

# St Joseph's Catholic Parish

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ord. Time  
Year C, 28 August, 2022

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



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



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Last weekend our parish held an appeal for the Annual Catholic Campaign in support of the important Catholic ministries in our Archdiocese. Thank you to everyone who responded generously to the Archbishop's call for support.

If you didn't get a chance to make a gift last week, there is still time. If you took the envelope home, please pop it in the mail or leave it here on your way out after service.

Your tax-deductible gift will be put straight to work by funding the vital Catholic agencies in our local community.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to approach me after Mass.

Thank you again for your time and generosity.



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## Parish Bottle Stall

The parish will be holding a Bottle Stall at the Murgon Street Carnival on in **October** 2022. Donations of bottles of all kinds would be appreciated. Your bottles can be left in the parish office or in your church. Any donation must be in by the last Sunday in September. Bottles can be glass or plastic. Types of bottles: soft drinks, beer, wine, jam, chutney, sauces or anything that will go in a bottle. Please check the 'use by' dates.

## Spiritual blessings

*(Real life stories, collected by the Carmelite Sisters)*

### Echoes from the Past

It is certain that the poor more easily achieve the blessing of humility than the rich. Gentleness goes with poverty, pride more commonly with riches. And yet, very many rich people do use their wealth for works of charity rather than as a means to puff their pride. This spirit counts as among its greatest profits what it spends in relieving distress and hardship in others. In this virtue all classes and conditions of people meet, for they can share a common purpose while differing in wealth... they are seen to be equal in spiritual blessings.

*Pope St Leo the Great (c.400-461)*

## August is the month of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Pope's Prayer Intention:

**For small businesses:** We pray for small and medium sized businesses; in the midst of economic and social crisis, may they find ways to continue operating, and serving their communities.

## Mass Times Next Week

**Tuesday, 30 August**  
Gayndah, 12 noon

**Wednesday, 31 August**  
Wondai, 5.00pm

**Thursday, 1 September**  
Murgon, 5.00pm

**Friday, 2 September**  
Castra, 9.00am

**Saturday, 3 September**  
Proston, 9.00am  
Wondai, 5.00pm

**Sunday, 4 September**  
Murgon, 8.00am  
Gayndah, 10.30am  
Goomeri, 6.00pm

## Today's readings

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

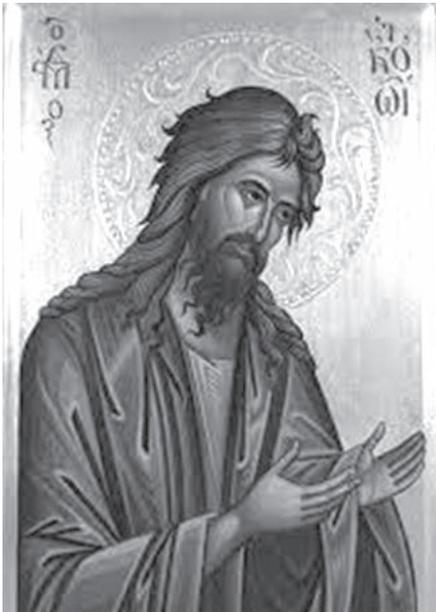
*Response:*

God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

*Gospel Acclamation:*

Alleluia, alleluia! Take my yoke upon you; learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart. Alleluia!

Next Sunday: Wisdom 9:13-18;  
Philemon: 9-10,12-17; Luke 14:25-33



## The Beheading of John the Baptist – 29th August

Today we focus our attention on John the Baptist and specifically on his death. I asked myself what does the life and death of John the Baptist say to me? After some prayer and reflection, I decided it might be good to say something about my thoughts about the life and death of John the Baptist. More than once in reading about John I have been struck by the fact that his must have been a lousy life.

He was born when his mother and father were already old. It must have been difficult for them to take care of a baby and to raise a son. His father Zechariah had his duties as a priest of the temple to perform. These duties probably took him away from his wife and son during the weeks that he was on duty. John and Jesus could not have seen each other often as children since John lived in Judea and Jesus in Galilee. All of these factors probably contributed to a less than ideal childhood. Both of John's parents apparently died before he reached adulthood. When he did become an adult he went out to the desert of Judea west of the river Jordan and lived by himself as a hermit for some years. His diet consisted of locusts and wild

honey, and he did not drink wine or strong spirits. He clothed himself in camel's hair garments and a leather belt, which must have been very uncomfortable in the desert heat. Throughout his life John seems to have always been a loner. Later when he began to baptise people in the Jordan, his message was not always a welcome one to his listeners. John called the people to task for their sins and urged them to repent. Many of those who became his disciples soon left him to follow Jesus. While he was still a young man he ran afoul of King Herod when he reproached the king for marrying his brother's wife. Imprisoned, he was put to death by beheading to placate the hatred of Herod's wife Herodias. At the time of his death, John was probably in his mid 30's.

From a human standpoint, John's was not a great life. He does not appear to have had the happiness and comfort that most of us crave in our lives. And yet John played a major role in the greatest story ever told; the story of our salvation. Almighty God chose John to be the precursor of Jesus Christ our saviour. From the beginning of his life until his death, John was a willing instrument in God's plan for the salvation of the world. Throughout his life John faithfully and steadfastly adhered to God's will for him. His life may not have been glamorous or exciting, but John didn't care about that. He was content to do the will of God for him, whatever it was. When John's life here on earth came to an end I'm sure he had earned a great reward in heaven. At the hour of his death God probably greeted John with the words we all long to hear: "Well done, good and faithful servant." I think the lesson for all of us in the life of John the Baptist is that the events of his life were not as important as the motivation which guided him throughout his life. Today as we read about his heroic death, may we be inspired to work to imitate his fidelity to the will of God.

*Tom Bannantine SJ*



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## Safeguarding

If you have experienced abuse or misconduct, you can ring the help line, **1300 304 550**. Information can be shared anonymously.

### We pray for those who are sick:

Bevan Barsby; Cira; Renee Elliott; Scottie Ewart; Justine Forde; Val Iacono; Annette McCorry .

**Recently deceased:** Kathleen Hoult.

## Collection for 21/8/2020

Loose..... \$473.40  
Planned Giving..... \$315.00  
Total..... \$788.40

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Account 100011987

✝ If you know anyone in need, please contact Cecily Fry, President, St Vincent de Paul Conference, on 0437 864 667

## Used Postage Stamps

We are still collecting your used stamps to be recycled to help the poor. Wondai church has a box at the back of the church. Many thanks from the Wondai Catholic Ladies Group.

