

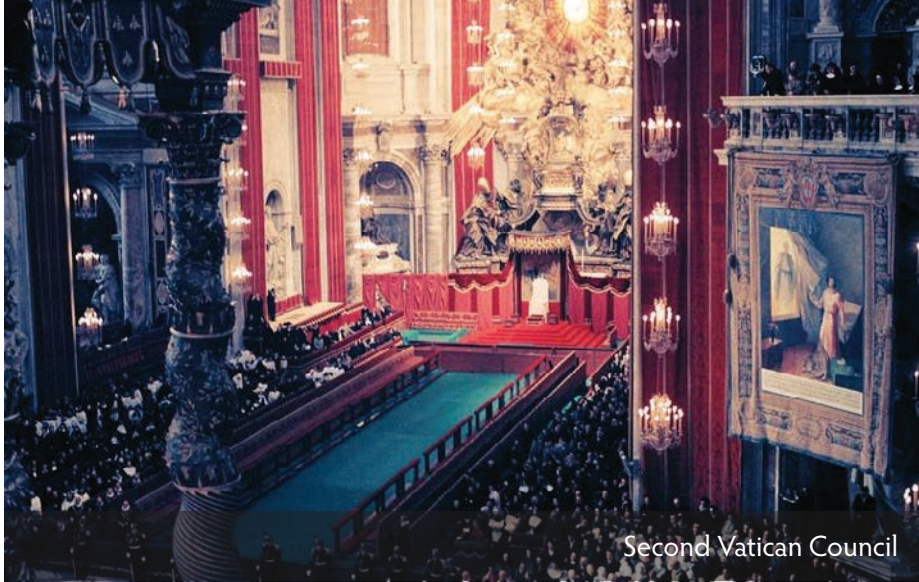
# St Joseph's Catholic Parish

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ord. Time  
Year B, 6 October, 2024

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



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



Second Vatican Council

## Vatican II at 60: 'Lumen Gentium' signaled an historic call to live holiness

The universal call to holiness is a signature teaching of the Second Vatican Council. The fifth chapter of *Lumen Gentium*, stated decisively that "all the faithful of Christ of whatever rank or status, are called to the fullness of the Christian life and to the perfection of charity ..."

In the spring of 1963, Belgian Cardinal Leo Joseph Suenens felt too much emphasis on the superiority of the religious state and that a wider vision was needed. He proposed that the constitution on the Church might first describe the vocation to holiness that is directed to all Christians and then move on to portray that which is proper to the state of perfection specific to the religious.

The proposal would result in a new chapter that was presented to the Council Fathers in the fall of 1963, entitled 'On the Vocation to Holiness in the Church'. This historic chapter comes to a close with a final invitation to all the faithful to seek holiness and perfection in their own proper state.

The exhortation continues to resonate today as a summons to Christians to live according to grace they have received, each one according to the particular vocation they have received, and in this way make Christ present in the world.

*Father Joseph Thomas Opus Dei*



'Saint Peter the Apostle' by Paul Rubens

## Sanctification and works are tied to salvation

Dozens of biblical passages affirm the Catholic teaching on justification.

Jesus taught that "Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire" (Matthew 7:19), and when directly asked about

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## Sunday Mass Times

### Murgon

WEEK	DAY	TIME
every	Sunday	8.00am

### Wondai

every	Saturday	5.00pm
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### Proston

every	Saturday	9.00am
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### Goomeri

WEEK	DAY	TIME
every	Sunday	6.00pm

### Gayndah

WEEK	DAY	TIME
every	1st, 3rd, 5th Sundays	10.30am

every	2nd, 4th Sundays	9.00am
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### Cherbourg

WEEK	DAY	TIME
5	Sunday	4.30pm

### Weekday Mass Times

12 noon, Wednesday, Gayndah

5.00pm, Wednesday, Wondai

9.00am, 2nd, 4th Thursdays,  
School/Parish Mass, Murgon

9.00am, 1st, 3rd Thursdays, Castra

### Holy Hour for Peace

Wondai, 4.00pm to 5.00pm,  
Wednesday, before Mass

## Today's readings

Genesis 2: 18-24; Hebrews 2: 9-11;  
Mark 10: 2-16

*Response:*

May the Lord bless us all the days  
of our lives.

