

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
15th & 16th August 2026.

Welcome:

Good morning/good evening. My name is ..., and I warmly welcome you to Mass at St Mark's.

Next weekend, our parish will support the **Annual Catholic Campaign**, which brings together parishes across the Archdiocese to support local ministries and people in need. Your generosity helps with the formation of future priests, care for retired priests, Catholic education for children in need, and support for those experiencing physical and emotional hardship.

Please take a Campaign brochure and giving envelope with you today. You can return it next week, place it in the collection today, or scan the QR code to make your gift online. Thank you for your support.

We begin our Mass with an Acknowledgement of Country:

St Mark's respectfully acknowledges the past and present traditional owners of this land, 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.

Please stand for the entrance hymn.

Prayers of the Faithful:

Priest: **Dear friends, with great faith in our hearts, we bring our intentions before the Lord.**

Reader: That the holy Church will be united in one universal mission for all people. *(pause)*
 Lord Hear Us:

Reader: That discrimination based on religion or race will be eradicated. *(pause)* *Lord Hear Us:*

Reader That we may respond to the call of the gospel, and open our hearts to give generously to support the ministries of service in our faith communities. *(pause)* *Lord Hear Us:*

Reader That people suffering burdens and mental turmoil will find rest in God. *(pause)* *Lord Hear Us:*

Reader: That those who are sick, will be supported and strengthened by this community. *(pause)*
 Lord Hear Us:

Reader: That those who have died will be gathered into God's arms. *(pause)* *Lord Hear Us:*

Priest: **Loving God, your son preached the Good News of your kingdom. Hear our prayers and help us to deepen our faith as we live in praise of your name. We ask this through Christ our Lord.**

All: **Amen.**