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TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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18th/19th October 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Welcome to The Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Not giving up

Rome was not built in a day: No great work can ever be achieved without long and patients effort. Look at the art of Michaelangelo, the Beethoven concertos, the cathedral of Notre Dame (How many chisel-strokes to release the Pieta from its marble shroud? How many brush-strokes to transfer the Last Judgment from Michaelangelo's teeming imagination to the sanctuary wall of the Sistine?.) Not just the world's teeming artists and leaders, but everyman, are/is involved in a work of great significance, needing persevering courage to see it through to a successful conclusion; and that work is our salvation. To achieve it, we must co-operate vigorously with God, and in a sense struggle with Him. Today's liturgy invites us to consider two picturesque examples of perseverance in prayer, and the final success that this achieves.

Moses, the man of God, stands on the hilltop interceding for his people who are struggling for their survival in the valley below, attacked by the violent tribe of Amalek. His arms are raised in the classic gesture of intercession (later immortalized in the Cross of Christ, and still used by the celebrant at Mass.) When, out of sheer weariness, his arms begin to droop, Israel fares badly in the battle. With the help of friends he manages to persevere in his mediating prayer, until victory is won. A beautiful prophetic image for Christ, whose prayer continued even when his soul was sorrowful, even unto death. It supports the ideal of intercessory prayer on behalf

of others-not, however, in a superficial way or for petty requests; but for matters of life and death, for salvation, release from sin, recovery from depression, strength to cope with problems, perseverance. And when we pray these things for others, we must do so seriously, with a love that is ready for practical service too.

The widow's dogged perseverance is reflected in the lives of many strong women. History recalls the struggle of various women to achieve particular aims. Think of the persistence of Joan of Arc, of the suffragettes, the feminists who protest at all inequalities based on gender; the mothers who face up to all bureaucratic barriers on behalf of their family. Their styles of campaign may be different; but the perseverance and the courage are the same. Today we have the story of the widow, who kept up her petition until finally she forced the judge to try her case and give her justice. Her situation was that of a poor person under threat, but with the law firmly on her side. There was no doubt about the justice of her case, but the problem was to get a judge to hear it.

That persevering widow encourages us to pray constantly, for ourselves and for others. We recognize our needs (especially for peace, love, grace and salvation), and ask for them. Our God is not like the unheeding judge of the parable, though it may often seem so. We need to persevere and never abandon hope. In this spirit, eventually all will be well, and into his presence we will come, happy to have reached our final destiny.

Taken from Association of Catholic Priests.

Blessings, Father Stanley.

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Saturday 18th October	Blackbutt	5pm	Vigil
Sunday 19th October	Kumbia	8am	Liturgy
	Nanango	8am	Mass
	Kingaroy	10am	Mass

First Reading: Exodus 17:8-13
Responsorial Psalm: Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.
Second Reading: 2 Timothy 3:14-4:2
Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! The word of God is living and active; it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart. Alleluia!
Gospel: Luke 18:1-8

WEEKDAY MASS-TWENTY-NINTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Thursday 23rd October	Blackbutt	9am	Mass
	Kumbia	5:30pm	Mass
Friday 24th October	Kingaroy	9am	Mass
	Nanango	12pm	Mass

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Friday 24th October	Cooyar	6pm	Vigil
Saturday 25th October	Blackbutt	5pm	Liturgy
	Kumbia	6pm	Vigil
Sunday 26th October	Nanango	8am	Mass
	Kingaroy	10am	Mass

DATE CLAIMER:

The Sacrament of First Holy Communion
St Mary's Kingaroy 10am Mass on 9th November 2025

DATE CLAIMER - ALL SOULS DAY MASS
SUNDAY 2nd NOVEMBER 2025

Anyone who has a loved one they would like to be remembered in this Mass, could you please email the name and photo of that person so they can be included in the PowerPoint. Email: kingaroy@bne.catholic.net.au

WORLD MISSION APPEAL - SUNDAY 19 OCTOBER 2025

During World Mission Sunday, we are called to be 'Missionaries of hope among all peoples', and we invite you to extend Christ's love to those in need in Zambia.

Donate at: catholicmission.org.au/mission



Or Envelopes in the church
 Or QR Code

Reach out. Give life.



DATE CLAIMER - Toowoomba Philharmonic Society Inc
Presents: Handel's Messiah Tour 25

Nanango Catholic Church - Saturday 29th November 2025

Tickets at: trybooking.com/eventlist/tphilo

PARISH PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

Recently Deceased: Rita Hodge
 Funeral Service to be held at St Mary's Kingaroy 11am -Wednesday 22nd October 2025.

Death Anniversaries: Robert (Bob) Cavanagh, Kerry Day, Martha Kurz.

Prayers for the sick:

OLHC Parish - Amelia Cole, Greg Knaggs, Joan Cronin, Damian Wyvill, Kyle Sutherland (Perrett), Chris Stevens, Shirley Warner, Bruce McCarthy, Wendy Smith, Luke Colahan.

St Mary's Parish - Denise Mann, Liz Mamczur, Ellie Spicer, Joe Smoothy, Judy Stanton, Jo Saunders, Michael Carroll, Therese Hanley, Teresa O'Sullivan, Maree Janz, Juliette McCorley, Bruce McCarthy, Terry Burns.

BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to Eloise Michelle Hurley baptised on 18th of October 2025. Please keep parents, Brianna and Joshua, godparents Charlotte and Brodie in your prayers.

MULTICULTURAL MASS SUNDAY 19.10.2025

Volunteers and support are still needed for the lunch after the Multicultural Mass. Parishioners can help by:

- Providing your favourite meal from your culture or bringing a plate of dessert to share.
- Help with the setting up of marques, tables and chairs from 8.00am Sunday.
- Help with cleaning up afterwards.
- Help with the serving of the meals or cooking at the BBQ.
- Help sell the cold drinks or serve the tea/coffee.

Remember to bring your own chairs, if you can.

Thank you to everyone who has already offered to help in the Mass or at the lunch afterwards.

If you can help, please approach a member of Care and Concern Karen Barrett, Brenda Cook or Fran Hutton before or after church this Sunday or phone the parish office 4162 5121 to advise us that you will be helping.

Remember to bring your country's flag and/or a symbol of your culture and dress in traditional clothing (if you wish).



We ask everyone to play some part in the day a success.

Care and Concern Ministry

PLEASE NOTE

Final day to order - Daily Reflections for Advent, Break Open the Word and Daily Mass Book
 There is a form in every church for this purpose.