

St Joseph's Catholic Parish

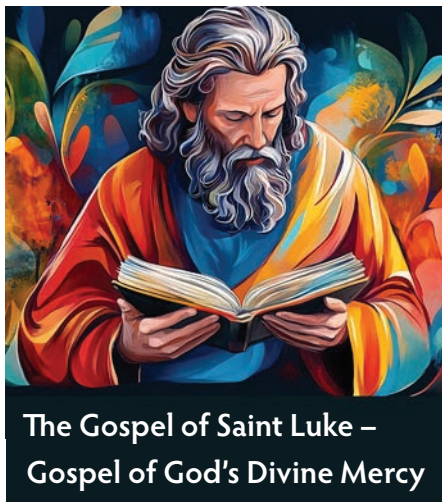
Fifth Sunday in Ord. Time
Year C, 9 February, 2025

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



Unity in diversity ... being one in Christ through Baptism!

Greetings to everyone in all our communities. Thank you for all you do to keep our communities alive. As I celebrate Masses this weekend, you will be in my prayers. I hope to visit the communities sometime soon to meet everyone. Thank you for prayers too and we celebrate the Presentation of the Lord, I commend each one of you and your families to the blessings and grace of God.



**The Gospel of Saint Luke –
Gospel of God's Divine Mercy**

On Wednesday, members of our Leadership Team participated in the 'Meal Project' organised by South Burnett Support Alliance in partnership with Salvation Army. The project is a movement that seeks to respond to the challenge of the increasing number of people in our region who need mental support. As we know, this need often arises from loneliness, homelessness, struggles with life and so on.

We provided food, good conversation, laughter, and company to the people who attended including many young families, as well as seniors who took part in the dinner. Takeaway meals were also organised and distributed to those who were not able to come in

for a sit down meal with others. My highlight was observing how our parishioners served the food, and shared the company of those who attended with humility, love and joy. It was a night of living the Gospel.

On behalf of everyone in our communities, I thank the members of our Leadership Team for representing our parishes in living out the message of the Gospel here in the South Burnett. As we recognise and respond to the signs of the times in our region, we express the truth of 'Gaudium Et Spes' (Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World, Vatican II) "that the joys and hopes, the griefs and the anxieties of the men and women of this age, especially those who are poor, or in any way afflicted, are the joys and hopes, the griefs and anxieties of the followers of Christ" (Gaudium et Spes no 1).

Why do we show God's love and mercy to others? The answer is simple: Jesus commanded us to do so. Throughout human history, the Church has asked us to go out to evangelise and become the face of God's love and mercy in the world. This is why at the end of every Mass the priest summons us to "go forth in peace" to love and serve God in others. Then we respond "Thanks be to God", which is our 'Amen' to that summons.

The Gospels themselves single out mercy as the condition for salvation. Throughout the Gospels, Jesus points to mercy as the foundation of blessedness in heaven. Based on Christ's teaching, the Church, has given us seven corporal works of mercy, namely, to feed the hungry,

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Sunday Mass Schedule

Fr Geo Francis will be in the parish from this weekend until Easter to say Mass for us.

Murgon

8.00am, Sunday, 9 February
8.00am, Sunday, 16 February
8.00am, Sunday, 23 February

Wondai

5.00pm, Saturday, 8 February
5.00pm, Saturday, 15 February

Gayndah

(unsure) 10.30am, Sunday, 2 February
10.30am, Sunday, 16 February
10.30am, Sunday, 23 February

Proston

9.00am, Saturday, 1 February, Liturgy of the Word with Communion
9.00am, Saturday, 15 February

Goomeri

5.00pm, Sunday, 9 February
5.00pm, Sunday, 23 February

Cherbourg

10.30am, Sunday, 9 February

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give drink to the thirsty, shelter the homeless, clothe the naked, visit the sick, visit the imprisoned, and bury the dead. Strikingly, Jesus says at the end of each summons, "whenever you did this to any of the least of my brothers and sisters, you did it for me" (Mt. 25: 40). Love and mercy shown to others is love for God.

The term 'Hesed', is a notoriously difficult word to translate into English, because it (Hesed) wraps up in itself all the positive attributes of God that we love, namely mercy, grace, love, covenant faithfulness, kindness,

loyalty and acts of love and devotion that extends beyond the demands of duty (Darrell L. Bock). In this year of Jubilee, we will explore Luke's Gospel, which has been famously labelled: 'The Gospel of God's Divine Mercy' to help us to experience this undeserved kindness and the generosity of God and be His Infinite Divine Mercy for men and women here in the South Burnett and beyond.

Blessings

Fr Stanley



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Orlando Dyrit; Rodney Euler;

Dr Graham McAllister; Kai Vera.

Dear parishioners of Saint Joseph's Gayndah and Saint Joseph's, Murgon,

We welcome Fr Geo Francis MCBS to the parishes this weekend. Fr Geo has generously agreed to take on the pastoral care and temporary administration of both parishes until Fr Mikhael Loke SVD's arrival after Easter.

Fr Geo will celebrate the parish masses from this weekend (8/9th Feb) and will liaise with parish leaders regarding the day-to-day pastoral care of your parishes.

I thank you for your patience and understanding and I trust you will give Fr Geo a very warm welcome.

Yours in Christ,

Fr David Pascoe

Director of Clergy Life & Ministry



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