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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year A

18th/19th July 2026

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Welcome to the Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Living full life is trusting in God

On this Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Jesus tells us more about what the kingdom of God is like, through the use of Parables. The parable of the Weed and the Darnal helps us to see life through the lens of God. Viewed through this divine perspective, God's justice is revealed as patient, mild and full of hope even in the face of evil and hopelessness.

Life should always be lived with faith and hope, for God can, and indeed does bring new light and hope amidst every weed and challenge we encounter. God's saving justice wins in the end and not the plans of the enemy. Our lives must always embrace the truth that God is in charge and will always have the final Word.

As the psalmist says it: *In Manus Tuas Domine, (Into Your Hands, O Lord)* Psalm 31:5. God is in control. The enemy is not in control of the world. Contrary to what history may sometimes suggest, neither powerful figures nor strong influential leaders of history are ultimately in control of the world. God alone is. A truly Christian attitude to life always reflects complete trust in God, who bears us in the palm of his hands, and who will never let us walk alone. This understanding directs our lives to a horizon of faith that animates and sustains our hope and trust.

Clergy Gatherings

Last Wednesday, all the clergy of the North Country Deanery gathered at the Parish presbytery in Nanango. It was my final meeting with them as Dean, and the gathering provided us the opportunity to

discuss life and ministry of our communities throughout the region.

I would like to thank parishioners who supported us in many ways during the meeting. I am grateful to the priests for their support to me throughout my time as the Dean of our region. Their support and collaboration have been humbling and encouraging as well.

One of the main topics discussed was our plan to bring the relic of St Francis of Assisi to each parish in the Deanery for prayer and devotion during this Jubilee Year of St Francis. More information about this initiative will be shared in the coming months.

All the priest of the Archdiocese will gather for this year's Annual Convocation on 22 and 23 July. The theme of the gathering will be *Thriving (& Surviving) in Ministry: A Profile of Clergy in Australia: Health and Well Being*. May I ask you for your prayers for all the priests attending this year's convocation, so that we will listen to the voice of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, and in turn, lead His people to listen and follow to His voice.

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.

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

First Reading	Isaiah 55:10-11
Responsorial Psalm	The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.
Second Reading	Romans: 8:18-23
Gospel Acclamation	Alleluia, alleluia! The seed is the word of God; Christ is the Sower; all who come to him will live forever. Alleluia!
Gospel	Matthew 13:1-23

WEEKDAY MASS OF 16TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

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

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 25 th July	Blackbutt	4pm	Vigil
	Kumbia	6pm	Vigil
Sunday 26 th July	Nanango	8am	Mass
	Kingaroy	10am	Mass

BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS

This weekend, we congratulate all the newly baptised children.

Saturday 18th July 2026

- Dustin Graham Ryan - (OLHC Nanango)
- Bonnie Lou Ryan - (OLHC Nanango)
- Madison Jane Ryan Please - (OLHC Nanango)
- Gracie Isobella Partridge - (OLHC Nanango)

Sunday 19th July 2026

- Kennedy April Hams - (St Mary's Kingaroy)
- Ashton William Elphick - (St Mary's Kingaroy)
- Sana Jean Roe - (St Mary's Kingaroy)
- Thea Louisa Clare Roe - (St Mary's Kingaroy)

Please keep all their parents and godparents in your prayers.

FR STANLEY'S FAREWELL IN KINGAROY

Volunteers are still needed to help with lunch at St. Mary's on Sunday the 26th of July. Please see Madeline after Mass on Sunday if you can help.

PARISH PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

Recently Deceased: Sandra Hayden, Archibald (Buddy) Hunter.

Death Anniversaries: Violet Smith, Kevin Langan, Wayne Miles, Anna Dolinowski, Cathy Corrigan, Doreen Beauchamp, Faith Hodge.

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, Bernice Mahoney, Julianne Cross, Megan Manthey,

FR STANLEY'S BIRTHDAY GATHERING

Father Stanley welcomes and invites everyone to attend a simple, relaxed and informal gathering for his 🎂 birthday celebrations on Friday, 24th of July at the Nanango Presbytery from 3pm.

As this will be one of the last celebrations with Fr Stanley for both our parishes, it would be great to see as many parishioners as possible coming together to celebrate Fr Stanley's birthday and final farewell. Please come along whether it will be for a short period or stay as long as you like.

A backyard BBQ has been planned. If you are attending, please BYO chair, if possible, otherwise there will be seating available. BYO meat 🍖 🍷 (for the BBQ), a plate (e.g. salad or sweets), drinks 🍹 🍷, musical instruments 🎸 🎺 🥁, any outdoor lawn games and warm clothing/blankets 🧣 😊. We won't leave you out in the cold. A campfire will be available for everyone to keep warm. Coffee and tea ☕ 🍵 will be available.

Hope to see you there.



SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

Thank you to all those volunteers who have completed the required Safeguarding training. There are only a few with training still outstanding and they are encouraged to complete these modules ASAP. If you need any assistance, please contact Kay Dove: lsr.kingnan@bne.catholic.net.au

Safeguarding Prayer

Lord Jesus, You call us to walk with integrity in the service of others. May our service be filled with kindness, and respect for all God's people by ensuring special protection to children and the vulnerable.

May we seek the truth, listen to those wounded by abuse and choose to act with compassion and justice. Give us the strength, to walk humbly and faithfully, and to love one another as we are so loved by You. Amen.