

St Joseph's Catholic Parish

Nineteenth Sunday in Ord. Time
Year C, 7 August, 2022

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



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

Reflection by Pope Francis

Christians are called to be men and women of hope, united by the certainty of a God who does not give up. This was part of the message of Pope Francis' homily during Mass at Santa Marta on Tuesday morning.

Looking at the day's Reading from the Gospel of Luke (12:35-38), in which Jesus calls on his disciples to be as servants, vigilant and awaiting the master's return from a wedding, the Pontiff asked: "Who is this lord, this master, who is coming home from a marriage feast, who is coming late at night?". The answer comes from Jesus himself: "It is I who have come to serve you, to gird my loins, to seat you at the table, to serve you".

Saint Paul, too, in the Letter to the Ephesians (2:12-22), reiterates that it is Jesus who has "come to serve, not to be served". And the first gift that we received from him is that of an identity. Jesus has given us "citizenship, membership in a commonwealth, a first and last name". Taking up the words of the Apostle, who reminds the pagans that when they were separated from Christ they were "alienated from the commonwealth", Francis highlighted: "Without Christ we have no identity".

Thanks to Him, indeed, from being separated we have become one "people". We were "enemies, without peace", isolated, but Jesus, "united us with his blood". This theme also comes from Saint Paul, who writes in the Letter to the Ephesians: "For he is our peace, who has made us both one, and has broken down the dividing wall". We all know, the Bishop of Rome recalled, that "when we are not at peace with people, there is a wall that divides us". But Jesus "offers us his service to knock down this wall". Thanks to Him "we are able to meet each other".

From a people broken apart, comprised of men isolated from one another, Jesus, with his service, "has brought everyone near, has made us one body". And He has reconciled everyone in God". Thus, "from enemies" we have become "friends", and from "strangers" we can now feel we are "children".

"But what is the condition" through which from "strangers", from "sojourners" we are able to become "fellow citizens with the saints"? To have confidence, the Pope answered, in the master's return from the wedding feast, in Jesus. It is necessary to "await Him" and to be ever ready: "Those who do not await Jesus, close the door to Jesus, don't allow Him to do this work of peace, of community, of citizenship; moreover: of name". That name that reminds us who we truly are: "children of God".

This is why "a Christian is a man or a woman of hope", because he or she "knows that the Lord will come". And when this happens, although "we don't know when", no longer will "we find ourselves isolated, enemies", but rather as He, through his service, has made us: "friends, neighbours, at peace".

For this reason, Pope Francis concluded, it is important to ask ourselves: "How do I await Jesus?". But above all: "Do I or do I not await" Jesus? Many times, in fact, even we Christians "behave like pagans" and "live as if nothing could happen". We must be careful not to be like a "selfish pagan", who acts as though he himself "were a king" and thinks: "I can manage on my own". Those who behave in this manner come to no good, end up nameless, with no one

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Holy Day coming up:
Monday 15 August

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mass Times:
Gayndah 12 noon
Murgon 5.00pm

Mass Times Next Week

Tuesday, 9 August
Gayndah, 12.00 noon

Wednesday, 10 August
Wondai, 5.00pm

Thursday, 11 August
Murgon, 5.00pm

Friday, 12 August
Castra, 9.00am

Saturday, 13 August
Proston, 9.00am
Wondai, 5.00pm

Sunday, 14 August
Murgon, 8.00am
Gayndah, 10.30am
Goomeri, 6.00pm

Today's readings

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

Response:

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

Gospel Acclamation:

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

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

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close, without citizenship. Each one of us must instead ask ourselves: "Do I believe in this hope, that He will come?". And: "Do I have an open heart to hear the sound, when He knocks at the door, when He opens the door?".



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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.

Winter Appeal – Saint Vincent de Paul

"Thank you to all those who attended our fundraiser for the winter appeal for Saint Vincent De Paul. It was lot of fun. Thank you to everyone who helped make it a success. The winners of the 100 boards were: First: Glenda McArdle and Second: Michael Grant 'Fubsy'. We have received some donations already, thank, you but if you would still like to contribute please put in an envelope with Winter Appeal on it and give to your Parish Council rep or Father Bryan. Please be assured that this money will be spent in the Murgon parishes not sent away anywhere.

Kind Regards, Cecily Fry

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.

Saint Mary of the Cross – 8th August

Mary MacKillop was born in 1842 in Fitzroy, Melbourne. On 8 August 1909, she died, having suffered a disabling stroke in 1902. Inspired by a meeting with Fr Julian Tenison-Woods, Mary MacKillop took her vows at the age of twenty five, and the religious name, "Mary of the Cross". In doing so, she founded the congregation of the Sisters of Saint Joseph. Soon after taking her religious vows, Mary MacKillop founded several schools. Within five years of taking her vows and founding the Congregation of the Sisters of Saint Joseph, Mary had established over thirty schools in South Australia. By that time, more than one hundred women had joined the Sisters of Saint Joseph.

Mary MacKillop was very conscious of the plight of the poor and needy. She worked with families that lived in isolated areas of Australia. As a result, Mary MacKillop pioneered a new form of religious life in Australia, and commenced a 'system' of 'Josephite' schools that would provide education, especially for the children of the poor. In 1873, Pope Pius IX gave Papal approval for the Congregation of the Sisters of Saint Joseph.

Even today, many Australians can say that they too have felt the impact of the enormous work started by Saint Mary of the Cross (MacKillop), having been educated or cared for, by the Sisters of Saint Joseph. She was noted for her trust in the providence of God and miracles of healing have been attributed to her. She was declared a Saint by Pope Benedict XVI on the 17th October

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; Kathleen Hoult; Val Iacono; Annette McCorry .

Collection for 31/7/2020

Loose.....	\$226.50
Planned Giving.....	\$314.20
Total.....	\$540.70

2010. In January 2013, Saint Mary of the Cross (MacKillop) was declared by the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, to be the Second Patron Saint of Australia. This means that Australia now has two Patron Saints: Mary Help of Christians and Saint Mary of the Cross (MacKillop).

