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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (15th/16th February 2025)

Trust is one word we hear very often from parents, professionals and marketers of goods and services. But sometimes we trust only to see ourselves hurt. I have seen people who say they don't trust anyone because of one experience or another. Some people trusted their spouses and got the worst hit in their lives. Some ask, "who can be trusted?"

Trust brings blessings. Today's readings remind us that true happiness, lies in the awareness that we are all children of a loving Heavenly Father and that we will be happy only when we share our blessings with our brothers and sisters in need, and work to uplift them. This will help us in declaring our "option for the poor," as Jesus did.

In the first reading (Jeremiah 17:5-8), Jeremiah indicates that a curse is on anyone who trusts in human beings, seeks strength in the flesh, and whose heart turns away from the Lord. On the contrary, the oracle of the Lord states that blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose hope is the Lord. The prophecy gives more description of the two individuals. While the person who trusts in human beings would be like a barren bush in the desert that enjoys no change of season, the one who trusts in the Lord is like a tree planted beside the waters that enjoy a steady supply of water even in the seasons of drought.

In the Gospel reading today (Luke 6:17, 20-26), we hear our Lord's beatitudes where he ascribes "blessedness" to individuals with various spiritual and moral aptitudes. The individuals that are mentioned in the Lord's enlistment in the beatitudes share one thing in common, and that is "trust in God." It takes trust to go through poverty, hunger, weeping, hatred, and insults and still cling unto God.

A boy was taking a walk with his grandfather through a park, and suddenly they come to a little bridge with a stream beneath. Meaning to cross over and sensing that the little boy would be scared because of the shaky bridge, the grandpa says to the boy, "come on! Hold my hand!" The boy replies and says to him, "grandpa you hold my hand instead!". "What's the difference?" The boy says, "well grandpa, there is a big difference. If I hold your hand and something happens, and I slip, I may let go of your hand. But if you hold my hand, I know for sure that no matter what happens, you will never let my hand go!" What an expression of trust!

In life, we always choose where we put our trust and it determines how far we can go. You may have numerous reasons for not servicing the virtue of your trust in your life. It could be because you lost your spouse, child, a close relative or a relationship you cherished. Yes, things happen, and there would always be one challenge or the other, that is life.

In all these things and more, a man called Job still trusted in God and exclaimed, "Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked shall I return there; the Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord" (Job 1:21). For this reason, God tells us to be still and know that He is God (Psalm 46:10) and He knows the end of your life from the beginning (Isaiah 46:10). Your trust could turn things around to blessings. We need to respond to the challenge of the Beatitudes in our daily life. Millions are starving, persecuted, homeless, and leading hopeless lives. The only way the promises of the Beatitudes can become a reality for them is through the efforts of people like us. Let us remember that each time we reach out to help the needy, the sick, or the oppressed, we share with them a foretaste of the promises of the Beatitudes here and now.

Fr Kevin

Readings for this week

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (16th February)

First Reading: **Jeremiah 17:5-8**
A curse on those who trust in humanity; a blessing on those who trust in the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm:
Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

Second Reading: **1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20**
If Christ is not raised from the dead, your faith is in vain.

Gospel Acclamation:
Alleluia, alleluia!
Rejoice and be glad;
your reward is great in heaven.
Alleluia!

Gospel Reading: **Luke 6:17, 20-26**
Happy are the poor. Woe to the rich!

Readings for Mass next week

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (23rd February)

First Reading: **1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23**
The Lord has put you in my power, but I will not raise my hand against you.

Responsorial Psalm:
The Lord is kind and merciful.

Second Reading: **1 Corinthians 15:45-49**
Just as we have carried the earthly image, we must carry the heavenly image.

Gospel Acclamation:
Alleluia, alleluia!
I give you a new commandment;
love one another as I have loved you.
Alleluia!

Gospel Reading: **Luke 6:27-38**
Be merciful as your Father is merciful.

Saturday 22nd February-The Chair of St Peter (Feast)

Meetings

St John the Baptist Co-ordinator Meeting— Sunday 16th Feb, 8:30am (following Mass)

Finance Council Meeting—Monday 17th Feb, 6:00pm

Jubilee Committee Meeting—Monday 24th Feb, 6:30pm

Events

Morning tea will be served every Sunday after the 9:30am Mass at St Mary's

Morning tea will be served on the first Sunday of each month after the 7:30am Mass at St John the Baptist.

St Patrick's Day Dinner – Friday 14th March, Gallagher Centre

Multicultural Day—Sunday 25th May

Parish Jubilee Celebration—Sunday 27th July

Family Mass

Our first Family Mass for the year will be on Sunday the 23rd of February at 5:30pm. Please come along and celebrate with us!

