

St Joseph's Catholic Parish

Twenty-First Sunday in Ord. Time
Year C, 25 August, 2019

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



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

Migration and Refugee Day 2019

Across the world today and the faith community, we stop to remember and celebrate people who have braved the dangers of leaving their homelands to embrace a new life. To uproot one's family and travel to a far off land is a serious and fearful decision. No one makes that decision lightly. They don't wake up one day and say, "It's cold, let's move to Australia". To migrate is a life changing and threatening decision. One never knows how they or their family will be welcomed or mistreated.

But we are the people of journey. Throughout our faith story we have travelled to new lands to seek freedom and a place of peace to deepen our love of God. Abraham left family and culture to travel with his wife to a distant land on the promise and invitation of God. Moses brought the people of God out of slavery in Egypt to a new land of freedom and belonging founded in their faith in God. Joseph took his wife Mary and the newly born Jesus into exile as a refugee to flee persecution and the genocide of Herod.

Here on this island home of ours, we have a rich tapestry of cultures that weave a culture we call Australian. From the cultures which are tens of thousands of years old of the first nations people to the Syrian family which arrived yesterday fleeing tyranny and violence; the Culture we call Australian is growing and changing. Being enrich and deepened in

the hearts of all Australians. The tapestry will never be finished. For when a culture stops growing, developing and deepening it starts to petrify and die.

In celebrating the diversity and oneness of Australia we celebrate a faith based on love of neighbour and hospitality. Jesus calls us to the other and in this faith we embrace each of our brothers and sisters. Today let us pray in thanksgiving for the gifts we share and for the safety of those who seek a new life free from fear and persecution.

Fr Bryan Pipins SJ

Pope's message for 2019 World Day of Migrants and Refugees

Pope Francis releases his message for the 105th World Day of Migrants and Refugees, which is commemorated on Sunday, 29 September, 2019

"It is not just about migrants"

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Faith assures us that in a mysterious way the Kingdom of God is already present here on earth (cf. *Gaudium et Spes*, 39). Yet in our own time, we are saddened to see the obstacles and opposition it encounters. Violent conflicts and all-out wars continue to tear humanity apart; injustices and discrimination follow one upon the other; economic and social imbalances on a local or global scale prove difficult to overcome. And above all it is the poorest of the poor and the most disadvantaged who pay the price.

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Mass Times:

**Next Weekend 31 August /
1 September**

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

Weekday Mass Times:

Wondai, Wednesday at 5.30pm
Murgon, Thursday at 5.30pm
Murgon, Friday at 9.30am

Today's readings

Isaiah 66:18-21; Hebrews 12:5-7.11-13;
Luke 13:22-30

Entrance Antiphon:

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me;
save the servant who trusts in you, my
God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for
I cry to you all the day long.

Response:

Go out to all the world; and tell the
Good News.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the way, the truth,
and the life, says the Lord; no one
comes to the Father, except through me.
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon:

The earth is replete with the fruits of
your work, O Lord; you bring forth
bread from the earth and wine to cheer
the heart.

Next week: Sirach 3:17-20,28-29;
Hebrews 12:18-19,22-24; Luke 14:1,7-14

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

Brian Hodson, 25
Leann Burgess, 27
John Walker, 28
Keeley Walker, 31

Wedding Anniversaries

Lyn and Peter Schuh, 31

Death Anniversaries

Dan D'Arcy, 29
Christopher Thompson, 30
Olive Cranitch, 31
Tom Kemp, 31

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.

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

LITURGY ROSTERS

for weekend Masses

Murgon: 8.00am, Sunday, 1 September, 2019	
Leader:	C Saunders
Readers:	C Saunders N Guteridge
Euch Mins:	R Dieckmann

Wondai: 5.00pm, Saturday, 31 August, 2019	
Leader:	E Madill
Readers:	V Parker, H Leyland
Euch Mins:	D Boge, T Hodson

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The most economically advanced societies are witnessing a growing trend towards extreme individualism which, combined with a utilitarian mentality and reinforced by the media, is producing a "globalisation of indifference". In this scenario, migrants, refugees, displaced persons and victims of trafficking have become emblems of exclusion. In addition to the hardships that their condition entails, they are often looked down upon and considered the source of all society's ills. That attitude is an alarm bell warning of the moral decline we will face if we continue to give ground to the throw-away culture. In fact, if it continues, anyone who does not fall within the accepted norms of physical, mental and social well-being is at risk of marginalisation and exclusion.

Pope Francis: 'It's not just about migrants, but about all of us'

For this reason, the presence of migrants and refugees – and of vulnerable people in general – is an invitation to recover some of those essential dimensions of our Christian existence and our humanity that risk being overlooked in a prosperous society. That is why it is not just about migrants. When we show concern for them, we also show concern for ourselves, for everyone; in taking care of them, we all grow; in listening to them, we also give voice to a part of ourselves that we may keep hidden because it is not well regarded nowadays.

"Take courage, it is I, do not be afraid!" (Mt 14:27). It is not just about migrants: it is also about our fears. The signs of meanness we see around us heighten "our fear of 'the other', the unknown, the marginalised, the foreigner... We see this today in particular, faced with the arrival of migrants and refugees knocking on our door in search of protection, security and a better future. To some extent, the fear is legitimate, also because the



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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 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; Col Elliott; Chris Heidemann; Earl Pratt; Lee Seargent.

preparation for this encounter is lacking" (Homily in Sacrofano, 15 February 2019). But the problem is not that we have doubts and fears. The problem is when they condition our way of thinking and acting to the point of making us intolerant, closed and perhaps even – without realising it – racist. In this way, fear deprives us of the desire and the ability to encounter the other, the person different from myself; it deprives me of an opportunity to encounter the Lord.