

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A.

5th & 6th September 2026

Welcome:

Good morning/evening my name isand I welcome you to Mass at St Mark's.

Today we celebrate the 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time and also Father's Day. In this Mass, let us give thanks for the love, care, and guidance that fathers provide to their children and families. We pray especially for all fathers and father figures, that they may be blessed with wisdom, strength, and love as they care for those entrusted to them.

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 No.

Prayer of the Faithful:

Priest: Let us turn to the Lord and place our needs before the God who saves us

Reader: That the Church will actively seek reconciliation and work collaboratively. *(pause)*
Lord Hear Us:

Reader: That those who suffer and grieve as a result of violence will be strengthened and supported by caring communities. *(pause)* *Lord Hear Us:*

Reader: That those affected by the disaster in Nepal, Tibet and China will receive the help they urgently need, and ongoing support as they try to recover from their tragic losses.
(pause) *Lord Hear Us.*

Reader: That fathers will receive rich blessings from God for their example of faith and steadfast love for their children. *(pause)* *Lord Hear Us.*

Reader: That those who are sick will be lifted up with Christ in their suffering *(pause)* *Lord Hear Us:*

Reader: That those who have died will be held with the Lord forever *(pause)* *Lord Hear Us:*

Priest: God of love, where two or more gather in your name you are in their midst. Hear these prayers that we may bear witness to the love that is the fulfilment of your law. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.