World Day of Prayer

World Day of prayer, Friday 7th March, 2025, at 10am. Seventh Day Adventist Church, 45 Anna St, Beaudesert. *All welcome.*

Money Counting

17th February—Trish 24th February—Peter
3rd March—Colleen 10th March—Trish

Please pray for our sick brothers and sisters

Tony Torre, Maria Malcotti, Terry, Geraghty, Margaret Ford, D Wilde, Baby Jaime, Janet Young, Rosie, Paul Cameron, Margaret Salisbury, Lauraine Ward, Katrina Foster, Moya Mitchell, Michael Gough, Andrew Gough, Liz Murray, Josie Buffalino, Sebastian Randall, and Julie Fraser

We remember and pray for those who have recently died and those whose anniversaries occur at this time

Smiley Grandulovic
Alan Harkin (15th February)

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

Louis and Zelig,
You have been found worthy by God and the Church to become examples to all married couples.
In all your trials as spouses, and parents, you witnessed your unconditional love for God, each other, your children, the poor, and the Church.
You lived your ordinary life in an extraordinary way.
Teach us to always serve God first, to trust in Him in everything,
and to offer Him each of our difficulties and sufferings for His greater glory.
We entrust our marriage and our family to your intercession.
Lead us on the road to sanctity.
Amen

New Floor in St Mary's Flower Room

The floor of St Mary's flower room is now replaced, after severe white ant damage. Thank you to those who took part in this huge job, and who support our parish to allow necessary refurbishments like these which keep us flourishing.

10 New Seminarians



Please pray for the 10 new seminarians, 9 from the Archdiocese of Brisbane, as they listen and respond to God's call. One of the biggest seminary intakes in generations!

(Brisbane Vocations manager fourth from left with the nine Brisbane seminarians. Photo by Joe Higgins, Catholic Leader)

Bible Reflection—16th February 2025

With Jesus those who were social outcasts find a place in the kingdom of God. The good news is that the poor, hungry, weeping, and excluded are 'blessed' because Jesus' very presence and ministry among them gathers them into the kingdom of God. The source of blessedness is not social condition but Jesus himself.

Last Sunday both Isaiah and Peter thought that their sinfulness made them unworthy of divine presence. In this gospel those who thought they were beyond blessing discover that Jesus comes to them.

In every society there are attitudes, language, and behaviours that stigmatise those considered 'unworthy.' This fact is already a judgment that the kingdom of God has not yet fully taken hold.

<https://www.liturgia.com.au/App/Calendar/2025/2/16>

Who was St Valentine?

Although not much of St. Valentine's life is reliably known, and whether or not the stories involve two different saints by the same name, it is highly agreed that St. Valentine was martyred and then buried on the Via Flaminia to the north of Rome.

One common story about St. Valentine is that as the former Bishop of Terni, Narnia and Amelia, he was on house arrest with Judge Asterius. While discussing religion and faith Valentine pledged the validity of Jesus. The judge immediately put Valentine and his faith to the test.

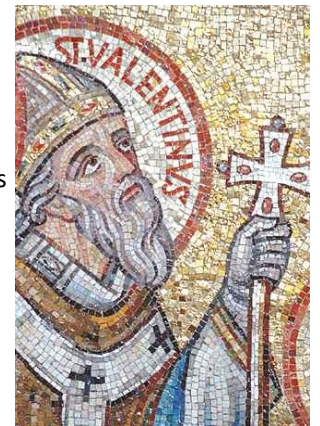
St. Valentine was presented with the judge's blind daughter and told to restore her sight. If he succeeded, the judge vowed to do anything for Valentine. Placing his hands onto her eyes, Valentine restored the child's vision.

Judge Asterius was humbled and obeyed Valentine's requests. Asterius broke all the idols around his house, fasted for three days and became baptized, along with his family and entire 44 member household. The now faithful judge then freed all of his Christian inmates.

St. Valentine was arrested again for continuing to try to convert people to Christianity. He was sent to Rome under the emperor Claudius Gothicus (Claudius II). According to the popular hagiographical identity, and what is believed to be the first representation of St. Valentine, the Nuremberg Chronicle, St. Valentine was a Roman priest martyred during Claudius' reign. The story tells that St. Valentine was imprisoned for marrying Christian couples and aiding Christians being persecuted by Claudius. Both acts were considered serious crimes. A relationship between the saint and emperor began to grow, until Valentine attempted to convince Claudius of Christianity. Claudius became raged and sentenced Valentine to death, commanding him to renounce his faith or be beaten with clubs and beheaded.

