



St Mary's Catholic Community

Serving Charleville, Morven and Augathella

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B 4th – 5th September, 2021

We acknowledge the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we stand. We pay our respects to them and for their care of the land. May we walk gently and respectfully upon the land.

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Scripture reflection: 'Courage, do not be afraid'

God's word is always calling out to us anew, inviting us to ways of seeing more keenly and hearing more deeply. What are today's readings bringing to my attention? Isaiah, in the First Reading, offers a theme as he calls us to see what needs to be seen, to hear properly, to move lithely and with purpose, and to speak honestly and with joy.

The Psalm, also, speaks of profound attentiveness as it invites us to notice the Lord's priorities - the oppressed and needy come before all else. I might ask how this sits with today's culture and with my own daily life-choices?

In both the Second Reading and Gospel, we are left in no doubt about those whom God chooses. Through today's word, the Lord is making an appeal to me - to notice, to be moved and to imitate.

Let's pray, this week, that we ourselves might be opened to the wonders of the Lord and also to his challenges as we try to resist being closed to the plight of those whom God raises to first place.

Rumble & Tumble Playgroup: on Thursdays from 9.00am – 11.00am outside the Performing Arts Building at St Mary's School. Entrance via Parry Street. All welcome.

Used stamps for the Missions in Peru: Please place them in the box on the table.

Our Parish Bulletin can now be viewed on the school website under **Quick Links**

Church Cleaning: First Saturday of the month commencing at 7-7.30am. Come along and enjoy the company.



Mass Times

Next Weekend

11th – 12th September, 2021

Charleville: Sunday, 9.00am Mass

Augathella: Saturday, 6.00pm Mass

No Weekday Masses this week

Thursday: 9.30am Liturgy of the Word & Communion at Nursing Home

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Please arrange a time to suit with Fr Warren
Prayer to Our Lady of Perpetual Help first Wednesday of the month at 5.00pm
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament first Friday of the month at 5.00pm.

Sunday Mass can be viewed on Channel 10
on Sundays at 6.00am or on the

Toowoomba Diocesan website:

<https://www.twb.catholic.org.au/>

or on the Diocesan Facebook page.



Parish News

Today we pray for fathers everywhere. We especially pray for those who are separated from their families, as well as for those families that make the difficult decision to embrace lives in new homes, far from the lands of their birth.

Happy Father's Day to all our fathers and grandfathers.

Welcome everyone to Sunday Mass: We need to wash hands, sign in and social distance.

New Rosters for readers and commentators are now available.

New Mass Times Sheets are now available.

The Parish Pastoral Council will meet after the 9.00am Mass next Sunday.

Season of Creation: From 1st September to 4th October (Feast of St Francis of Assisi) we celebrate the Season of Creation. Our challenge for the Season of Creation 2021 is to truly listen to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor. This is a call from Pope Francis, but also, here in Australia, the call of the Australian Bishops as we unpack the 2021/2022 Social Justice Statement.

Priests Retirement Foundation – Father's Day

Appeal: This weekend brings us to the annual appeal for the Priests' Retirement Foundation. The retired priests continue to help in the mission of the church to the best of their abilities and are still very much a valued part of our diocesan life. Money raised from the appeal assists in their ongoing care and support. "Caring for those who cared."

ST MARY'S SCHOOL NEWS

St Mary's School Website:

<http://charleville.catholic.edu.au>

Please take a copy of the School Newsletter and catch up with all the activities of our school community. The newsletter can also be read on the school website.

Prep enrolments for 2022 are now open. To place your child on the list please ring the school on 4654 1638

Our Parish Prayer

Father, we praise and thank you through your son Jesus Christ, who with the Spirit gives us new life. Gather us together as a parish family and encourage us to know one another by name as you know us. Inspire us to be people of hope and joy so that our parish community will come alive and be a place of welcome for all. We make this prayer in the name of Jesus our risen Lord. Amen.

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES.



Please pray for: Bishop Edward Kelly, Bishop William Brennan and Frs Sydney Kattie, Myles Patrick Smith, Francis Burke, Clarence Leahy, Neil O'Donoghue, Mervyn Ziesing and Tony O'Brien MSC and for the following whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Ivy Taylor, William Duggan, Walter Whelan, Rebecca O'Connor, Ellen Byrne, Fred Sheppard, James Crick, Martin Williamson, Murray Adams, Ada Perkins, Bev Gaulton, May Lynch, George Flash, Tom Vetter, Sam Delforce, Barry Elmes (jnr), Ann Morrissey, Cecil Spencer, Nicholas Marsh, Iris Collins, Rita Stewart, Ian Sheppard, Dudley Fraser, Elizabeth Davidson, Joseph Maher, Allan Johnstone, Harold Heinemann, Maureen Webster, Desley Malone, Rosie Guest, John O'Brien, Les Baker, Vicki Adams, Joan Dover, Allan Anderson, Mabel Laphorn, Michael Webster, Charlie Russell, Ivy Morris, Bernadette Roach, Phillip Colgan, Colin Steer, Norman Pfingst, Norman Thomson, Elsie James, Martin Lockhart, Lois Neuman, Robert Angel, Bidy Fraser, Michael Clare, Tony Watt, Terry Ball, Meg Bently, John Spence, Kathleen Lomas, Douglas McConnell, Charles Menzie, Kevin Williams, Jean Pierre Koscielnek, Mavis Creevey, Thanh Vu, Betty Fraser, George Kirby, Thelma Newby, Vern Scott, Neville Taylor, Kathy Hindmarch, Leona Akers, Karen Frost, Ivy Guymer, Eileen Anderson

Planned Giving pledge cards available. We encourage all Parishioners to be in the Planned Giving Programme through a weekly envelope contribution. We thank all Parishioners who have supported the Parish financially over the years. Our Parish needs \$1200 per week to continue to operate financially. Please consider increasing your contribution to enable us to continue our Pastoral Ministry.

Collection: 22nd August, 2021

Planned Giving	\$145.00
Loose	\$223.95
Total	\$368.95