

St Joseph's Catholic Parish

Third Sunday of Lent
Year B, 3 March, 2024

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



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



Looking at the Mass through the eyes of Mary

'The Virgin of the Host' by Jean Auguste Dominique Ingres, 1854

The Eucharistic sacrifice is the summit and source of the entire Christian way of life. This truth has been emphasised by the Catholic Church throughout the ages. It was highlighted by the Second Vatican Council, as it called for reforms to the life of the Church.

In her book 'Mary and the Liturgical Year,' Harmon, highlights Mary as the first and preeminent disciple of the Lord and stresses the role of Our Lady as the model and exemplar of discipleship to each of us. Through Mary, we can see worship in a different way. Mary shows us the glory of her divine Son and points us to worship him in spirit and truth.

Christians enjoy a special relationship with the one who experienced first-hand the power of the paschal mystery, the one who said Yes to the Holy Spirit, the one whose very life

stands as a great Amen to the living God: Mary, the Mother of God.

The cult of Mary flourished in the medieval period with various devotions – such as the Little Office of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Rosary, and the sorrows of Mary – and how they grew in prominence in the daily life of the Church.

With the teachings of the Council of Trent, the missionary impulse of the Church, and the apparitions of Our Lady at Guadalupe all have an influence on the eventual declaration of the dogma of Our Lady's Immaculate Conception (1854) and the Assumption (1950). Then the five approved apparitions of Our Lady which have liturgical feast days: Guadalupe, Loretto, Mount Carmel, Lourdes and Fatima have all borne fruit in devotional practices. These apparitions have inspired Mary's life as a model for Christians living a devout and faithful life.

The 21st ecumenical council sought reform and renewal in all the areas of the Christian way of life. The emphasis placed upon Mary both acknowledged the faithful's love for Mary and what love of Mary leads to: Mary is an image for the pilgrim Church on earth who, praying together, waits with blessed hope for the coming of Christ.

The maternal presence and intercession of Mary are shown to be a lifeline between ourselves and the Lord Jesus. Mary was unafraid to hold the Mystery of Salvation in her hands – when he was an infant or in his passion and death. Mary is our model for our hope as we continue down our own road to God, because her journey to God is complete.

Father Jeffrey Kirby NCR

Important cancellations of Masses for the coming week

There will be **no Masses** in the parish on the following dates:

Wednesday, 6 March, Wondai

Thursday, 7 March, Murgon

Friday, 8 March, Castra

Saturday, 9 March, Proston

Saturday, 9 March, Wondai

Sunday, 10 March, Murgon

Sunday, 10 March, Goomeri

Liturgy of the Word with Communion will be celebrated at the following churches:

Castra, Friday, 8 March at 9.00am

Proston, Saturday, 9 March at 9.00am

Wondai, Saturday, 9 March at 5.00pm

Murgon, Sunday, 10 March at 8.00am

Today's readings

Exodus 20: 1-17; Corinthians 1: 22-25;
John 2: 13-25

Response:

Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

Gospel Acclamation:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Next Sunday:

Chronicles 36: 14-16, 19-23;

Ephesians 2:4-10; John 3: 14-21



Not having access to a reliable source of clean water was very difficult for Leaia and her family. But with the support of Caritas Australia, a water tank was installed at their home, improving their health and living conditions.

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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.

"Brothers and sisters, let us not be afraid to strip ourselves of worldly trappings and return to the heart, returning to what is essential. Let us think of Saint Francis, who after stripping himself embraced with his entire being the Father in heaven. Let us acknowledge what we are: dust loved by God, called to be dust in love with God. Thanks to him, we will be reborn from the ashes of sin to new life in Jesus Christ and in the Holy Spirit."

Pope Francis



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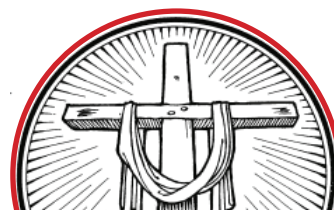
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We pray for those who are sick:

Jane Baker (Castra); Annette Duff; Renee Elliott; Glenda Geraghty; David & Trish McIntosh; Gregory Marrinan; Bob Ricketts.

Safeguarding Officer

Brendan Theodore is the Safeguarding Officer for our Parish. To contact Brendan please do so via the Parish Office.



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