

# 7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C

## 23RD FEBRUARY, 2025

Readings: 1 Sam 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; 1 Cor 15:45-49; Lk 6:27-38

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and Bli Bli*

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### Love Beyond Measure: Reflecting Christ's Radical Mercy

In today's Gospel, Jesus presents us with one of the most challenging teachings of our faith: **"Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you."** These words might seem almost impossible to live by in our current world, where revenge and retaliation often feel like natural responses to hurt and injustice.

The first reading gives us a powerful example of this teaching in action, centuries before Christ spoke these words. David, despite having every earthly right to kill Saul – who was actively seeking his life – chooses mercy instead. When presented with the perfect opportunity to end his persecution, David refuses to harm the Lord's anointed. This story isn't just about sparing an enemy; it's about recognizing the dignity that God bestows on every person, even those who wrong us.

But how do we cultivate such extraordinary mercy in our own lives? The answer lies in our second reading from Corinthians, where Paul speaks of the first Adam and the last Adam – Christ. We are reminded that while we bear the image of the earthly one, we are called to bear the image of the heavenly one. This transformation isn't just about following rules; it's about allowing Christ to reshape our very nature.

Jesus' teachings in today's Gospel go beyond simple non-retaliation. **He calls us to active love – to do good, to bless, to pray for those who hurt us.** When someone strikes us on the cheek, we're not just told to avoid striking back; we're called to offer the other cheek. When someone takes our coat, we're called to offer our shirt as well. This isn't weakness; it's the strength that comes from knowing we are children of the Most High.

The measure we use for others, Jesus tells us, will be the measure used for us. **When we choose mercy over vindication, forgiveness over resentment, generosity over calculation, we aren't just helping others** – we're allowing God's grace to transform us into the image of His Son.

In our parish community, these readings challenge us to examine how we respond to the small daily injuries we encounter: the harsh word from a family member, the colleague who takes credit for our work, the neighbour who spreads gossip. **Can we, like David, see God's presence even in those who wrong us?** Can we, like Christ, respond with love that goes beyond what seems reasonable or fair?

As we continue our journey through Ordinary Time, let us pray for the grace to **love as Jesus loves** – without measure, without calculation, without limits. For in doing so, we become more fully who we are meant to be: children of our Father in heaven, who is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked, perfect in mercy and boundless in love.

Fr. Odínaka

### ASH WEDNESDAY MASS

Wednesday, 5th is Ash Wednesday. **10am and 7pm** Masses will be celebrated on that day to mark the beginning of the Lenten Season. Please join us at any of those Masses. If you are interested in joining any of our Lenten group this year, please let the parish office know. METANOIA is out Lenten group discussion book for this year, get one at the entrance of the Church.

**Anointing Mass/Senior's Gathering will now be on Wednesday, March 12th.**



St Joseph's Church  
P.O. Box 369  
177 Currie Street  
Nambour

**St. Joseph's Parish Mass Times**  
Monday 8:00am, Wednesday 10:00am, Friday 8:00am,  
Saturday 6:00pm, Sunday 8:00am

#### Reconciliation

Wednesday 9:30, Saturday 4:30pm

**St John Bosco Church Kenilworth Mass Time**  
Third Sunday of the month 10:00am

**St Augustine's Church Palmwoods Mass Time**  
Third Sunday of the Month 5:30pm



St John Bosco Church  
21 Anne Street  
Kenilworth

**THIS WEEK'S MASS TIMES**

**Saturday 22nd February**

4:30pm Reconciliation  
6:00pm Mass

Enrolment - Sacrament of Reconciliation

**Sunday 23rd February**

*7th Sunday in Ordinary time*

8:00am Mass @ St Joseph's

Enrolment - Sacrament of Reconciliation

9:00am *Baptisms:*

Eden Aitcheson (Richard & Chelsea);

Teddy (Aedan & Julia Lawrence-

D'Rozario); Aurelia (Luke & Paula

D'Rozario)

**Monday 24th February**

Office partially manned due to staff leave  
until Monday 3rd March, 2025

8:00am Mass

**Wednesday 26th February**

9:30am Reconciliation

10:00am Mass

10:30am Cenacle of the Marion Movement  
of Priest

**Thursday 27th February**

7:00 Church - Gregorian Chant rehearsal

**Friday 28th February**

8:00am Mass

**Saturday 1st March**

4:30pm Reconciliation

5:00pm - Week 1 - Sacrament of

Reconciliation

6:00pm Mass

**Sunday 2nd March**

*8th Sunday in Ordinary time*

8:00am Mass St Joseph's

9:15am - Week 1 - Sacrament of

Reconciliation

PARISH WEEKLY DIARY

**Sundays:**

6:00am TV Mass at Home ch10

Mass on Demand is available 24/7 on  
<https://www.youtube.com/user/cathnews>

**Tuesdays:**

9:15am Tai Chi 2025 resumes  
February 18th in the  
Ryan Room  
Phone Parish office

