

# St Joseph's Catholic Parish

Eighteenth Sunday in Ord. Time  
Year C, 4 August, 2019

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



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

Dear friends,

We know quite a lot about the social and economic situation that Jesus saw around him in Galilee. While wealth was growing in Sepphoris and Tiberias, hunger and misery were widespread in the villages. Farmers ended up without land and the land owners built ever bigger silos and granaries. In a short story reported by Saint Luke, Jesus reveals what he thinks of such a situation that is so opposed to the more human world for all that God wants.

Jesus speaks of treasure in heaven, as quite different from financial profit on earth. "There are no pockets in the shroud" is a wise old saying. To be poor in spirit, even if I am well off, so that my money does not own me, nor am I enslaved to it. It cannot be right that some people own thousands of times more than the lowest-paid worker. Naked capitalism, unrestrained by some requirement of social sharing, is far from the fairness that God requires. There's such a difference between monetary riches and spiritual wealth. There is no greater wealth than a loving, kind heart. Money cannot buy happiness.

It is such a simple lesson, but we never will learn unless we want to. When we die, we have to let go of everything. A doctor was at the bedside of a wealthy woman who was dying, who a reputation for being miserly. She had no family of her own, so there was great interest as to who would inherit her wealth. ("Where there's she passed away, one of the nurses whispered "I wonder how much did she leave behind?" Quietly the doctor answered, "She left everything."

Fr Subin Thomas mcbs



Life is always changing and everything, whether good or bad, will eventually come to an end. As we age, our body changes. We have health problems, emotional problems and spiritual problems. Nothing in this life remains the same; only God is unchanging and constant in His love, at all times. This is what we heard in today's gospel; End of all things.

In a parish, from time to time, a new priest is appointed and the parish adapts to the new spiritual leader of the community. In January 2017, I was fortunate enough to become the Parish Administrator of Saint Joseph's Catholic Parish and communities of Saint Kevin's, Goomeri; Saint Peter Clever, Cherbourg; Saint John the Baptist, Wondai; Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, Proston; and Sacred Heart, Durong. I could see from the start that the people here were strong in their faith and in their desire to serve God and one another.

I want to thank all of you for your prayers, love, support, friendship and kindness during my two and half years as a priest with you. I have been very blessed and I am very thankful. I trust that you will give the same love and support to the new priest as I take my leave. It is hard to leave you, but as I said in the beginning of this farewell note, change is inevitable and all of us have to adjust to it. Just remember to Smile, "God Loves You."

Please keep in touch!

I can be reached at my personal email address [thomass@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:thomass@bne.catholic.net.au).

*Thanks again for everything.*

## Mass Times:

### Next Weekend 10/11 August

Proston, Saturday at 9.00am  
Murgon, Saturday, 5.00pm  
Wondai, Sunday at 8.00am  
Durong, Sunday at 10.30am

There will be a **Family Mass** at Saint Joseph's, Murgon, on Saturday, 10 August at 5.00pm

### Weekday Mass Times:

There will be no weekday Masses this week.

### 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.

## Today's readings

Ecclesiastes 1:2;2:21-23;  
Colossians 3:1-5,9-11; Luke 12:13-21

### Entrance Antiphon:

O God, come to my assistance;  
O Lord, make haste to help me!  
You are my rescuer, my help;  
O Lord, do not delay.

### Response:

In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

### Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!  
Alleluia!

### Communion Antiphon:

You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven, endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.

Next week: Wisdom 18:6-9;  
Hebrews 11:1-2,8-19; Luke 12:32-48



## AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

### Birthdays

Shonae Walker, 5  
Aiden Shailer, 7  
Beryl Sempf, 8

### Wedding Anniversaries

Edward and Lucia Anning, 5  
Kevin and Cecily Fry, 7

### Death Anniversaries

Sister Vianney, 5  
Estelle Veronica Bray (Naomi Gormly Sister), 8  
Tony Elliott, 8  
Mary D'Arcy, 10

## Recommendations for Parish Pastoral and Finance Council Membership

Forms for the Recommendations for Parish Pastoral Council Membership and for the Parish Finance Council are at the back of the Church. Please take one and complete and **return before 7/8th September**. It is important that we have broad representation across the Parish for these Councils.

## 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.

## LITURGY ROSTERS

### for weekend Masses

<b>Murgon:</b> 5.00pm, Saturday, 10 August, 2019	
Leader:	N Hunt
Readers:	N Hunt, L Burgess
Euch Mins:	R Dieckmann, J Braithwaite

<b>Wondai:</b> 8.00am, Sunday, 11 August, 2019	
Leader:	V Parker
Readers:	C Beardmore, H Leyland
Euch Mins:	D Boge, T Hodson

## National Vocations Awareness Week

begins this Sunday, 4 August, the feast of Saint John Vianney, the patron of parish clergy. Pray for your priests today in thanksgiving for their ministry and presence in your community. Next Thursday is the feast of Saint Mary of the Cross McKillop, our first Australia saint. Pray for the religious who do so much in pastoral care, education, health care and many other ministries. Pray also that these saints may inspire many vocations to consecrated life and priesthood, especially from your community.

## Collection for 28/7/2019

Loose..... \$212.90  
Planned Giving..... \$337.20  
Total: ..... \$550.10

## Fr Bryan Pipins SJ

Hello, my name is Bryan and I will write slowly so you can understand my Melbourne accent. I am just finishing off a placement in the Caloundra parish, so I can speak some Queensland.

I am thrilled to be joining you in the parish. I grew up in Melbourne and when I finished high school I joined the Army. Over fourteen years I served as a soldier and then as an officer. In 1995, I left the Army and began my formation as a priest. During my formation I spent a lot of time in ministry to the homeless and those with alcohol dependency. Whilst still in training, I was sent to East Timor (1999/2000) to work with refugees who had fled the violence.

Five days after being ordained to priesthood, I was sent to teach in the Philippines and during that time went to Pakistan on placement. I was brought back to Australia for a short time to look after the King's Cross parish, before going to East Africa. This was to be involved again with refugees. I worked in Darfur, Uganda and South Sudan. In 2008, I was brought back for six months to work on WYD 08. Then I was off to the USA for twelve months to finish my formation.

My return home, this time, was a parish priest in Sevenhill, SA (yes, where they make the altar wine –

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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:** Joan Cooley.

tough job but someone had to do it. After two years of fine wine, I returned to the Army as a chaplain for six years. From there I transited though the Caloundra Parish to you.

I am an avid reader and especially enjoy history. I am old and broken, so I no longer take an active part in sport; but I can critically and accurately comment on any sporting event after the fact. I will join you for your weekend Masses beginning on the 10 August 2019 and will fully move in on 14 August to celebrate the Assumption with you.