

# St Joseph's Catholic Parish

Fifth Sunday in Ord. Time  
Year B, 4 February, 2024

Embracing the communities of  
Cherbourg, Goomeri, Murgon,  
Proston and Wondai



*Unity in Diversity ... being one in Christ through Baptism!*



## Russia and Peace

By Rev. Thomas G. Morrow

Russia has started a war against Ukraine. China appears to be posturing to attack Taiwan. North Korea is threatening South Korea and the United States with nuclear weapons. Iran is striving to attain nuclear weapons. And there is a war raging in Israel and Palestine. And now the Red Sea and Suez Canal is being contested with Houthis terrorists from Yemen who threaten to bring world shipping supplies to a standstill. The world seems to be on the brink of a global war. Never in recent history has there been a greater need for a plan to bring about world peace.

We have been given a plan, by the Mother of God herself. It was at Fatima, Portugal, on 17 July, 1917 when Our Lady said to the three young seers:

"I want you to come here on the thirteenth day of the coming month and to continue to say five decades of the Rosary every day in honour of Our Lady of the Rosary to obtain peace in the world and an end to the war, for only she can obtain it.

When you see the sky lit up by an unknown light, know that it is the

great sign that God gives you that He will punish the world for its crimes. [This will come about] by means of war, hunger, and persecution of the Church and the Holy Father.

To prevent this, I have come to ask for the consecration of Russia to my Immaculate Heart and the Communion of reparation on the first Saturdays. If they respond to my requests, Russia will be converted and there will be peace. If not, she will spread her errors throughout the world, causing wars and persecutions of the Church. The good will be martyred, the Holy Father will have much to suffer, and various nations will be destroyed.

In the end my Immaculate Heart will triumph. The Holy Father will consecrate Russia to me, it will be converted and a certain time of peace will be granted to the world."

What was the situation in Russia when Mary said this in 1917? Russia was in ruins; her imperial czar had been forced to renounce his office in disgrace; the provisional government was torn apart by factions and civil war; Russian cities were aflame with riotous anarchist mobs; the Russian army was crumbling, deserting before the Kaiser's invasion; and the Russian people were starving to death by the millions. Yet Mary knew Russia would be a world power, and

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## MEETING

The parish Finance Council meeting has been moved to Thursday, **8 February** at 4.00pm in the Parish Office.

## Sunday Mass Times

### Murgon

WEEK	DAY	TIME
every	Sunday	8.00am

### Wondai

WEEK	DAY	TIME
every	Saturday	5.00pm

### Proston

every	Saturday	9.00am
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### Goomeri

WEEK	DAY	TIME
every	Sunday (except 5th Sunday)	6.00pm

### Gayndah

WEEK	DAY	TIME
every	1st, 3rd, 5th	10.30am
every	2nd, 4th	9.00am

### Cherbourg

WEEK	DAY	TIME
5	Sunday	4.30pm

### Weekday Mass Times

9.00am, Thursday, Murgon

9.00am, Friday, Castra

### El Shaddi Fellowship

Saint Joseph's Parish Hall, Murgon  
Saturday, 25 February 2024, 11.00am

## NOTICE

There will be no Eucharistic Adoration or Mass at Wondai this coming Wednesday.

## Today's readings

Job 7: 1-4, 6-7; Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23; Mark 1: 291-239

Response:

Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! He bore our sickness, and endured our suffering Alleluia!

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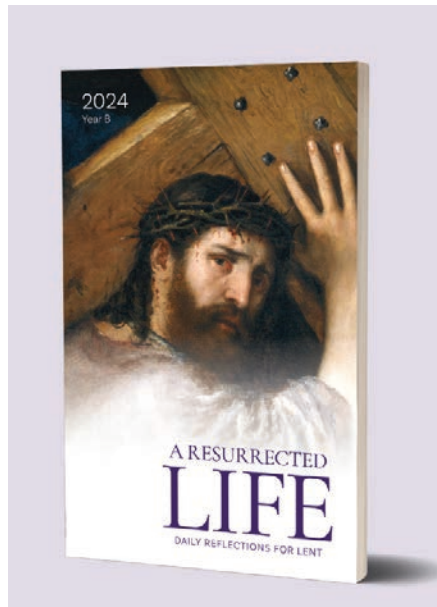
a dangerous one at that.

So Mary made three requests: that five decades of the Rosary be prayed each day for world peace, that the Holy Father would consecrate Russia to her Immaculate Heart AND the Communion of reparation would be made on the first Saturdays so that Russia would be converted. If ever there was a message that we ought to respond to today, it is that message: pray five mysteries of the Rosary daily for world peace, consecrate Russia to her Immaculate Heart, and make the Communion of reparation on the first Saturdays.

Sister Lucia reported on 29 August, 1989 that the consecration of Russia to Mary's Immaculate Heart had been done by Pope John Paul II in 1984. Just to make sure, Pope Francis consecrated Russia (and Ukraine) to the Immaculate Heart of Mary on 25 March, 2022. So we are left with two things to do for world peace: pray five mysteries of the Rosary each day and make the Communion of reparation on the first Saturdays. If there is any Catholic who thinks these two things are not extremely important for today, it maybe they need-to prayerfully re-assess the signs of our times.

## World Peace

Are we too sophisticated today to answer Mary's request at Fatima and pray the rosary for world peace? Are we too busy today to make the Communion of reparation on the first Saturdays regularly, until the conversion of Russia is accomplished? Mary has shown frequently through her many visitations that she is willing to help. The state of our world today should motivate us highly to do these two things. Mary's requests fit like a glove to solve our troubling world situation of today. It's time we priests step up and invite our parishioners to respond to Mary's requests.



## 2024 LENT REFLECTION GROUP

**We are calling for an expression of interest for the 2024 Lent Reflection Group of Saint Joseph's Parish.**

All parishioners in the Wondai, Murgon, Proston and Goomeri Churches who are interested in attending a Reflection group and share our faith experience this liturgical season, please confirm your interest by contacting

Jamie on 0491 191 524 or email, [murgon@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:murgon@bne.catholic.net.au)

You are invited to answer the Holy Father's request and join with many people worldwide in praying for this intention each month.



## February 2024

**For the terminally ill.**

We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.



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**We pray for those who are sick:**

Renee Elliott; Glenda Geraghty;

David & Trish McIntosh; Gregory Marrinan ; Bob Ricketts.

## LENTEN PROGRAM

A Resurrected Life will invite you to believe in the extraordinary hope that the Gospel bears – a hope grounded in a God who transfigures our wounds, which become fountains of healing and life for those around us and for the world.

### About the Resource

- Pocket-sized companion that is easy to carry, and read, at home or while commuting
- Contemplations inspired by a short text of Scripture from the day's Gospel reading, followed by reflections on how to put the Word into practice, to guide you through 5–10 minutes of daily prayer during the six weeks of Lent
- Close focus on different aspects of this year's cover artwork (Christ Carrying the Cross by Titian) for each week of Lent
- Forward written by Archbishop Mark Coleridge
- Access to audio recordings of each day's reflection.

**If you would like a Lenten book please see Fr John and he will order a copy for you.**