**ST JOHN BOSCO CHURCH KENILWORTH**

**Thursdays:**

9:30am Christian Meditation 

**Sundays:**

9:00am Lay Led Liturgy of the  
word with Communion

**Third Sundays:**

10:00am Mass

**Fifth Sundays:**

9:00am Ecumenical Service

**Please pray for the Sick and needy and their families,** particularly Des Mitchell, Irene Flint, Fr Leo Burke, Andrea Emilia Bernabey, Peter Thrussell, Margaret, Lesley Cole, Baby Olivia Littler, and all those affected by any illness, locally and globally, and their loved ones, and also those remaining in the Parish Journal for the Sick. Please advise the office when anyone is well removed from prayers.



**Please pray for those who are seriously ill or suffering in hospital** including Don Hartley, Ted Hannan, Peter Nix, Leanne Kreis, John Rowe, Pauline McAney, Christene Page (former Teacher of St Joseph's Primary), Imelda Danara Ronario, Jo von Schomburg, John Collard, Margaret Wasmund, Peggy Caton, Elaine Martyn, Paul Mullane, Doreen Ayres, Jack Green, Colin Erbacher, Herbert Lehner, Paul Byrne, Marian Bull, Noel Reddy, Paul Azzopardi, Dorothy Kelly (Perth), Nevaeh Coogan (8 years of age), Baby Huxley Hudson (newborn), Shirley Haslem, Jim Turfrey, Josephina O'phelia, Margaret Madden, Des Mitchell, Wally Jankiwskyj, Peter Madue, Glenda Kassulke, Dave Pitt, Noeline Herdy Ferguson, Maree Kruger, Bruce Power, Marie Gannon, Anne Strudwicke, along with all those who work and serve in hospitals, in any capacity. *Please advise the office if your loved ones are now well and can be removed from the prayer list.*

**Please pray for all Parishioners & Friends in residential or home care and those who care for them** including Noreen Ryan, Elaine Lawrence, Irene Ford, Elvira Quinn, Eileen Bradford, Kathleen D'Rozario, Glenda & Les Atkinson, Pia Aarts, Cherrie Gerathy, Barry Pobjoy, Maria Rowe, Denis Kidcaff, and all those in the Parish Prayer petition book. The Prayer petition book is present at masses where the larger list of names of the sick, seriously ill and residential people are placed. The petitions will be updated regularly and present at all masses.

**Anniversaries:** Remember in your prayers Nell Hopkinson 25/02, Paddy Kenny 22/2/23, Therese Woods 23/1/2012, William (Ian) Cole 30/1/22, and all those whose Anniversary occurs at this time and we pray for all their families and loved ones.

*Please pray for the suffering souls in Purgatory, especially deceased relatives and friends.*

**Please pray for the repose of the souls of all the recently departed especially** Marlene Jackson (wife of Ross), Eugene Walsh (Ireland), Elena Galler (Stephen & Monique), Tita Marshall. Please also pray for loved ones in their grieving.

**JOURNEY WITH OTHERS THIS LENT  
IN PREPARATION FOR EASTER**

The 2025 Lenten Program resource 'Metanoia' contains reflections for each day of Lent and Holy Week. It also contains a special Sunday program in addition to the weekday reflections. Cost - \$8.00 each. Copies are available for collection.



If you are willing to be a group leader for a reflection group in the parish or at home, please add your name to the list at the Church entry. An audio resource will also be ordered to assist with the running of the reflection groups. Should you choose to order a booklet to pray and prepare at home please add you name to the list at the church entrance.

**Parish office hours for the next two weeks.**

Until Monday 3rd March, 2025, the Parish office will be partially manned by Fr Odinaka, as Cecilia is on leave:) Please communicate by email or phone message and you will be contacted as soon as possible.

Julia will be in the office on Wednesdays.

Should you have an emergency please phone 07 3836 3221



## JUBILEE COLUMN JUBILEE OF DEACONS

21-23 MARCH

The Jubilee of Deacons has a theme: 'Deacons: Joyful Witnesses of Hope', reminding us that Deacons help bring the hope and love of

Christ to a world which has lost hope.

PRAYER Loving God, St Paul understood his diakonia as the proclamation of the good news of reconciliation (2 Cor 5:12-20). May deacons today help bring awareness of the Good News of Jesus to a world in need of hope. St Paul also wrote that a deacon must have some essential qualities (1 Tim 3:8-13), including that he must be serious, not double-tongued, not a drunkard, not greedy, and must hold the mystery of faith with a clear conscience. His family life should be exemplary. May deacons today be given the grace of God to hold to these ideals. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

## Join our Formation, Community Building and Evangelism Initiative

Your participation will help grow and strengthen our Parish, provide a welcoming introduction to newcomers and help us build relationships and hopefully provide material which will assist with our ongoing formation.

