

# St Joseph's Catholic Parish

Fifteenth Sunday in Ord. Time  
Year B, 14 July, 2024

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



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

*Do you want to  
spread the faith?*

## Be transformed by Christ, then be yourself

A powerful means of evangelising is to naturally live the Catholic faith even in front of non-Catholics. What is considered by many as proselytising or pushing your faith on to other people is to simply and naturally be a Catholic in every way.

My mother, a Catholic convert, recalled working in the big General Electric plant and being influenced by the simple acts of faith displayed by a fellow factory worker who was Catholic. Although there were several Catholic friends who contributed to mom's conversion, she never forgot the devotion of one co-worker in particular. They never discussed religion, but without knowing it, mom's fellow employee influenced her through simple statements like, "Today's a holy day, so I will be attending Mass," or "It's Friday, so I have to eat fish."

I also recall being in college and hearing those who were already 'nones' unafraid to profess the tenets of their own beliefs, while Catholics were more reserved out of fear of offending someone with what they believed. If we believe that Christ is truly risen from the dead, why hide a jubilant, "Happy Easter!"

I am inspired by the even stronger courage of Saint Peter in proclaiming Christ after confessing his big sins. Peter is free of his past in the



forgiveness of the Risen Lord and so he goes forth in openly sharing the love of God with us, a gift he cannot keep to himself. "Let all the house of Israel therefore know assuredly that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified" (Acts 2:36). And in response to the crowd's queries, Saint Peter is clear about telling them what they must do to be saved: "Repent, and be baptised every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit" (Acts 2:38).

Saint Peter does not tell the crowd to follow their hearts. Nor does he tell them to find whatever religion makes them feel comfortable. My hope is that all of us privileged to be baptised and confirmed may tap this power of the Holy Spirit within us and bring people to Christ in truth and love.

This naturalness in sharing Jesus could be as simple as texting the words of the Regina Caeli to a young Catholic or even the words of the Hail Mary. Can we safely assume that our young people know the words to the

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## Sunday Mass Times

Murgon		
WEEK	DAY	TIME
every	Sunday	8.00am
Wondai		
WEEK	DAY	TIME
every	Saturday	5.00pm
Proston		
WEEK	DAY	TIME
every	Saturday	9.00am
Goomeri		
WEEK	DAY	TIME
every	Sunday	6.00pm
Gayndah		
WEEK	DAY	TIME
every	1st, 3rd, 5th Sundays	10.30am
every	2nd, 4th Sundays	9.00am
Cherbourg		
WEEK	DAY	TIME
5	Sunday	4.30pm
Weekday Mass Times		
12 noon, Wednesday, Gayndah		
5.00pm, Wednesday, Wondai		
9.00am, 2nd, 4th Thursdays, School/Parish Mass, Murgon		
9.00am, 1st, 3rd Thursdays, Castra		
Holy Hour for Peace		
Wondai, 4.00pm to 5.00pm, Wednesday, before Mass		

## Today's readings

Amos 7:12-15; Ephesians 1: 3-14;  
Mark 6: 7-13

*Response:*

Lord, show us your mercy and love,  
and grant us your salvation.

*Gospel Acclamation:*

Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our  
Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of  
our heart that we might see how great  
is the hope to which we are called.  
Alleluia!

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prayers of our forefathers? Let's pray each day and throughout the day to the Holy Spirit for the courage and prudence to share the love, peace, and joy of knowing Jesus with those we may meet each day or get to know in a wider venue throughout the whole world.

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## Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati – 4 July

Pier Giorgio Frassati, a well-known young blessed of modern times. Born on 6 April, 1901 in Turin to a wealthy agnostic family, he early in life found himself drawn to the faith and serving Christ in the poor. He was particularly known for his prayer and his great love of the outdoors.

Pier Giorgio's friends described him as "an explosion of joy". His sister Luciana in her biography of her brother says that "He represented the finest in Christian youth: pure, happy, enthusiastic about everything that is good and beautiful". He loved sharing his faith and praying with his many friends.

At a young age after starting at a Jesuit school, Pier Giorgio received permission to receive communion daily, which was rare at the time. He also joined the Marian Sodality and Apostleship of Prayer. Often, he would spend hours of the night in an adoration chapel.

He was also known as an avid sportsman and loved the outdoors, particularly mountain climbing. He cultivated a deep appreciation for theatre, opera, museums, and poetry, loving to quote Dante.

Pier Giorgio was deeply devoted to Catholic social teaching and serving the poor. He joined the People's Party, based on the principles of Pope Leo XIII's encyclical 'Rerum Novarum', and was known to go to serve the poor in the slums, even giving away his bus fare money and

running home to be on time for meals. As his sister said, "Catholic social teaching could never remain simply a theory with (Pier Giorgio)". He would forgo vacations as the family summer home because, "If everybody leaves Turin, who will take care of the poor?"

He desired to become a mining engineer, studying at the Royal Polytechnic University of Turin, because he desired to "serve Christ better among the miners".

He was also politically active, both against the communist as well as fascist causes in early 20th century Italy. He stood up to police harassing a Church-sponsored protest in Rome once, grabbing a fallen banner and using it to rally his fellow students.

His love for balancing contemplation and action naturally led him to a love for the Dominican order, particularly after reading the sermons of Girolamo Savonarola and writings of Saint Catherine of Siena. In 1922, he joined the Lay Dominicans, taking the name Girolamo after the fierce Renaissance preacher.

Pier Giorgio contracted polio shortly before he was to receive his degree, and doctors believed this was due to his tending to the sick in the slums. But even on his last night of life, his concern remained for the poor, using his paralysed hand to scrawl a note asking a friend to take medicine to a poor man Converso.

Thousands turned out for his funeral. Many of the poor and needy who he had served for the past seven years came, and it was through their presence that his parents learned of his service. Just as his parents were surprised at the multitude of destitute and needy, those their son had served were surprised to learn that their friend was the heir to the wealthy and famous Frassati family.

In 1981, his remains were found to be incorrupt, and his body was transferred from the family tomb to the Cathedral of Saint John the Baptist in Turin.



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**We pray for those who are sick:**  
Orlando Dyrity; Wendy Heidemann;  
David McIntosh.

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At his beatification in 1990, Saint John Paul II referred to him as the "Man of the Eight Beatitudes," and recalled fondly that "I wanted to pay homage to a young man who was able to witness to Christ with singular effectiveness in this century of ours. When I was a young man, I, too, felt the beneficial influence of his example and, as a student, I was impressed by the force of his testimony.



## Novena Prayer to Saint Joseph

Oh, patron of the universal church, Saint Joseph, we ask for .....  
Remember O Most Chaste Spouse of the Virgin Mary, that never has it been known that anyone who asked for your help and sought intercession was left unaided. Full of confidence in your power, we hasten to you and beg your protection. Listen, O, foster father of the redeemer, to our humble prayer and in your goodness hear and answer us. Amen