

PARISH BULLETIN

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time — 26th July 2026 (Year A)

FR TONY — GOSPEL REFLECTION

In the Gospel today is the unmistakable call to recognise the immense value of God's Kingdom and to respond with wholehearted commitment. Jesus compares the Kingdom to a treasure hidden in a field and a pearl of great price — images that remind us that faith is not an accessory but a treasure worth reordering our lives around. The joy of the one who sells everything to obtain the treasure challenges us: do we pursue God with that same eagerness, or do we settle for spiritual half-measures?

The passage also includes the image of the net gathering fish of every kind, pointing to the final sorting at the end of time. It's a sober reminder that discipleship has consequences. Yet Jesus ends by praising the "scribe trained for the Kingdom," who brings forth both the old and the new. Our faith is richest when we let Scripture, tradition, and the Spirit's fresh promptings shape us into people who value God above all else.

Proper of the Mass

First Reading: 1 Kings 3:5, 7–12

Response: Lord, I love your commands.

Second Reading: Romans 8: 28–30

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 13: 44–52

Feasts of the Week

Wednesday — Martha, Mary and Lazarus

Jesus frequently visited the home of Martha, her brother Lazarus and her sister Mary in Bethany, where they took loving care of him.

Friday — Ignatius of Loyola, priest (1491 – 1556)

Born in Spain, he became a soldier before studying theology in Paris, then founding the Society of Jesus (Jesuits).

Saturday — Alphonsus Liguori, bishop and doctor

Born in Italy, he was a lawyer who became a priest. He founded the Congregation of the most Holy Redeemer (Redemptorists).

Join us for the Feast of Saint Mary of the Cross Mackillop

Mass will be held at St Michael's on **Saturday 8th August at 9.00 am** in celebration of this special feast day for Australia's first saint.

Children's liturgy

Children's liturgy will be held at the 8.30am Mass next **Sunday 2 August**. All welcome.

Mass and Prayer Times

Monday 5.30pm Mass with Confession immediately after Mass (Benediction & Adoration afterwards first Monday every month)

Thursday 7.00am Mass

Friday 9.00am with Confession before Mass and Adoration after Mass. Second Friday of every month is Anointing Mass.

Saturday 9.00–10.00 am Adoration with Rosary and Divine Mercy

Saturday (vigil Mass) 5.00pm and **Sunday** 8.30am Mass

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We pray for: Margaret Lawson, June Meecham, Patrick King, David Carr, Don Morrison, Keiren Calder, Susie and Tom, Fr Aidan Carvill, Jan Lidstone, Sharon Bell, Ian Tyson, Peter Shafton, Yvonne Auer, Luke Barden, Killian Maguire, Kathleen Isepy and Fr Pat Doran.

Prayers for the recently deceased.

We pray for all who have died including Stephen Anning, Patricia David (Dinah), Mary Mullane, Kathleen Mitchell, Tracy Kelly, Alan Williams, Rose Graham, Phoebe Semple, Romilia Ventura, Delma Schmidt, Trevour Pettersen, Veronica Robertson, and Peter Brown, and all whose anniversaries occur around this time.

AUGUST DATE CLAIMERS

Keep an eye out for more information on the following upcoming special dates:

- 8 August — Feast of Saint Mary of the Cross Mackillop (see today's front page)
- 15 August — Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- 22/23 August — Launch of Annual Catholic Campaign
- 30 August — Archdiocese of Brisbane Multicultural Mass

We'll have more information on all these events in upcoming parish bulletins.

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting — Suggestions Please

The next St Michael's PPC meeting is being held this coming Tuesday 28 July. You are encouraged to contribute thoughts and ideas through the suggestion box at the back of the church.

Happy Birthday Fr Gerry

Special belated birthday wishes from last week for our parish administrator Fr Gerry Kalinowski, who we are fortunate to share with Jubilee Parish. Happy birthday Fr Gerry!

Invitation to an Anointing Mass

Friday, 7th August 7.30pm, Anointing Mass will be held at St. Mary Magdalene's Church, 51 Cecil Road, Bardon.

Transfiguration — Praying for Vocations into the Future

The Vocation Brisbane team invites you to Transfiguration, an evening of prayer for vocations. The evening includes Eucharistic Adoration and Evening Prayer with Archbishop Shane Mackinlay, followed by a Vocations Expo and light refreshments in the Hanly Room. Music will be provided by Holy Spirit Seminary, St Laurence's College, Stuartholme, Lourdes Hill College and Villanova College.

Thursday 6 August 2026 AT 5.30 pm at St Stephen's Cathedral. Find out more at tinyurl.com/transfig26

WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

Established by Pope Francis in 2021, this is celebrated annually on the fourth Sunday of July, near the Feast of Saints Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus. This annual celebration is an opportunity for everyone to honour the vital presence of grandparents and the elderly in our communities, and to reach out in particular to those who may experience loneliness or isolation. Pope Leo's 2026 theme, "I will never forget you" (Isaiah 49:15) is both a message of hope for older people and a reminder to families and faith communities to recognise them as a precious presence and a blessing. To hear Archbishop Shane Mackinlay's message go to: www.youtube.com/watch?v=1_l2lVpsNMI

Thanks for your ongoing support

Thank you to those who contribute regularly to the parish and broader church through planned giving envelopes, direct debit and the tap-and-go. It enables the church community to continue its various works.

Finance Update — January to June 2026

Collections up to the end of June 2026 are detailed below.

	Total year to date	Monthly average 2026	June 2026
Plate collection	22,854	3,809	3,053
Direct debit	9,355	1,559	1,695
Tap N Go	3,637	606	950
TOTAL	**35,847**	**5,974**	**5,698**