

# St Joseph's Catholic Parish

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ord. Time  
Year A, 1 October, 2017

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



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

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Dear friends,

The Rosary is a beautiful prayer, but due to one reason or another many people never get to discover this beauty. It can feel like we're supposed to be doing so many things simultaneously – saying each Our Father and Hail Mary with due reverence, praying for our particular intentions, all the while trying to create vivid mental images of Christ and Our Lady in our mind's eye.

The month of October is a good time to re-evaluate the place the Rosary has in our lives. Saint Louis De Montfort said: "The Rosary without meditation on the sacred mysteries of our salvation would almost be like a body without a soul; excellent matter, but without form which sets it apart from other devotions."

It is because of its meditative nature that many popes and saints have been so keen to promote the Rosary. In 1982, when John Paul II visited Fatima he told the people: Do you want me to teach you a 'secret'? It is simple, and it is no longer a secret; pray, pray very much; recite the Rosary every day.

The Rosary is not an optional extra. It has the potential to transform our lives if we are willing. So where does that leave those of us who genuinely find it difficult to concentrate whilst praying the Rosary?

We can pray the Rosary to varying degrees of perfection, it is not really possible to pray the Rosary badly. Although, we should always hope that we might learn to pray the Rosary better, we are never worse off for praying it. We might have various bad attitudes that we become aware of when we pray

the Rosary, but this is surely a good thing. It makes us realise how much we need God's mercy.

John Paul II said that as a young man, praying the Living Rosary helped him realise that not only does Our Mother Mary direct us towards Christ, but Christ also directs us towards His mother. Christ is saying "look what marvels I have worked for my mother." Devotion to the saints and especially to Our Lady is so important because it marks out why our faith is so special. God's grace is not something superficial, but penetrates the core of our being.

God has promised to make us like Himself. Our Lady is the first in whom this promise has been fulfilled, and so she is worthy of the highest of praise.

**Fr Subin Thomas mcbs**

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**October is Rosary Month:** people are invited to grow in their devotion to Blessed Mary by saying the Rosary every day, especially, before the Mass throughout the month.

At Parish level we are conducting Ten Days Rosary Devotion and Mass in our Parish which will start on 30 September to 9 October in Murgon, Wondai and Proston. Rosary will be prior to Mass. Times and places given below:

30/9 Saturday, 7.40am, Proston and 5.40pm, Wondai

1/10 Sunday, 7.40am, Murgon

2/10 Monday, 5.10pm, Wondai

3/10 Tuesday, 5.10pm, Wondai

4/10 Wednesday, 5.10pm, Wondai

5/10 Thursday, 5.10pm, Murgon

6/10 Friday, 9.10am, Murgon

7/10 Saturday. 7.40am, Proston and 5.40pm Murgon

8/10 Sunday, 7.40am, Wondai

9/10 Monday, 9.10am, Murgon

## Summer Mass Times

Weekend Mass times will be going back to the normal next weekend:

6.00pm, Saturday Vigil Mass and 8.00am, Sunday Mass (Saturday, Proston)

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## Sunday Mass Times: Next Sunday 7/8 October

Proston, Saturday at 8.00am  
Murgon, Saturday at 6.00pm  
Wondai, Sunday at 8.00am  
Durong, Sunday at 10.30am

## Weekday Masses Next week:

Mass will be celebrated every day next week following the Rosary.

## Feast Days coming up: October, Tuesday 2

The Holy Guardian Angels

## October, Wednesday 4

Saint Francis of Assisi

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## Today's readings

Ezekiel 18:25-28; Philippians 2:1-11  
Matthew 21:28-32

*Response:*

Remember your mercies, O Lord.

*Gospel Acclamation:*

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia!

**Next week:**

Isaiah 5:1-7; Philippians 4:6-9;  
Matthew 21:33-43

## ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEK

### Birthdays

Nicholas Okafor, 2

Iris Schultz, 2

### Wedding Anniversaries

Margaret and Trevor Hoults, 1

If you would like to add a birthday or anniversary to be published in the parish newsletter please enter the details into the birthday/anniversary books in Murgon or Wondai Churches, or contact the parish office.

### Today's Mass

Today's readings are about acting with integrity. To please others we say we will do something, and then we don't do it. At other times our conscience troubles us and we end up doing something we said we wouldn't do! Jesus points out that we all have the tendency to be false to ourselves. He encourages us to change our ways and believe in him.

### Parish Morning Teas

Goomeri – 1st and 3rd Sundays

Wondai – 2nd Sunday

Durong – 2nd Sunday

Murgon – 3rd Sunday

Proston – 4th weekend

### Collection for 10/9/17

Loose..... \$170.35

Planned Giving..... \$850.00

..... Total: \$1,020.35

## LITURGY ROSTERS

### for weekend Masses

<b>Murgon:</b> 6.00pm, Saturday, 7 October, 2017	
Leader:	R Braithwaite,
Readers:	R Braithwaite, J Marshall
Euch Mins:	Br Julian, J Marshall

<b>Wondai:</b> 8.00am, Sunday, 8 October, 2017	
Leader:	V Parker
Readers:	C Beadmore, H Leyland
Euch Mins:	D Boge, T Hodson

## Mass of All Nations and Multicultural Meal

This event will be celebrated on Sunday, 29 October at 10.00am with Mass at Saint Joseph's Church, Murgon followed by a multi-cultural meal. This is a 5th Sunday and all Parishioners are invited to attend. Please bring a dish to contribute to our meal.

### Mass in the Extraordinary Form

(Latin Mass according to the 1962 Roman Missal)

will be celebrated on Saturday, 21 October at 10.00am, Saint Patrick's Catholic Church, Mt Perry. Celebrant will be Fr Adrain Sharp. Confession and Rosary will be prior to Mass. Everyone welcome!

LUNCH to follow at Federal Inn, Mount Perry. Accommodation available at motel and caravan park.

The Church at Mount Perry was built in 1904, was Heritage listed in 1992, and is beautifully kept by local parishioners. Enquiries Moira Thompson 0458 365 051 or Miriam Makowiecki on 0418 498 542.

### Living differently

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

My time at Vanga has changed me. I have to live my life differently. While part of me would like to pack up my family and return, at present I have a bigger challenge ahead: to live a life that is congruent with my experience in the Solomons. To reassess what I need to live. Could I simplify my life and in doing so reduce my impact on the planet? Can the way I teach change so that I encourage or even inspire my students to take education seriously and to really value the opportunities that are available to them? I will now be a lifelong advocate for the people of the Solomon Islands who need friendship and understanding from their close neighbour Australia. (Liz)



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## Reconciliation Times

### 1st Sundays:

Wondai, Saturday, 5.30pm

### 2nd Sundays:

Murgon, Saturday, 5.30pm

### 3rd Sundays:

Proston, Saturday, 9.00am

**Just Coffee:** Support the people of East Timor by purchasing Coffee, Cards and Bro Bands available. Please contact Blue on 0400 893 866 or Benita on 0458 537 417 or email - carneymilestone@bigpond.com

✝ 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 and perhaps someone could do the same for the other churches.

Many thanks from the Wondai Catholic Ladies Group.

### We pray for those who are sick:

Angela Blakie; Cathy Carter; Nina Connors; Michael Duff; Felicity Edwards; Val Elliott; Gloria Lucas Euler; Cynthia Guteridge; Chris Heideman; Neil Hutton; Keith Leyland; Elaine Madill; David Parker; Bridie Prendergast; Lee Seargent, Stephen Troeth.