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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Year A

28th February /1st March 2026

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Welcome to The Second Sunday of Lent.

Pilgrim's Progress: Life as Journey

The years of our life pass smoothly by, each one seeming shorter than the last. We are on a journey from youth to age, from the cradle to the grave. In his dream-like poem, *The Lotus Eaters*, Alfred Tennyson describes a sense of weary resignation, one option we might take, in face of the passing years:

"Let us alone. Time driveth onward fast,

And in a little while our lips are dumb.

Let us alone. What is it that will last?

All things are taken from us, and become

Portions and parcels of the dreadful past."

Through eyes of faith, the passing of the years looks somewhat different. We believe our journey is going somewhere: instead of simply terminating with death (full stop, *finis*), we will emerge into the life of heaven (welcome, transition into God's presence.) We are pilgrims, like Abraham, moving toward the land of promise. Like St Paul, we try to deal with the problems and setbacks along the way, with the help of the Lord. And in the end, if we are faithful, we will share the total joy of joining Christ in glory, as the reward of life's pilgrimage.

Pilgrim's Progress: In our many journeys today (the age of mobility) we tend to move around a lot, without showing much signs of spiritual progress; indeed, in that respect we often appear to be going backwards. Our goals and desires are short-term, narrow, superficial. Moved by a restless urge for money, for celebrity, novelty, success and pleasure, we go round in rapid circles. But the pilgrims' sights are set on a higher destination, and like Martin Luther King they can say: "I have a dream!" However far-off and hard to reach this dream may be, it is worth more than all the short-term desires we follow. Each step on the journey takes on meaning in light of the goal God sets before us.

A personal, inward journey: Our whole life can be made a pilgrimage towards God. Just as he called Abraham, so he calls each of us to be his own. His call to us is quiet but insistent. Not exactly in the form of: "leave *your country and your father's house,*" but "*leave your old ways,* the pride and selfishness, the hardness of heart, the angry temper, the envy and the falsehood. And go to the land I shall show." The direction of our pilgrimage is not geographical but moral: "Go towards charity, purity, sharing in truth and prayer and good-will. Go in the way of the gospel. Go to heaven.'

Meaningful Living: Having God's command, and submitting entirely to it, made Abraham the first great pilgrim. Henceforth all his activity took on the value of obedience to God; he was on the high road towards Yahweh, the living God. The same spirit would give the deepest meaning to our lives too. Far from being absurd or useless, the pilgrim's efforts to follow the gospel of his Master are full of meaning. Progress along this way is the real formula for peace of mind. Augustine said it profoundly: You have made us for Yourself, o Lord; and our hearts can never be at rest, until they rest in You.

Taken from The Association of Catholic Priests

ST PAT'S NANANGO -Prue Clarke, APRE

This week, our students have taken part in a beautiful act of kindness by creating cards for residents at the local aged-care home in honour of National Letter to the Elderly Day. Through this simple act, they lived out our school values in meaningful ways.

Students demonstrated commitment through their effort, connection by reaching across generations, and community by showing care for others beyond our school. These cards will soon be delivered to the aged-care residents, bringing smiles, encouragement, and a reminder that they are valued and remembered. We are incredibly proud of our students for embracing this opportunity to make a positive difference in the lives of others.

Blessings, Father Stanley.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Friday 27th February	Cooyar	6pm	Vigil
Saturday 28th February	Blackbutt	5pm	Liturgy
	Kumbia	6pm	Vigil
Sunday 1st March	Nanango	8am	Mass
	Kingaroy	10am	Mass
	Children's Liturgy of the Word		

First Reading: **Genesis 12:1-4**
Responsorial Psalm Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.
Second Reading: **2 Timothy 1:8-10**
Gospel Acclamation: Glory and praise to you Lord Jesus Christ! From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved son, hear him. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
Gospel: **Matthew 17:1-9**

WEEKDAY MASS - SECOND WEEK OF LENT

Thursday 5th March	Blackbutt	9am	Liturgy
	Kumbia	5:30pm	Liturgy
Anointing Mass			
Friday 6th March	Kingaroy	9am	Mass
	Nanango	12pm	Mass

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Saturday 7th March	Blackbutt	5pm	Vigil
Sunday 8th March	Kumbia	8am	Liturgy
	Nanango	8am	Mass
	Kingaroy	10am	Mass

CENT AUCTION

Cent Auction to be held on 16 May 2026 in St Mary's Parish Hall. Doors open 12:30pm.

Sufficient prizes of donated goods already held. We would welcome cash donations or gift vouchers so we can purchase additional prizes. Gift voucher suggestions are: IGA, Supercheap Auto, Bunnings, Mitre 10, Martoo Meats, Memerambi Springs etc.



Entry Tickets for Cent Auction are on sale from Sunday 1st March 2026. Get in early as there are limited ticket numbers. Raffle tickets will also be on sale. Tickets can be purchased at the office during working hours.

Please call 0408 742 522 or 0459 603 274 with any questions you may have regarding the Cent Auction. You can also see Karen or Kate before Mass.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER - FRIDAY 6 MARCH 2026

- Kingaroy - Salvation Army, 109 Kingaroy St, at 10am.
- Yarraman - Uniting Church, 15 Toomey St at 10am.
- Nanango - Wesleyan Methodist Church, 55 Cairns St. at 10am.
- Kumbia - Catholic Church, 42 Brook Rd at 1:30pm.

PARISH PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

Death Anniversaries: , Kenneth (Peter) Lavings, Jack Cronin, Jim Lenihan , Peter (Dick) Decourcy, Tom Hayes, Dianne Pollock .

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, Rikie Brinkman, Bernice Mahoney.

PROJECT COMPASSION

Second Sunday of Lent

28 February – 1 March 2026

Sisilia is a 13-year-old girl living in remote Tanzania, who had to walk long distances to collect water every day. Thanks to Project Compassion, Sisilia's school and village now have safe clean water close by and she can spend more time studying so she can fulfil her dream of one day becoming a pilot.

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.

NEXT LENTEN PROGRAMME DATES

- Kingaroy -Wednesday 4th March at St Mary's Parish Hall at 6:30pm.
- Blackbutt -Commences Thursday 5th March after 9am Mass.

APPRECIATION

Thanks and appreciation to Eadie Carew for all the effort she put into the creation of our lovely Parish Calendar.

**OLHC NANANGO - MAJELLAN MORNING TEA**

The Majellan Morning tea will be on Tuesday 10th March 2026 at 10-00 a.m. in OLHC Parish Hall. All welcome. Please bring a plate to share.