



# St. Mary's Catholic Parish Beaudesert

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## Fifth Sunday of Lent (5th/6th April 2025)

Brothers and sisters,

I am wondering, if there were no U-turns or exits on our roads all of us will find it challenging; as we would need to travel so long to get to nearby places. Imagine if there are no second chances for anything at all, including exams. This will mean that there will be no remedy for mistakes, and of course mercy, pardon, forgiveness and similar acts of consideration would be unimaginable. Today's readings remind us of God's readiness to forgive sin, give the sinner a second chance, bind up broken lives, and restore people to His friendship. The readings challenge us to show the same mercy to sinners around us and to live as forgiven people, actively seeking reconciliation with God and one another.

The first reading (Is 43:16-21), reminds us that we too are forgiven, and we are saved from our own sinfulness. The reading assures us that God is not interested in our unproductive past including its ugliness. In fact, there is a direct call on us to forget the things of the past and to focus on the new things that come with God's call.

In the second reading (Phil 3:8-14), Paul presents himself as a forgiven sinner who has been completely transformed by his faith in Christ Jesus. His life is an example of the Gospel exhortation, "sin no more." Paul loves Christ so much he wants to share in His sufferings and even in His death so that he may share Christ's Resurrection.

In today's Gospel (John 8:1-11), we are presented with the incident of the woman caught in the very act of adultery. It presents two different perspectives, the human judgement and the divine response. For the people who caught the woman in the act of adultery, she was the worst sinner that deserve nothing but total condemnation and ultimately death. For them, she had committed the worst sin and should be forced out of existence. In his divine approach, Jesus began to write, and then looked up to state a very simple but deep response: "If there is any one of you who has not sinned let him be the first to throw a stone at her". He bent down again and continued his writing. When all of them left, our Lord Jesus Christ asked the woman: "where are they, has no one condemned you?". She said, "No one Lord", and Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you; go and do not sin again".

Generally, it is very easy and convenient for us to judge and condemn others. We see this for instance among soccer fans who want their favourite teams to score goals upon goals without thinking about the energy and skills that are needed to do so. Often, we are quick and ready to find faults in others while making ourselves spotless saints. This is the way of the Scribes and Pharisees who see the speck of dust in other people's eye but would not notice the log of wood in their own eyes (Matt. 7:3). It was to this effect that our Lord Jesus warned us not to judge so that we may not be judged (Matt. 7:1) and to remove the plank in our own eyes so that we can see clearly enough to remove the speck in our neighbour's eyes (Matt. 7:5). Some of us seems to be direct descendants of the Scribes and Pharisees and we take up this condemning and judging attitude when we are not by any means better.

Jesus has shown inexhaustible mercy and compassion to sinners by dying for our sins. But we are often self-righteous, like the Pharisees, and ready to spread scandal about others with a bit of spicy gossip. We are judgmental about the unmarried mother, the alcoholic, the drug addict, or the shoplifter, ignoring Jesus' command: "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." Let us learn to acknowledge our sins, ask God's forgiveness every day and extend the same forgiveness to our brothers and sisters. Remember, God catches us in the very act of sin, though people may not have caught us, but His love still reaches out to us and calls us to make a U-turn.

God is Good, All the Time!

Rev. Fr. Kevin Njoku

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**Readings for this week**

*Fifth Sunday of Lent (6th April)*

**First Reading:** **Isaiah 43:16-21**  
*I am doing a new thing and I will give drink to my people.*

**Responsorial Psalm:**  
The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

**Second Reading:** **Philippians 3:8-14**  
*Because of Christ I look upon everything else as useless in order to gain him.*

**Gospel Acclamation:**  
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!  
With all your heart turn to me,  
for I am tender and compassionate.  
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

**Gospel Reading:** **John 8:1-11**  
*Let the person without sin be the first to throw a stone.*

**Readings for Mass next week**

*Palm Sunday (13th April)*

**First Reading:** **Isaiah 50:4-7**  
*I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will not be ashamed.*

**Responsorial Psalm:**  
My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

**Second Reading:** **Philippians 2:6-11**  
*He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high.*

**Gospel Acclamation:**  
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!  
Christ became obedient for us even to death,  
dying on the cross.  
Therefore God raised him on high  
and gave him a name above all other names.  
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

