

St Joseph's Catholic Parish

Nineteenth Sunday in Ord. Time
Year C, 11 August, 2019

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



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

Welcome Fr Bryan

G'day! Today I will begin my journey with you. Over the next six years I hope this journey together will be one of joy and friendship as we live and explore our lives in the Lord.

For the first couple of months I will wander about aimlessly as I try to find my feet and then I will just look naturally bewildered. The basis of ministry is the community. As I join you, I am aware that you have long histories with the parish and each of the faith centres. Your guidance and advice will be so important to me.

I will not be in-residence in the parish until next Thursday. At present I am still in Caloundra because the parish priest is away until 17 August 2019. So this weekend we will celebrate faith together and I will return to take up residence in time for the Feast of the Assumption on Thursday.

I look forward to our time together and pray that I will be able to serve you as your priest to my best.

Fr Bryan Pipins sj

Mass of All Nations

We will be celebrating our Mass of All Nations and the Multicultural Meal at Saint Joseph's at 10.00am Mass on Sunday 25 August. All are Welcome. Please come along, wear your national dress and bring a dish for the shared meal. **There will be no Mass at Cherbourg on that Sunday.** Attendance sheets will be at the back of the Church.

Prayer for Rain

O God, our Creator, you are the source of all life. It is through your divine providence and infinite power, that the wonder and splendour of all creation surround us. "How majestic is your name in all the earth." We pray to you who calms the raging waters and commands the wind, to provide us sufficient rain to meet our needs.

During this time of drought, we are mindful of our dependence on you for all that sustains our body and soul. We pray for the cooling, gentle rain that will once again bring life to the fields and crops that feed us, restore the colourful rainbow of flowers and the cooling shade of the trees.

We also pray for all those who are suffering from natural disasters. May they look to you for the strength to restore their lives and heal their wounded land. Help us to always be good stewards of your creation and care for the many resources of this earth. May your grace refresh our souls.

We ask for these blessings through the intercession of Mary, Queen of Heaven and Earth. Amen.

Summer Mass Times

will begin on the weekend of 7/8 September. The Mass at Proston will revert to 8.00am and the Vigil Mass on Saturdays to 6.00pm. These times will remain until the first weekend in June 2020.

Mass Times:

Next Weekend 17/18 August

Proston, Saturday at 9.00am
Wondai, Saturday, 5.00pm
Murgon, Sunday at 8.00am
Goomeri, Sunday at 10.00am

Weekday Mass Times:

No Mass Wednesday
Thursday, School Mass, to celebrate **The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**, a Holy Day of Obligation at Murgon, 12noon and Wondai, 5.30pm.
No Mass Friday

Today's readings

Wisdom 18:6-9; Hebrews 11:1-2,8-19;
Luke 12:32-481

Entrance Antiphon:

Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever. Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

Response:

Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be is own.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! Be watchful and ready: you know not when the Son of Man is coming. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon:

O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord, who gives you your fill of finest wheat.

Next week: Jeremiah 38:4-6,8-10;
Hebrews 12:1-4; Luke 12:49-53

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

Peter Hoult, 11

Rita Pratt, 11

Bridie Prendergast, 12

Death Anniversaries

Tom Burns, 16

Today's Mass

Jesus calls his followers to have their hearts set on his kingdom. Whether we pursue that kingdom on earth or possess it in heaven, it is not dependent on material security. It is a response from our spirit to the free gift of God's own life. He knocks, all we have to do is open the door. Surprisingly, he is the one who waits on us.

Parish Morning Teas

We welcome all parishioners and visitors to the parish to join us for a cuppa and chat after any of the following parish Masses.

Goomeri – 1st and 3rd Sundays

Wondai – 2nd Sunday

Durong – 2nd Sunday

Murgon – 3rd Sunday

Proston – 4th weekend

Collection for 4/8/2019

Loose..... \$318.90

Planned Giving..... \$367.00

Total: \$685.90

LITURGY ROSTERS

for weekend Masses

Murgon: 8.00am, Sunday, 18 August, 2019	
Leader:	K Thompson
Readers:	K Thompson, C Dennis
Euch Mins:	T Pedersen, R Dieckmann

Wondai: 5.00pm, Saturday, 17 August, 2019	
Leader:	T Hodson
Readers:	D Parker, H Leyland
Euch Mins:	D Boge, V Parker

Ready and waiting

(Real life stories, collected by the Carmelite Sisters)

George was propped up in bed when we arrived. His cancer had progressed to its last stage. He smiled and greeted us. His false teeth were in place, and as we conversed it was apparent that they no longer stayed put. We made him remove them so that he was comfortable. As fellow Pommies, we naturally spoke of places in England and reminisced about things we did in our childhood and teens. I held his hand and we had a lot of laughs during our conversation.

Shortly before it was time to go George asked my husband how his eyesight was. Rhys replied that macular degeneration didn't get better. Upon hearing this, George's eyes lit up and he said to us, "There's nothing wrong with my eyes – I could bequeath them and he could see again." It was hard for us to keep back the tears at such a touching offer. Despite the fact that George was on his deathbed, his generous nature was still there for a fellow human being.

We noticed that George had slipped down in the bed, and we propped him up again on the pillows. It was time to say goodbye. As we left the room, something made me go back. George smiled and said, "Is there anything I can do for you?" All I could do was reply, "Just be here", and bend forward to kiss his forehead. He smiled. Eight hours later he died. We were so happy that we had gone to see him when we did. (Jean)

*Holy Mary
pray for us*



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Reconciliation Times

1st Sundays:

Wondai, Saturday, 4.30pm

2nd Sundays:

Murgon, Saturday, 4.30pm

3rd Sundays:

Proston, Saturday, 10.00am

Used Postage Stamps

Wondai church has a box at the back of the church and perhaps someone could do the same for the other churches.

Vinnies is now open at 84 Lamb Street, Murgon. Volunteers urgently required. For further information please phone Cecily Fry on 0437 864 667.

We pray for those who are sick:

Cathy Carter; Chris Heidemann; Earl Pratt; Lee Seargent. **Recently deceased:** Margaret Burns

*Make us know the
shortness of our life
that we may gain
wisdom of heart.
(Ps 89:12)*