

St Joseph's Catholic Parish

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ord. Time
Year B, 13 October, 2024

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



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



Congratulations!

to Lily, Raine, and Ocean who were baptised at Saint Joseph's Catholic Church in a beautiful ceremony attended by their Grandmother, Godparents David and Miriam, with friends and parishioners. A poolside lunch followed at the home of Therese Bolger.



Does God really hear my prayers?

We might sometimes wonder if God really listens to our prayers. Some even stop praying because they think their prayers are not heard. The Catechism makes a few important points on this topic. **First**, we should consider the image of God that we bring to prayer: Do we view God as a loving Father who knows what is best for us? Or do we approach him like a spiritual Santa Claus to help us fulfill our wishes and get what we want? The Catechism poses this important question:

"When we praise God or give him thanks for his benefits in general, we are not particularly concerned whether or not our prayer is acceptable to him. On the other hand, we demand to see the results of our petitions. What is the image of God that motivates our prayer: an instrument to be used? Or the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ?"

God always answers our prayers

Second, God always answers our prayers – but in his time

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17 November 2024

Mass of All Nations and
Multicultural Meal,

Saint Joseph's Church Murgon.

Sunday Mass Times

Murgon

WEEK	DAY	TIME
every	Sunday	8.00am

Wondai

every	Saturday	5.00pm
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Proston

every	Saturday	9.00am
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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
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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

Wisdom 7: 7-11; Hebrews 4: 12-13;
Mark 10: 17-30

Response:

Fill us with your love, O Lord, and
we will sing for joy!

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! Happy the poor in
spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!
Alleluia!

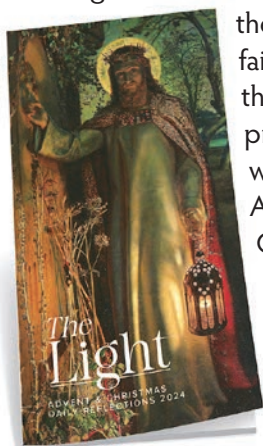
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and in his way. Do we trust that our heavenly Father knows what is best for us "even before we ask him"? (see Matthew 6:8) Sometimes the desires we present to God are not the best for us. Even if they are good intentions, they may not be aligned with God's larger plan, which is always for our good and the good of the world around us. This is why God can use our time in prayer to change our hearts, to shape our desires, and to enable us to be more accepting of His good and holy will which we may not understand initially. We should entrust all our petitions to the Lord's will. And when we do, we can even ask God to change our hearts if his will is different from our own. As the Catechism tells us, quoting Saint Augustine, "God wills that our desire should be exercised in prayer, that we may be able to receive what He is prepared to give".

THE LIGHT

Advent Program 2024

Embark on a spiritual journey of illumination this Advent and Christmas with 'The Light: Advent and Christmas Daily Reflections 2024 – a comprehensive 88-page book of daily reflections designed to deepen your spiritual journey from the beginning of Advent (1 December 2024) through to the Baptism of the Lord (12 January 2025), offering profound insights and contemplative thoughts that invite you to explore the depths of your faith and anticipate the joy of God's presence in the world. The Light Advent and Christmas reflection booklets will be available at each of the churches soon.



Cost \$6.



Saint Francis of Assisi

"Here is our rule," Francis said: "Live by the Gospel. Francis took the Gospel so literally that he made one of the brothers run after a thief who stole Francis' hood. "Here, take this too!"

In one famous story, Francis preached to hundreds of birds about being thankful to God for their wonderful clothes, for their independence, and for God's care. The story tells us the birds stood still as he walked among them, only flying off when he said they could leave.

Francis was a man of action. His simplicity of life extended to both ideas and deeds. If there was a simple way, no matter how impossible it seemed, Francis would take it.

So, when Francis wanted approval for his brotherhood, he went straight to Rome to see Pope Innocent III. You can imagine what the pope thought when this beggar approached him! As a matter of fact, he threw Francis out.

Undoubtedly, Saint Francis was as qualified as any to be ordained a priest, but he never was, feeling unworthy to ascend the altar steps and call upon God's power to bring about the miracle of the Holy Eucharist.

Throughout Francis' life he had a great reverence for priests. It is recorded that Francis often said, "If I saw an Angel and a priest, I would bend my knee first to the priest and then to the Angel!" Regardless of their moral character, Francis held them in high esteem as he knew they were set-apart by God for a special purpose.

In many ways Saint Francis' life mirrors that of Jesus Christ. Both were rather insignificant men who wandered around small villages preaching to whoever would listen. They didn't have any political power and did not lead any armies into battle.



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The unexpected way Saint Francis changed the world was through his example. His revolutionary way of thinking is so radically simple that anyone can do it!

All you need to do is follow the Gospel, live simply, and show your joy to the world.

When others see the beauty of a life united to God, they are immediately attracted to it. Saint Francis never expected his little band of brothers to be of any significance, and yet today, 800 years later, they are one of the largest religious orders in the world!

Francis believed that a life lived authentically, rooted in the Gospel, has more power than any king or earthly ruler.

Do you want to change the world? Don't try to become powerful according to earthly standards. Start simply by beginning with yourself and slowly influencing those in your sphere of influence.

The Gospel is preached most effectively, not by powerful organisations that reach to every corner of the globe, but by individuals passing it on to another person.

As the friar from Assisi often encouraged his followers: **"Start by doing what's necessary; then do what's possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible."**