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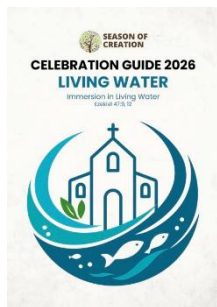
TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year A

5th/6th September 2026

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Welcome to the Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time.



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ, The Season of Creation is the annual Christian celebration to pray and respond together to the cry of Creation: the ecumenical family around the world unites to contemplate and care for our common home, the Oikos of God.

The Season's "Celebration" begins on September 1, the day that several Christian denominations celebrate as the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, and others celebrate as the Feast of Creation. It ends on October 4, the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi, who is beloved by many Christian denominations. This year, we will unite around the theme "Living Water", with the symbol "Immersion in Living Water", inspired by Ezekiel 47:9 and 12. As a powerful statement to the importance of this ecumenical season of prayer and action for Creation, here are words from Pope Leo summoning us to this special season:

"Season of Creation [is] an ecumenical initiative to be celebrated from 1 September to 4 October (...). Environmental justice – implicitly proclaimed by the prophets – can no longer be regarded as an abstract concept or a distant goal. It is an urgent need that involves much more than simply protecting the environment. For it is a matter of justice – social, economic and human. For believers it is also a duty born of faith, since the universe reflects the face of Jesus Christ, in whom all things were created and redeemed. Let us imagine a world in which the energies currently invested in war are directed toward integral human development, to overcoming poverty, protecting human dignity and reconciling divided peoples. Such a vision reflects faith in the coming of God's Kingdom.

The true tools for building peace are not weapons of

destruction, instead they are truth, dialogue, patience, goodness, justice, mercy, understanding, care and love. These flow from hearts shaped by the Gospel and sustained by God's grace. Only these qualities possess the power to transform individuals, renew communities and heal the wounds of our world. Dear brothers and sisters, the path before us is clear, though it is not easy. We are called to allow our hearts to be renewed, so that we might seek peace and care for creation. Scripture tells us to guard our hearts, for everything we do flows from them (cf. *Prov 4:23*).

If we take up this task with humility and faith, we will become collaborators in God's work of renewal. We will move, slowly but surely, from desert to garden, from division to communion, and from violence to peace.

" (Taken from his Message for the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation 2025) His Holiness Pope Leo XIV, Bishop of Rome.)

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY



PRAYER FOR FATHERS

Heavenly Father,
We thank You for the gift of fathers.
Bless all dads with wisdom, patience, and unconditional love. Strengthen them in their daily work and guide them as they lead their families. For those who have gone before us, grant them eternal rest. For fathers who are struggling, bring comfort and peace. May all fathers mirror Your love, faithfulness, and compassion. Amen.



#FathersDay #ThankYouDad #GodlyMen #FaithfulFather
#GoodShepherdLove

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 5 th September	Blackbutt	5pm	Mass
Sunday 6 th September	Kumbia	8am	Liturgy
	Nanango	8am	Mass
Children's Liturgy	- Kingaroy	10am	Mass

First Reading **Ezekiel 33:7-9****Responsorial Psalm** O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.**Second Reading** **Romans 13:8-10****Gospel Acclamation** Alleluia, alleluia! God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us. Alleluia!**Gospel** **Matthew 18:15-20****WEEKDAY MASS OF 23RD WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME**

Thursday 10 th September	Blackbutt	9am	Mass
	Kumbia	5:30pm	Liturgy
Friday 11 th September	Kingaroy	NO 9am	Mass
	Nanango	NO 12pm	Mass

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Friday 11 th September	Cooyar	6pm	Vigil
Saturday 12 th September	Blackbutt	5pm	Liturgy
	Kumbia	6pm	Vigil
Sunday 13 th September	Nanango	8am	Mass
	Kingaroy	10am	Mass

PARISH PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK**Recently Deceased:** Sonia Moulds, Tom McErlean.**Death Anniversaries:** Ted Young, Maurice Mangan, Robert Fitzpatrick, Phillip Campbell, Ray Beauchamp, Christopher Moss, Gliceria Mendoza.**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, Brian Smith, Lisa Kennedy, Mary O'Neil.**Father's Day Raffle – Drawn This Sunday**St Mary's Kingaroy Raffle – Drawn Sunday 6th September
Don't miss out! Buy your tickets *before Mass*.**1st Prize:** ESKY GIFT PACK**2nd Prize:** \$50.00 Fuel Voucher**3rd Prize:** \$30.00 Hotel voucher**Tickets:** \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00.**All proceeds to painting of St Mary's Church and Hall.****FUNERAL NOTICE - TOM McERLEAN**Family and friends are invited to attend a Requiem Mass for Tom, to be held in St Mary's Catholic Church on **Friday 11th September at 10am.****OLHC NANANGO - MAJELLAN MORNING TEA**

The Majellan Morning tea will be on Tuesday 8th September 2026 at 10-00 a.m. in the meeting room of OLHC. All welcome. Please bring a plate to share.

GRATITUDE

Thank you to the Parishioners who took the time to help at OLHC Working Bee. It was such a big help and really made a difference to our gardens.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONOur very best wishes go to Maureen O'Sullivan who is celebrating her 90th birthday on the 7th of September. She arranged flowers at St Mary's Church for many years. Thank you, Maureen.**ANNIVERSARY CONGRATULATIONS**Congratulations to Val and Col Elliott who celebrate their 67th Wedding Anniversary on the 6th of September. We wish you many more years of happiness. May God continue to bless you.**RCIA**

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

- An Invitation for anyone who would like to know more about the Catholic Faith. RCIA is for: • Those who have never been baptised. •

Those who have been baptised in another Christian tradition and are interested in becoming Catholic. • Baptised Catholics who have been away from the Church and would like to reconnect with their faith. If you are curious about the Catholic faith or are considering becoming part of the Catholic Church, we warmly invite you to Come and See by joining our RCIA group. Everyone is welcome. We will start the new program in October by trial by Zoom or in person attendance at Kingaroy. Please contact the Parish's Office to register your interest.

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