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SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year A

14th/15th February 2026

Welcome back Fr Stanley.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Welcome to The Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time.

The choices we make

As Sirach says, each person must choose between life and death ... and whichever one chooses will be given. The choices we make every day have a life or death quality. Every day we are choosing in one direction or the other.

We all have reasons for the choices we make. Sometimes we are seeking approval and acceptance, wanting to fit in and be liked. We choose based upon the costs, benefits and risks involved. Sometimes we may just give up and refuse to choose. Sometimes we choose power, control, or security. Often our choices are about self-protection or making ourselves feel happier. Or we might choose to make another feel bad and attempt to get back at him or her; or more positively, we may choose to make amends and make up.

Our experience of making choices brings us back to our reading from Sirach. There is one fundamental choice to be made — the choice between life and death. Where will I spend eternity? The choice that really matters in the end is between life and death. This ultimate criterion should affect all other choices. What good does it profit a person to gain the whole world, and lose one's soul? (cf Mark 8:36)

Bringing this to an everyday level: could our daily lifestyle be described as *life-giving*? Do we choose to help sustain and nurture life for ourselves and others? Or do we choose to diminish or ignore the good of others? Do we try to make our world a better place? While Jesus sets us a very high standard, Sirach claims that we can keep the commandments if we really want to. Both readings call us to evaluate our habitual ways of choosing.

The Sermon on the Mount offers high moral ideals, not a set of firm commandments. Jesus forbids not merely murder but also lesser forms of injuring others. The importance of forgiveness is so great that it comes before strictly religious duties. He tells us, "leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your neighbour." We must respect not simply people's right to life but also their right to dignity and self-respect.

The prohibition of oaths is not taken literally in Christian countries, where oaths are taken in a court of law. But in a perfect society characterised by trust and truth-telling, oaths should not be needed to reinforce our words. Jesus promoted an atmosphere of openness and trust. What he offers as a supplement to the Law of Moses is a morality of values held from the heart.

Taken from The Association of Catholic Priests

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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| Friday 13th February | No Cooyar Vigil |
| Saturday 14th February | No Blackbutt Liturgy |
| | Kumbia 6pm Vigil |
| Sunday 15th February | Nanango 8am Mass |
| | Kingaroy 10am Mass |

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| First Reading: | Sirach 15:15-20 |
| Responsorial Psalm | Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord! |
| Second Reading: | 1 Corinthians 2:6-10 |
| Gospel Acclamation: | Alleluia, Alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of Heaven and Earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia! |
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| Gospel: | Matthew 5:17-37 |

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS TIME



18th February 2026

St Mary's Church Kingaroy - 7am

OLHC Nanango - 12pm

WEEKDAY MASS - AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY

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| Thursday 19th February | Blackbutt | 9am | Mass |
| | Kumbia | 5:30pm | Mass |
| Friday 20th February | Kingaroy | 9am | Mass |
| | Nanango | 12pm | Mass |

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

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| Saturday 21st February | Blackbutt | 5pm | Vigil |
| Sunday 22nd February | Kumbia | 8am | Liturgy |
| | Nanango | 8am | Mass |
| | Kingaroy | 10am | Mass |

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE - PARENT INFORMATION

First Rite of Reconciliation - INFORMATION SESSION SUNDAY 15 FEBRUARY 2026

11:15am at St Mary's Church Kingaroy

You and your child are invited to attend an information session about preparing for the Sacrament of Penance. They will be eligible if they have completed the Initiation Sacraments of the church - Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion.

LENTEN PROGRAMME

- Kingaroy—Commences Wednesday 18th February at St Mary's Parish Hall at 6:30pm.
- Blackbutt—Commences Thursday 19th February after 9am Mass.

Contact Parish Office if you require any further information.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2026

Salvation Army Kingaroy will be hosting the World Day of Prayer on Friday 6 March 2026. More information to follow.

PARISH PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

Recently Deceased: Terence (Terry) Burns.

Death Anniversaries: Marie Anderson, Nigel Young, Ronnie (Veronica) Potts, Sr Josephine Carmichael, Stephen Logan, Ellen Barbour, Michael Radcliffe, Joe Anderson.

Prayers for the sick:

OLHC Parish - Amelia Cole, Greg Knaggs, 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, Juliette McCorley, Bruce McCarthy.

PROJECT COMPASSION



This Lent, we are called to *Unite Against Poverty* through Caritas Australia's Project Compassion.

Your generosity this Lenten Season will enable Caritas Australia to provide life-changing support to vulnerable communities in need.



Please donate today.

You can support Project Compassion 2026 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code.

Or online at: www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate

Or by calling: 1800 024 413

Thank you for standing with us.

ST. MARY'S KINGAROY WORKING BEE

Saturday 28th February from 7:30am to 12 noon.

Working bee to continue maintenance of church garden and grounds. Morning tea will be provided. A contribution to morning tea, sandwiches or savories from anyone unable to attend would be appreciated. (Contact Kate Williams or Dennis Cook if you can contribute.) Please bring along general gardening tools if possible and hats and water.

SEEKING EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

The South Burnett Support Alliance are seeking our support to provide a meal in Kingaroy on any Wednesday from the 25th February 2026 and onwards. The Parish Leadership Team are inviting any individuals or groups in our Parish to volunteer either through your own Parish group or through The Parish Leadership Team. Many hands make light work. Please contact The Parish Office on (07) 4162 5121 during office hours to register your interest.

DATE CLAIMER:

St Mary's Parish Kingaroy Cent Auction with Afternoon Tea Saturday 16th of May 2026. More information to follow.