

Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, 4th/5th October 2025

Welcome:

Good morning/evening. My name is and I warmly welcome you to Mass here at St. Mark's. This weekend, we joyfully celebrate the Jubilees of Missions and Migrants—a reminder of God's enduring love for all humanity and creation, shown from the very beginning of time. Today, we give thanks for the richness of our diversity and the unity we share through faith. The unity of the Church is not rooted in a common origin or language, but in the Spirit of Pentecost, which gathers people from every nation and tongue into one family. It is this Spirit that gives us faith in the same Lord and calls us all to the same hope. ***Please stand as we begin our celebration mass with an Acknowledgement of Country.***

St Mark's respectfully acknowledge the past and present traditional owners of this land on which we come together to celebrate, the Jagerra people. We remember the many footprints that have gone before us on this land and waterways. We are thankful to be praying and gathering on Jagerra country.

Intercessions:

Priest: Lord with faith in your love for us, we ask that you hear our prayers.

Reader: We pray for those who are pushed to the edges of society, the dispossessed and discarded, that their safety will be protected and their dignity restored
(pause) Lord Hear Us:

Reader: We pray for all who come to our land to better their lives and to escape oppression, poverty, persecution, violence, and war, that they will gain the peace and security they long for. (pause) Lord Hear Us:

Reader: That we learn from the Apostles to recognize Jesus as the centre of our lives and share in the Church's mission to make disciples of all nations.
(pause) Lord Hear Us:

Reader: That we will be patient as we await the fulfillment of God's promises and plans in our daily lives. (pause) Lord Hear Us:

Reader: That the healing love of God will strengthen bodies and minds. (pause) Lord Hear Us:

Reader: That those who have died will enjoy eternal life. (pause) Lord Hear Us:

Priest: Loving God, increase our faith and help us to see your spirit of power and love at work in our lives. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.