, Greg Knaggs, Joan Cronin, Damian Wyvill, Kyle Sutherland (Perrett), Chris Stevens, Shirley Warner, Bruce McCarthy.			
	Kingaroy	10am	Mass	St Mary's Parish - Denise Mann, Liz Mamczur, Ellie Spicer, Joe Smoothery, Judy Stanton, Jo Saunders, Michael Carroll, Therese Hanley, Teresa O'Sullivan, Maree Janz, Terry Burns, Tony Cavanagh, Juliette McCorley, Bruce McCarthy.			
<b>First Reading:</b>	<b>Isaiah 66:18-21</b>				<b>2025 ANNUAL CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN (23/24 August)</b>		
<b>Responsorial Psalm:</b>	<b>Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.</b>						
<b>Second Reading:</b>	<b>Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13</b>				<b>CENTACARE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND PASTORAL MINISTRIES</b>		
<b>Gospel Acclamation:</b>	<b>Alleluia, Alleluia! I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me. Alleluia!</b>				<p>Your gift to Centacare provides care to families in distress, to victims of domestic violence, to those facing homelessness and to people living on the margins of our communities. Much of this work is hidden, but these ministries are some of the most important outreaches of the Church to people in real need.</p> <p>2025 ANNUAL CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN Our Church • Our Mission • Our Community</p>		
<b>Gospel:</b>	<b>Luke 13:22-30</b>				<b>24 August 2025</b> <a href="http://catholiccampaign.com.au">catholiccampaign.com.au</a>		
WEEKDAY MASS - 21ST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME							
Thursday 28th August	Blackbutt	9am	Mass	<b>ST PAT'S NANANGO -Sarah McCarthy Acting APRE</b>			
	Kumbia	5:30pm	Mass	This week, St Patrick's celebrated Book Week with great enthusiasm! Each class decorated their classroom door based on a book from the 2025 CBCA Shortlist, showcasing creativity and a love for reading. Fr Stanley had the tough job of choosing the winning door, which was announced during our Book Week Parade on Friday morning. Students and staff dressed as their favourite characters from the shortlisted books, and one standout costume was selected from each class. (See photos on Flocknote and on the notice board.)			
Friday 29th August	<b>Kingaroy Reconciliation 8am</b>				<b>SMCC - Mandy Sullivan - Head of College</b>		
	Kingaroy	9am	Mass	Last week our Year 11 students headed off to Emu Gully for their Leadership camp.			
	Nanango	12pm	Mass	They enjoyed 3 days of leadership activities based around ANZAC war experiences in various theatres of war across the years – ‘taking the hill at Gallipoli, Kokoda and the opportunity to pull the parts of a cannon through thick deep slimy mud.			
	<b>Nanango Reconciliation 12:30 pm</b>				They had a fabulous time, learning of their strengths and how to get the best out of all the members of the Year 11 cohort when they take on roles next year as our student leaders.		
TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME							
Saturday 30th August	Blackbutt	5pm	Liturgy	Fr Stanley enjoyed a visit to the students on Thursday and the students enjoyed his homily during Mass.			
Sunday 31st August	Kumbia	8am	Liturgy	Fr Stanley enjoyed a visit to the students on Thursday and the students enjoyed his homily during Mass.			
	Nanango	8am	Mass	Fr Stanley enjoyed a visit to the students on Thursday and the students enjoyed his homily during Mass.			
	Kingaroy	10am	Mass	Fr Stanley enjoyed a visit to the students on Thursday and the students enjoyed his homily during Mass.			
DATE CLAIMER : MULTICULTURAL MASS							
Please save <b>Sunday the 19th of October</b> for the Multicultural Mass. Further information to come.							
KUMBIA WORKING BEE							
On <b>Saturday 30th August from 9:00am</b> , there will be a working bee, mainly gardening and exterior cleaning. Morning tea will be provided.							
							
FATHER:S DAY RAFFLE							
St. Mary's Catholic Church presents:							
<b>Father's Day Raffle</b>							
<b>1st Prize:</b> \$100 Visa Card							
<b>2nd Prize:</b> \$50 Fuel Voucher							
<b>3rd Prize:</b> \$30 Meat Tray							
<b>Tickets:</b> \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5							
<b>Drawn:</b> Sunday 7th September 2025							
ALL PROCEEDS GO TOWARDS THE PAINTING OF ST MARYS CHURCH							