

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A – 26th & 27th September

Welcome:

Good morning/ evening, everyone.

My name is __, and I warmly welcome you to Mass at St Mark's. Today, we celebrate the World Day of Migrants and Refugees. This special day reminds us to welcome and care for people who leave their homes in search of safety and a better life. By loving and helping our neighbours, we can build communities that are kind, welcoming, and united.

Today, we also have a second collection to support the Divine Word Missionaries. Fr Bosco and Fr Long are members of the Divine Word Missionaries, and we are very grateful for their service among us. Your generous support is greatly appreciated. Thank you, and once again, welcome to everyone joining us today.

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 first hymn

Prayers of the Faithful:

Priest: Brothers and sisters, with forgiveness in our hearts, let us bring our prayers before God.

Reader: That the Holy Church will be united as one in the spirit of forgiveness and healing. (pause) **Lord hear us.**

Reader: That leaders who advocate for others will speak with honest hearts and act with commitment to their care. (pause) **Lord hear us.**

Reader: That, on this World Day of Migrants and Refugees, we will be especially attentive to the children caught up in wars and disasters, remembering that Jesus told us that "whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me". (pause) **Lord hear us.**

Reader: That those who are burdened by sin will seek forgiveness in Christ. (pause) **Lord hear us.**

Reader: That the sick will be healed through the goodness of the Lord. (pause) **Lord hear us.**

Reader: That those who have died will live forever in the Kingdom of God. (pause) **Lord hear us.**

Priest: Loving God, we turn to you with our hearts and minds. Hear our prayers and help us to do your will as we live each day in praise of your name. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

