

# St Joseph's Catholic Parish

Seventeenth Sunday in Ord. Time  
Year C, 24 July, 2022

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



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

## Fifth Plenary Council of Australia

The celebration phase of the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia ended on Saturday, 9 July, as Archbishop Timothy Costelloe formally closed the Council and celebrated the closing Mass.

During the second general assembly, more than 35 motions were put to a consultative and a deliberative vote. Those motions that received a qualified majority in the deliberative vote – two-thirds of voters eligible and present – were passed by the Plenary Council. They were confirmed as the decrees of the Plenary Council.

After the November 2022 meeting of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, the decrees will be sent to the Apostolic See. In accordance with canon 446 of the Code of Canon Law, decrees are not to be promulgated until they have been reviewed by the Apostolic See. They will be promulgated in the *Australasian Catholic Record* and the website of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference in accordance with its usual practice. The decrees will oblige six months after promulgation.

The decrees were:

- Decree 1  
Reconciliation - Healing Wounds,  
Receiving Gifts
- Decree 2  
Choosing Repentance - Seeking  
Healing
- Decree 3  
Called by Christ - Sent Forth  
as Mission Disciples
- Decree 4  
Witnessing to the Equal Dignity  
of Women and Men
- Decree 5  
Communion in Grace - Sacrament  
to the World

- Decree 6  
Formation and Leadership  
for Mission and Ministry
- Decree 7  
At the Service of Communion  
Participation and Mission –  
Governance
- Decree 8  
Integral Ecology and Conversion  
for the Sake of Our Common Home
- Decree 9  
The Implementation Phase of the  
Fifth Plenary Council
- Decree 10  
The Decrees of the Fourth Plenary  
Council of Australia

## Saint Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal

We have had heavy demand from our companions this winter and would appreciate your help. You may have noticed a poster in your church about a fashion parade on 30 July. However, we have decided to change the event to a 'Christmas In July' luncheon held on the same day and at the same venue (Wondai RSL) but at 11.30am for a 12noon lunch instead of 2.00pm. The cost is \$30 per person. The contact number is still Edith or the conference number 0437 864 667. If you are unable to attend but would like to contribute please put an envelope in the Poor Box or give it to Father Bryan with Winter Appeal on it. Donations of blankets and doonas would also be appreciated. A table of people from each church would make a big difference.

Thank you, *Cecily Fry*

## July is the month of the Precious Blood of Jesus.

Pope's Prayer Intention:

**For the elderly:** We pray for the elderly, who represent the roots and memory of a people; may their experience and wisdom help young people to look towards the future with hope and responsibility.

## Mass Times Next Week

**Tuesday, 26 July**

Gayndah, noon

**Wednesday, 27 July**

Wondai, 5.00pm

**Thursday, 28 July**

Murgon, 5.00pm

**Friday, 29 July**

Castra, 9.00am

**Saturday, 30 July**

Proston, 9.00am

Wondai, 5.00pm

**Sunday, 31 July**

Cherbourg, 8.00am

Gayndah, 10.30am

Goomeri, 6.00pm

## Today's readings

Genesis 18:20-32; Colossians 2:12-14;  
Luke 11:1-13

*Response:*

Lord, on the day I called for help,  
you answered me.

*Gospel Acclamation:*

Alleluia, alleluia! You have received the  
Spirit which makes us Gd's children, and  
in that Spirit we call God our Father.  
Alleluia!

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

## Solemnity of Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop

Archbishop Mark Coleridge invites you to a special celebration of Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop, patron of the Archdiocese, on her feast day, **Monday 8 August**. Mass will be celebrated at **10.00am** in the **Cathedral** followed by morning tea in the surrounding grounds. To RSVP, email [rsvp@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:rsvp@bne.catholic.net.au) or call (07) 3324 3200



## Saints Anne and Joachim – 26th July

(flourished 1st century BCE, Palestine; Western feast day July 26, Eastern feast day July 25), the parents of the Virgin Mary, according to tradition derived from certain apocryphal writings. Saint Anne is one of the patron saints of Brittany and Canada and of women in labour. As the grandparents of Jesus, Saints Anne and Joachim are also considered the patron saints of grandparents.

### Traditional account and legends

Information concerning their lives and names is found in the 2nd-century *Protevangelium of James* ('First Gospel of James') and the 3rd-century *Evangelium de nativitate Mariae* ('Gospel of the Nativity of Mary'). According to these non-canonical sources, Anne (Hebrew: Hannah) was born in Bethlehem in Judaea. She married Joachim, and, although they shared a wealthy and devout life at Nazareth, they eventually lamented their childlessness. Joachim, reproached at the Temple for his sterility, retreated into the countryside to pray, while Anne, grieved by his disappearance and by her barrenness, solemnly promised God that, if given a child, she would dedicate it to the Lord's service. Both received the vision of an angel, who announced that Anne would conceive and bear a most wondrous child. The couple rejoiced at the birth of their daughter, whom Anne named

Mary. When the child was three years old, Joachim and Anne, in fulfillment of her divine promise, brought Mary to the Temple of Jerusalem, where they left her to be brought up. The account of their lives startlingly parallels the Old Testament story of the barren Hannah and her conception of Samuel (1 Samuel 1); she also dedicated her child to the service of God.

According to later legends, Joachim died shortly after Mary's birth, and Anne, encouraged by the Holy Spirit, remarried. Some traditions hold that Anne in her alleged subsequent marriage(s) became the grandmother of the Apostles John and James (sons of Zebedee), Simon, Jude, and James the Less (son of Alphaeus) and also of James, 'the Lord's brother'. Eastern literature on Anne, going back to the 4th century, does not follow the fantastic legends of medieval Western tradition.

### Influence

Anne's cult was fervent in the Eastern church as early as the 4th century, and many churches, the first dating from the 6th century, were built in her honour. In the early 8th century Pope Constantine probably introduced her devotion to Rome, while Joachim's cult was introduced in the West in the 15th century. Anne became extremely popular in the Middle Ages and influenced such theologians as Jean de Gerson, Konrad Wimpinar, and Johann Eck. In response to attacks on her cult by Protestant reformers, devotion to Saint Anne was further promoted by post-Reformation popes.

The *Protevangelium* became the foundation for establishing the liturgical feasts of the Nativity of the Virgin Mary (8 September) and the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (8 December). The dedication of Mary at the Temple became so important in church doctrine that by 1585 Pope Sixtus V included in the Western church calendar the liturgical feast of the Presentation of the Virgin Mary (21 November). Although this festival originated early in the East, probably at Jerusalem in 543, its first Western observance was recorded in England in the 11th century.



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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;  
Kathleen Hoult; Val Iacono;  
Annette McCorry .

## Collections

3 July, PG \$414.90, Loose \$150.40  
Total \$565.30

10 July, PG \$283, Loose \$310.90  
Total \$593.90

17 July, PG \$260, Loose \$418.05  
Total \$678.05

## 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.