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FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year A

4th/5th July 2026

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Welcome to the Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Final Mass

As the final month of my ministry in our communities begins, I wish to express my heartfelt gratitude for your support and for the generous way you live out your Christian vocation. As co-workers in God's field, each of you continues to respond to our baptismal call to active participation in the life of the Church and to the universal call to holiness. It is through your faithful daily labour in God's holy field that our communities continue to reflect the face of Christ in the world. Thank you.

In this weekend's Gospel, Jesus offers a message to all who labour in the Lord's vineyard: *"Come to me, all you who labour, and I will give you rest."*

Sunday, 26 July, will be my final day working alongside you in the Lord's vineyard across our communities. During that weekend, we will celebrate the Eucharist in all our communities, with the exception of Cooyar, where our final Mass will take place on **Friday, 10 July**. The Mass schedule for that weekend is as follows:

Saturday, 25 July Blackbutt Vigil – 4:00 pm
 Kumbia Vigil – 6:00 pm

Sunday, 26 July Nanango – 8:00 am
 Kingaroy – 10:00 am



Blessing for the Ministers of Lay-Led Worship

Over twenty parishioners gathered to learn how to celebrate the Liturgy of the Word in the absence of a priest. The first session was held in Kingaroy on Sunday, 21 June, and the second in Blackbutt on Saturday, 27 July. Some of these parishioners are already Lay-Led Ministers in their communities, while others were invited by the parish

to participate in the training. I extend my sincere thanks to all who accepted the invitation and took part.

In the coming weeks, we will offer a special blessing during Mass for those who completed the training. This blessing will serve as a commissioning for their sacred ministry of service. The Liturgy of the Word in the absence of a priest is encouraged by the Church as a meaningful time of prayer and an opportunity to encounter the presence of God. Christ is present whenever parishioners gather to pray, even without a priest.

Throughout history, especially in the early Church, Christians, known as *Followers of the Way*, often gathered in homes or small places of prayer when a minister or priest was not available. I strongly commend this practice to everyone. Let us continue to support and encourage those who volunteer to serve and lead through this ministry of prayer and service.

Once again, I thank all who attended the training. I pray God's blessing upon you as you continue to serve in His vineyard.

Blessings,
Fr. Stanley

CHURCH HALL PAINTING FUNDRAISING APPEAL

St Mary's has received a \$35,000 grant for Church Hall repairs but still needs \$19,000 to complete the work. We also need \$15,000 to fix the church roof. To support the project please donate into the account below.

Electronic Credit deposit ONLY details:

BSB: 064 786 ACCOUNT NO: 100028264 (This account number cannot be used for over the counter deposits)

Reference: Please provide your name.

Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 4 th July	Blackbutt	5pm	Vigil
Sunday 5 th July	Kumbia	8am	Liturgy
	Nanango	8am	Mass
	Kingaroy	10am	Mass

First Reading	Jeremiah 20:10-13
Responsorial Psalm	Lord, in your great love, answer me.
Second Reading	Romans: 5:12-15
Gospel Acclamation	Alleluia, alleluia! The Spirit of Truth will bear witness to me, says the Lord, and you also will be my witness. Alleluia!
Gospel	Matthew 10:26-33

WEEKDAY MASS OF 14TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Thursday 25 th June	Blackbutt	9am	Liturgy
	Kumbia	5:30pm	Liturgy
Friday 26 th June	Kingaroy	9am	Mass
	Nanango	12pm	Mass

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Friday 10 th July	Cooyar	6pm	Vigil
Saturday 11 th July	Blackbutt	5pm	Liturgy
	Kumbia	6pm	Vigil
Sunday 12 th July	Nanango	8am	Mass
	Kingaroy	10am	Mass

PETERS PENCE COLLECTION

Last Weekend of the 27/28th June, parishes in the Archdiocese of Brisbane took up the Peter's Pence Collection. We will collect again this weekend for anyone who was unprepared last weekend.

MOWING ROSTER

The Mowing Roster for St Mary's Church grounds has now been completed, however we are two volunteers short – if anyone is able to join the mowing roster once a month it would be appreciated!

Please contact Kate Williams on 0459 603 274 if you can assist. Thank you.

BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS

- Congratulations to Ryo Koha Deegan who will be baptised on 4th July 2026. Please keep parents, Chloe and Kevan and godparents Tegan, Sean, Caytlin and Ben in your prayers.
- Congratulations to Al Euan Tellidua Polo who will be baptised on 5th July 2026. Please keep parents, Michelle and Al and godparents Joel and Rizalito in your prayers.

KINGAROY PARISHIONERS PLEASE NOTE:

Notices about Fr Stanley's farewell will be distributed before Mass.

PARISH PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

Recently Deceased: Max Downey

Death Anniversaries: Danny Perrett, Jill McGaw, Georgina Douglass, Christina Wearing-O'Callaghan, Percy Martin, Joyce Martin, Reginald Miller, Des Robins, Kathleen Franklin, Fran McNamara, Vince Newman, Thierry Douillard, Michael Smith.

Prayers for the sick:

OLHC Parish - Amelia Cole, Greg Knaggs, Damian Wyvill, Bruce McCarthy, Shirley Warner, Wendy Smith, Kyle Sutherland (Perrett), Kylie Lane, Chris Stevens, 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,

FR STANLEY'S BIRTHDAY GATHERING

A simple relaxed and informal gathering is being planned for Fr Stanley's Birthday on the 24th of July at the Nanango Presbytery. It will be in the style of a backyard BBQ. If you are attending, BYO chair, meat (for the BBQ), a plate (eg. salad or sweets), drinks, musical instruments and any outdoor lawn games. Please fill in the form at the entrance to the church to indicate whether you can bring salad or sweets.

RCIA INFORMATION SESSION

Do you know anyone who is curious about the Catholic faith or has considered completing their Sacraments?

Father Stanley will be holding an information session on our RCIA Program (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) on Wednesday 1st July, 6pm at St Mary's Parish Hall.

Please share this with anyone you know who may be interested in becoming catholic.

This is a relaxed and welcoming opportunity to:

- * Learn about the Catholic faith.
- * Discover what the RCIA journey involves.
- * Meet members of our parish community.
- * Ask questions in a friendly, no-pressure environment.

Attending the information sessions does **not** commit anyone to becoming Catholic. It is simply an opportunity to explore, ask questions, and discern where God may be leading you.

Everyone is welcome.

Should anyone require further information, please contact the office on kingaroy@bne.catholic.net.au