**Gospel Reading:** **Luke 23:1-49**  
*The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke*

***Meetings***

***Events***

***Morning tea will be served every Sunday after the 9:30am Mass at St Mary's (excluding the 5th Sunday of the month)***

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

**Parish Jubilee Celebration—Sunday 27th July**

**Plot and columbarium pricing update.**

Due to multiple factors, including heightened costs, the parish finance council have decided that going forward the price of a cemetery plot at any of the parish cemeteries will be \$2000 and \$1500 for planned givers.

The price of a columbarium niche will also change to \$1800.

*Thank you for your understanding.*

**Stations of the Cross**

**Beaudesert—Fridays 6:00pm**

**Tamborine Mountain—Wednesdays 8:30am**



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***Thank you for standing with us, as we Unite Against Poverty this Lent.***



**Please pray for our sick brothers and sisters**

Margaret Fechner, 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***

Joyce Hotz (1st April)

***and those whose anniversaries occur at this time***

Sara-Jayn Kirwin (5th April)

Betty Plunkett (6th April)

Martin Sullivan (5th April)

Oliver Plunkett (11th April)

Stanley Cahill (11th April)

Patricia Brady (13th April)

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

***St Mary's Parish, Easter Mass Times 2025***

**Palm Sunday (13th April)**

Tamborine Mountain; 7:30am

Beaudesert; 9:30am

**2nd Rite of Reconciliation**

Tamborine Mountain; 6pm Monday 14th April

Beaudesert; 6:30pm Tuesday 15th April

**Holy Thursday (17th April)**

Tamborine Mountain; 7pm

Beaudesert; 7pm

**Good Friday (18th April)**

Stations of the Cross; Jubilee Park 10:30am

Tamborine Mountain; 3pm

Beaudesert; 3pm

**Easter Saturday (19th April)**

Beaudesert (Vigil); 7pm

Tamborine Mountain (Vigil); 7pm

**Easter Sunday (20th April)**

Tamborine Mountain; 7:30am

Canungra; 9am

Beaudesert; 9:30am

O'Reilly's; 10:30am

**Palm Sunday**

Next Sunday the Church celebrates Palm Sunday. Remembering Jesus's entrance into Jerusalem during Holy Week. Please bring your palm branches to Mass on this day. We will also have some palms available at the churches. Weather permitting we will take part in a short procession to the entrance of the church, beginning outside.

***Holy Baptism***

We welcome to our Parish Bonnie Murray, Jonathan Beswick and Rowan Twyford who will be Baptised into the Catholic Faith this weekend. Please pray for them and their families!

**Easter Liturgy Volunteers Roster**

The roster for the Easter Triduum will be at the back of St Mary's Church for anyone to volunteer. Please write your name and contact number on the ministry you wish to help with this year.

*Thank you in advance.*

**Money Counting**

7th April—Peter

22nd April—Trish

14th April—Colleen

28th April—Peter



### Bible Reflection—6th April 2025

(Fifth Sunday of Lent)

Though the woman is at the centre of the crowd, Jesus is at the centre of the story: through his ministry the community's awareness of this woman's sin unexpectedly and ironically reveals their own sinfulness Jesus' ministry does not end with awareness of sin. He leads both to repentance: the woman to sin no more and the community to abandon their condemnation of her.

We tend to think of sin as a private matter. The interaction between Jesus, the woman, and the townspeople reminds us that sin is a community matter. So is repentance and reconciliation.

<https://www.liturgia.com.au/App/Calendar/2025/4/6>

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8. You're all done! Thank you!

### FIRST MILLENIAL SAINT

Join us in a powerful and prayerful celebration as we mark the canonisation of Blessed Carlo Acutis, the first millennial saint, on the day of his official canonisation.

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On the Jubilee for Teenagers, we gather for a Holy Hour at St Stephen's Cathedral, where we will reflect on Carlo's extraordinary faith, devotion to the Eucharist, and passion for evangelisation.