Join one of the two groups commencing soon; indicate whether you are interested in forming a group yourself; or express your interest in future groups or studies.

Fill in the form at the rear of the church or enter your details via the QR Code



## ST JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL CENTENARY



### IMPORTANT UPDATE FROM THE PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM

#### DATE CLAIMERS 2025:

**Saturday 8th March - 9am** - The Parish Seeks for Volunteers for a working bee to clean up the Good Samaritan centre before the Centennial Celebration. Volunteers please register with the Parish office to assist.

**Wednesday 19th March - 9:00am** Mass to celebrate *St Joseph's School Centenary* (Feast of St Joseph, spouse of the BVM)

**Saturday 22nd March - Dinner Dance** on the 22 March at Vogue in Nambour - tickets go on sale on the 19 February 2025.

**Sunday 23rd March - 9:00am combined Parish/School Centenary Mass.** Breakfast to follow after Mass. Please use the link below to register.

<https://www.trybooking.com/CZAVP>

Merchandise will be available for purchase in due course.

#### Fr Hefferan Bursary & Awards:

Seeking a Volunteer parishioner who has an accounting background. Please contact the Parish Office.

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Maureen Murphy.

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Led by Fred de Waard.

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Trevor & Judy Smith.

Communion to the Sick

To be advised

Rosters

Trevor Smith & Annette Baker.

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Maureen Murphy.

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Jocelyn Lysaght.

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Ecumenical Ministry

Joan Pobjoy.

Eucharistic Adoration

Rosanna Tumelty

& Adrian Eldridge.

Helping Hands

Kate Bourassa/Jan Imarisio.

Youth Minister

To be confirmed

Contact all Ministry Coordinators

C/- Parish Office 54411034

WEDDINGS & FUNERALS

CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE

## MEDICINE FOR P.N.G.

On behalf of the East Cape Medical Centre in Milne Bay Province, PNG, we have another opportunity to support the team with donations of medical supplies, the main item being PARACETAMOL. We are seeking donations of sealed boxes for shipment on the 9<sup>th</sup> March. Any donation would be greatly appreciated and can be left at the Parish Office.

Blessings to all. Trevor and Judy Smith.

## CONTAINERS FOR CHANGE: THANKYOU EVERYONE OUR BANK BALANCE IS RISING.



Please support St Joseph's Church Nambour fundraising initiative for the 2024 Parish Study Groups. Save your bottles and cans and go to the Burnside depot at 7/1 Windsor Road. Hand over your items and Key in the code **C11246505**. The funds automatically go to St Joseph's account.

**Counters:** Next week - Group 4: B. & M. Barker, T. Leahy, V. Richmond

Next Week—Group 1: R. Whittington; T. McCorley, T. Keegan, M. Murphy, D. Cuskelly

Please contact the Parish Office if any Parishioner/s would be in a position to join the counting Ministry for 2025.

NB: Police check required for Parish Policy via the Parish office. Thank you, Cecilia.

### ST JOSEPH'S MONTHLY DIARY

#### 1st Monday:

- ◆ 5:30pm Monday 3rd March  
Liturgy Meeting

#### 1st Wednesday:

- ◆ 10:00am Anointing Mass
- ◆ 10:30am Seniors Gathering & M/tea—new Parishioners welcome
- ◆ 6:00pm Leadership meetings bi monthly—(next tba)

#### 1st Friday:

- ◆ 8:30am—6:00pm  
10 Hour Eucharistic Adoration Followed by Benediction concluding At 6:30pm

#### 1st Saturday:

- ◆ 8:30am Baptism Preparation
- ◆ 11:00am Mass Marion Movement Combined Cenacle SSCoast—all welcome

#### 3rd Sunday:

- ◆ 10:00am Mass at Kenilworth
- ◆ 5:30pm Mass at Palmwoods

#### 5th Sunday:

- ◆ 9:00am Ecumenical Service at Kenilworth

#### Last Monday—bi-monthly

- ◆ 5:15pm Helping Hands  
Next meeting tbc

#### Last Friday:

- ◆ 6:00pm  
St Joseph's Men's Group



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### TERM 1 DATES

FEBRUARY 15 (FORMATION)  
MARCH 1 (SOCIAL)  
MARCH 15 (FORMATION)  
MARCH 29 (SOCIAL)

### SATURDAY NIGHTS

7PM - 8:30PM  
(FOLLOWING GPM  
MASS)

SOCIAL NIGHTS  
YEAR 6 - 12

FORMATION NIGHTS  
YEAR 9 - 12

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