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## TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year C

6th/7th September 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Welcome to the Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time.



2025  
**SEASON OF  
CREATION**  
Garden of Peace. John 3:12-18



Thank you to Ms Locke, teachers and students of year 5 and year 3 from our St Mary's College for undertaking the project exploring the Season of Creation through art and making of the Garden of Peace. How wonderful that our teachers and students are inviting us to listen to the voice of God

speaking to us through creation! Year 5 have joined with the Ministry Team to reflect on this year's theme for Season of Creation: the Garden of Peace. They have created a rock garden, which is displayed in the foyer at St Mary's Church.

Our world is busy. We hardly stop, pause, reflect or discern if the Lord is saying something important to us. That is the gift and the richness that the creative art of our students and staff offers us. Please take a moment to stand there, light one of the candles, and contemplate the beauty of creation.

Year 3 have also been looking at Creation and have shared with us a wonderful display which you can find at the front of the church. The symbol this year is a dove with an olive branch, as recognised on the small table behind the altar. Thank you to SMCC for joining the parish in the celebration of this Season. Once again, I thank Ms Locke for her generous and creative spirit in spreading the Goodnews in our college and in our communities.

### Discernment

A life that is unexamined or a life without discernment and reflection is reckless and not worth living. Through the imagery of the builder calculating before building, Jesus invites us to the power of spiritual discernment. We cannot explore discernment on our own since it is the action of the Holy Spirit within us. God always speaks. He speaks to us. Let us remember to stop, pause, reflect, discern and listen to God as He responds to our question, - *Quo Vadis Domine? - Where are you leading me, Lord?*

### SMCC - Mandy Sullivan - Head of College

This week we celebrated our fathers by inviting them to breakfast. It was a fabulous occasion as Dads joined their children to share a delicious breakfast. The children were keen to line up and take their dads a bacon, egg and hash brown muffin and some juice or hot milo. Many of our staff together with volunteers, showed their support by preparing, cooking and serving breakfast to our many guests and students. While the children eagerly collected a muffin for their Dad, their smiles reflected their excitement and pride. The result was a wonderful morning. Fatherhood was celebrated as it brought together students, parents, and staff in a spirit of gratitude, friendliness and togetherness, making this Father's Day one to cherish. Dads loved the event and thoroughly enjoyed the company of their children.

Eager with curiosity, this week, the Prep students embarked on a visit to St Mary's Church. Guided by Ms Locke (our Ministry Team Coordinator), their teacher and School Officers, the children explored the sacred space, learning about its traditions, symbols, and the stories behind the beautiful old building which has stood for many years. Their eyes widened as they listened to the meaning of various artefacts in the church, tales of community, kindness, and faith, gaining a deeper appreciation for the role the Church plays in people's lives. The visit not only broadened their understanding but also fostered a sense of respect and wonder for the history and meaning held within St Mary's Church.

Blessings, Father Stanley.

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<b>Saturday 6th September</b> Blackbutt      5pm      Vigil <b>Sunday 7th September</b> Kumbia      8am      Liturgy Nanango      8am      Mass Kingaroy      10am      Mass				<u>Recently Deceased:</u> Fr John Chambers, Shane Knaggs. <u>Death Anniversaries:</u> Maurice Mangan, Robert Fitzpatrick, Phillip Campbell, Ray Beauchamp, Christopher Moss, Glicerio Mendoza. <u>Prayers for the sick:</u> <b>OLHC Parish</b> - Amelia Cole, Greg Knaggs, Joan Cronin, Damian Wyvill, Kyle Sutherland (Perrett), Chris Stevens, Shirley Warner, Bruce McCarthy. <b>St Mary's Parish</b> - Denise Mann, Liz Mamczur, Ellie Spicer, Joe Smoothy, Judy Stanton, Jo Saunders, Michael Carroll, Therese Hanley, Teresa O'Sullivan, Maree Janz, Tony Cavanagh, Juliette McCorley, Bruce McCarthy, Terry Burns.	
<b>First Reading:</b> <b>Wisdom 9:13-18</b> <b>Responsorial Psalm:</b> In every age, age, O Lord, you been our refuge. <b>Second Reading:</b> <b>Philemon 9-10, 12-17</b> <b>Gospel Acclamation:</b> Alleluia, Alleluia! Let your face shine on your servant, and teach me your laws. Alleluia! <b>Gospel:</b> <b>Luke 14:25-33</b>					
WEEKDAY MASS - 23rd WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME				Working Bee - OLHC Nanango	
<b>Thursday 11th September</b> Blackbutt      9am      Liturgy Kumbia      5:30pm      Liturgy <b>Friday 12th September</b> Kingaroy      9am      Mass Nanango      12pm      Mass				<b>Saturday, 13th September 2025      Start: 7:30am</b> <b>Gardening:</b> Bring along your gardening gear, hats, water bottles, sunscreen. <b>Parish Hall</b> spring clean inside and out. Would love to see as many parishioners attend to spruce up our Church grounds. As they say: "Many hands make light work". There might even be a cuppa and cake for morning tea. <b>Will you be there?</b>	
<b>Friday 12th September</b> Cooyar      6pm      Vigil <b>Saturday 13th September</b> Blackbutt      5pm      Liturgy Kumbia      6pm      Vigil <b>Sunday 14th September</b> Nanango      8am      Mass Kingaroy      10am      Mass				<b>OLHC NANANGO - MAJELLAN MORNING TEA</b>  The Majellan Morning tea will be on Tuesday 9th September, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. OLHC Parish Hall. Please bring a plate to share. <b>ALL WELCOME.</b>	
ST MARY'S MULTICULTURAL MASS				<b>Installation Mass for Archbishop - elect Shane Mackinlay</b> 	
 <b>Sunday 19th October 2025 10am</b> Join us for a liturgy celebrating the diversity of cultures within our church. Join us afterward to enjoy the variety of foods that we all bring to the table. Further details to come. Keep your ears and eyes open for this wonderful event of bringing together all the cultures in our community.				<b>At 11am on Thursday 11 September, Archbishop-elect Shane Mackinlay will be installed as the Archbishop of Brisbane. The Mass will also be livestreamed via the Archdiocese of Brisbane Website: <a href="http://brisbanecatholic.org.au/livestream/">brisbanecatholic.org.au/livestream/</a></b> <b>Archbishop-elect Shane's first Mass as Archbishop will be held of Sunday 14 September at 10am at the Cathedral of St Stephen. All are welcome to attend.</b>	
ST MARY'S KINGAROY FUNDRAISING				<b>Father's Day Raffle - LAST CHANCE.</b> Get your raffle tickets. Raffle will be drawn after 10am Mass on Sunday 7th September 2025, <b>ALL PROCEEDS GO TOWARDS THE PAINTING OF ST MARYS CHURCH</b>	
<i>Our Parishes acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we stand, the Wakka Wakka people and pay our respects to the elders past, present and emerging.</i>				 <b>QUEENSLAND CHILD PROTECTION WEEK</b> <b>7 - 13 Sept 2025</b>	<b>Child Protection Week</b> <b>7 - 13 Sept 2025</b>