St. Valentine refused to renounce his faith and Christianity and was executed outside the Flaminian Gate on February 14, in approximately 269. Other depictions of St. Valentine's arrests tell that he secretly married couples so husbands wouldn't have to go to war. Another variation of the legend of St. Valentine says he refused to sacrifice to pagan gods, was imprisoned and while imprisoned he healed the jailer's blind daughter. On the day of his execution, he left the girl a note signed, "Your Valentine."

https://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint_id=159



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15th - 18th February—Jubilee of Artists

You are preachers of beauty. Beauty does good. Beauty heals. Beauty helps us go forward on our journey... Artistic creation completes, in a certain sense, the beauty of Creation, and when it is inspired by faith reveals more clearly to people the divine love which is its origin. (Pope Francis, Vitae Summit, Rome 2022)

God is revealed to human beings in the mighty work of creating which is reflected in the world we see. The sky and the sun, the sea and the beach, the mountain and the forest, all fill us with

delight and stir up in the human heart a sense of wonder.

The human person has the creative possibility of working with stone and clay, line and colour, shape and form, sound and word and to make of them a sacrament, that is, a symbol which allows us to explore and experience the very mystery of existence. Here is the beauty that heals and does good. It encourages us to dream and hope.

The role of art is to put a thorn in the heart, which moves us to contemplation, and contemplation puts us on a path... Art opens doors, touches hearts, and helps us to walk forward ... Artists have a very important role in society: to be guardians of beauty in this world, ambassadors of the culture of encounter, and witnesses of hope for all humanity. (Pope Francis, Vitae Summit, Rome 2022)

We acknowledge humbly that, far too often in Australia, churches have had recourse to mass-produced images and liturgical vessels and vestments selected from a catalogue. This is serious deficit because we are missing out on your artistic gifts and insights in the life of our worshipping communities. We encourage parishes and support them in taking every opportunity to receive good works of religious and sacred art so that, having left your studio, they may inspire us in the Christian life. <https://art.catholic.org.au/2025/01/17/an-invitation-to-artists/>

Prayer

Artists of the world, may your many different paths all lead to that infinite ocean of beauty where wonder becomes awe, exhilaration, unspeakable joy. May you be guided and inspired by the mystery of the Risen Christ, whom the Church in these days contemplates with joy. May your art help to affirm that true beauty which, as a glimmer of the Spirit of God, will transfigure matter, opening the human soul to the sense of the eternal. Amen

One of the things that draws art closer to faith is the fact that both tend to be troubling. Neither art nor faith can leave things simply as they are: they change, transform, move and convert them. Art can never serve as an anaesthetic; it brings peace, yet far from deadening consciences, it keeps them alert. Often, as artists, you attempt to plumb the depths of the human condition, its dark abysses. We are not all light, and you remind us of this. At the same time, there is a need to let the light of hope shine in that darkness, in the midst of our selfishness and indifference. Help us to glimpse the light, the beauty that saves—
Pope Francis (50th anniversary of the Vatican)

Are you, or someone you know, wanting to know more about the

Catholic Church or join our faith community?

Would you just like to talk about it without having to commit?

RCIA is a group of believers in the parish who meet regularly, and are ready to talk about any questions you may have! To begin a conversation, call the Parish Office 07 5541 1068, or e-

email: stmarys@bne.catholic.net.au

Are you thinking of becoming Catholic?



Mass Times: 17th February—23rd February

Divine Mercy Devotion: Every Sunday 3.00pm - 3.15pm, St. Mary's Church, Beaudesert. All Welcome.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Every Wednesday – Beaudesert 4:30pm

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Beaudesert 7.00am	No Mass	Tamborine Mtn 9.00am	No Mass	Beaudesert 8:50am (School Mass— all welcome)	Beaudesert 6.30pm	Tamborine Mtn 7.30am
Whiddon Nursing Home 9:30am (all welcome)		Beaudesert 5:30pm				Beaudesert 9.30am & 5.30pm (Family Mass)

Our Mission

'Guided by the Holy Spirit, we aim to be an evangelising, listening and faith-filled parish; underpinned by the values of compassion, inclusivity and love of neighbour.'

Our mission is: **evangelisation** of our parish and wider communities; **liturgy and prayer opportunities** that form, inform and transform our faith; **pastoral support** through initiatives that invite people to share their gifts and talents; and **leadership** that supports life-long faith formation and promotes responsible stewardship of our resources.

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