*Gospel Acclamation:*

Alleluia, alleluia! If we love on another,  
God will live in us in perfect love.  
Alleluia!

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how one obtains eternal life, he said, "Keep the commandments" and, "If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor" (Matthew 19:16-17, 21). Jesus stated that his disciples who had done the good, self-sacrificing works of leaving "houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or lands" for his sake, would "inherit eternal life" as a reward (Matthew 19:29).

Jesus said that those who would receive "eternal life" (Matthew 25:46) would receive it because "I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me" (Matthew 25:35), and then he clarified that if they "did it to one of the least of these my brethren" they "did it" to him (Matthew 25:40).

He also said, "Love your enemies, and do good ... and you will be sons of the Most High" (Luke 6:35) and that "those who have done good" will be saved (John 5:29) and "do the works you did at first. If not, I will come to you and remove your lampstand" (Revelation 2:5). Jesus stated that the saved were those who were "sanctified by faith in me" (Acts 26:18).

Saint Paul taught the same: "As it is written, 'He who through faith is righteous shall live.'" (Romans 1:17); "To those who by patience in well-doing seek for ... immortality, he will give eternal life ... glory and honour and peace for everyone who does good" (Romans 2:7, 10); "the doers of the law ... will be justified" (Romans 2:13). The "end" of "sanctification" is "eternal life" (Romans 6:22), and indeed we are "saved, through sanctification" (2 Thessalonians 2:13); we're "fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him" (Romans 8:17; cf. 1 Peter 4:13).

He taught that we must do many good things and be fruitful in order to be saved:

- **Galatians 5:14, 19, 21-23.** For the whole law is fulfilled in one word, "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." ... Now the works of the flesh are plain ... those who do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such there is no law.
- **2 Thessalonians 1:8, 11** ... inflicting vengeance ... upon those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus ... To this end we always pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of his call, and may fulfill every good resolve and work of faith by his power ...
- **1 Timothy 4:12, 15-16** ... set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity ... Practice these duties, ... Take heed to yourself and to your teaching; hold to that, for by so doing you will save both yourself and your hearers.

Paul frequently makes many similar points in his letters: "Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for God is at work in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure" (Philippians 2:12-13); "work heartily, ... knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward" (Colossians 3:23-24); "woman will be saved through bearing children, if she continues in faith and love and holiness" (1 Timothy 2:15); "aim at righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called" (1 Timothy 6:11-12); "keep the commandment ... do good ... be rich in good deeds ... so that they may take hold of the life which is life indeed" (1 Timothy 6:14, 18-19).

Other biblical writers agree: Peter wrote concerning saved Gentiles, that



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### We pray for those who are sick:

Orlando Dyrit; Glenda Geragherty;  
David McIntosh.

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✝ If you know anyone in need,  
please contact Lindsay Poilly  
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God "cleansed their hearts by faith" (Acts 15:9). "He became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him" (Hebrews 5:9); "your work and the love which you showed for his sake ... show the same earnestness in realising the full assurance of hope until the end" (Hebrews 6:10-11); "so that you may do the will of God and receive what is promised" (Hebrews 10:36); "What does it profit, my brethren, if a man says he has faith but has not works? Can his faith save him? ... a man is justified by works and not by faith alone" (James 2:14, 24); "And the dead were judged by what was written in the books, by what they had done ... and all were judged by what they had done" (Revelation 20:12-13). God "saves the upright in heart" (Psalm 7:10) and "he who walks righteously" (Isaiah 33:15-16).