SUN 27 APR 3-4.30 PM FREE EVENT



Archbishop Mark Coleridge invites you to the annual  
**CHRISM MASS**  
Thursday 10th April 2025 @ 7:00pm  
Cathedral of St Stephen  
249 Elizabeth Street, Brisbane 4000  
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A LIGHT SUPPER WILL BE SERVED FOLLOWING THE MASS



### Prayer for the election

Grant, we pray, O Lord our God,  
that as the Cross shines in our  
southern skies,  
so may Christ bring light to our  
nation, to its peoples old and new,  
and by saving grace, transform  
our lives.  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.



Bishops Commission for Life, Family  
and Public Engagement

### April 5th & 6th—Jubilee of the Sick and Health Care Workers

The Jubilee of the Sick and Health Care Workers helps us to celebrate the important service of healthcare providers and to recognize that accompanying the sick is an important vocation. Whether due to our own health or the health of a loved one, each of us has interfaced with health care workers at some point in our lives, and experienced first-hand the value of their accompaniment. Not only this, but each of us has likely also cared for a sick loved one in some capacity, and so we know how taxing it can be.

While each of us are called to continue Jesus's mission of love and healing in our own way, we recognize that the unique vocation of health care workers during this Jubilee. Responding to the Jubilee theme, "Pilgrims of Hope," we are called to reflect on and discover hope in the signs of the times and in the realities of our daily lives. Pope Francis instructed, "Signs of hope should also be shown to the sick, at home or in hospital. Their sufferings can be allayed by the closeness and affection of those who visit them. Works of mercy are also works of hope that give rise to immense gratitude. Gratitude should likewise be shown to all those healthcare workers who, often in precarious conditions, carry out their mission with constant care and concern for the sick and for those who are most vulnerable. Care given to them is a hymn to human dignity, a song of hope that calls for the choral participation of society as a whole" (Spes non confundit, n.11).

The Jubilee year is an invitation to be agents of God's mercy in our world. For those who are sick themselves or caring for someone who is ill, the mercy of God is especially important. Feeling God's love and closeness during an uncertain time, like an illness, can provide strength and peace when the world around us feels tumultuous. The Jubilee year can bring us closer to God and deepen our experiences of God's love and mercy.

### 24 Hours of the Lord— Re-cap

Our parish successfully completed the 24 Hours for the Lord Jubilee celebration on the weekend of the 28th-30th March, with the continuous Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, occurring from Friday evening right through until Sunday morning across both St Mary's and St John the Baptist Churches. **Thank you to all parishioners who contributed** to ensure that there was somebody worshipping the Blessed Sacrament for the entire 36(ish) hours. It was a spiritually enriching experience for all who participated. We are hoping to make this a regular occurrence during Lent, moving forward.

Lord our God,  
you sent your Son into the world  
to bear our infirmities and to  
endure our sufferings.  
We pray now for all those who care  
for the sick and the suffering,  
the aged and the infirm.  
We ask that your blessing will give  
them strength  
to always show the compassion of  
Christ in each encounter they have,  
bringing your healing, comfort, and  
love to the people in their care.  
May you bless all those of our  
brothers and sisters gathered here,  
the Father, and the Son, + and the  
Holy Spirit.  
Amen.

### Upcoming Parish Jubilee Events

As part of the Jubilee celebrations, the parish is arranging a pilgrimage to St Stephen's Cathedral on **Friday August 8th** to coincide with the anniversary of Mary McKillop (Australia's first saint). Can anyone who would like to attend please advise the Parish Office by May 31st so that transport can be arranged in advance. **Thank you**

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](mailto:stmarys@bne.catholic.net.au)

Are you thinking of becoming Catholic?



#### Mass Times: 7th—13th April

**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**

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday</u>
Beaudesert 7.00am	No Mass	Tamborine Mtn 9.00am	No Mass	No Mass	Kerry 4.30pm	Tamborine Mtn 7.30am
Wongaburra Nursing Home (All welcome) 9.30am		Beaudesert 5.30pm			Beaudesert 6.30pm	Canungra 9.00am  Beaudesert 9.30am

#### 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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