

St Joseph's Catholic Parish

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ord. Time
Year A, 10 September, 2017

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



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

Dear friends,

One of the most difficult things in life is correcting another person. Yes, there are people who seem always to be correcting others—but that type of person rarely has any lasting success. What the Lord God wants from us is to find ways to draw others to Him, the Lord God, by the way of correction. That is a divine task.

Today's readings (especially the first) stress the duty of speaking out against the evil in our society. This duty naturally falls most heavily on the leaders in the Christian community. But each of us, by virtue of our Baptism, is called to be a prophet, that is, someone who speaks for God. Hence we should not remain silent when silence can be taken to mean that we approve of what is happening. In that case we would be responsible for the evil. In Nazi Germany the Church leaders were accused of not speaking out about what was happening in the camps.

"What the world expects of Christians is that they should speak out loud and clear, and that they should voice their condemnations in such a way that never a doubt, never the slightest doubt, could arise in the heart of the simplest person. They should speak out clearly and pay up personally". (Albert Camus).

"A hand that is always open or always closed is a crippled hand" (Rumi).

Fr Subin Thomas mcbs

Today's Mass

A judgemental attitude towards others never promotes love and harmony. We can all feel hurt and offended at times, but if we approach that person with kindness rather than anger, there is more chance of peaceful reconciliation. Jesus asks us to do all we can to promote love, peace and tolerance, and he assures us that he will be there among us with his support and encouragement.

Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass

Couples celebrating their Golden Wedding Anniversary (or longer) and their family and friends, are invited to the annual Mass with Bishop Brian V Finnigan at the Cathedral of Saint Stephen. The Mass will be celebrated on Saturday 7 October, commencing at 10.00am. Light refreshments will be served in the Hanly Room, following the Mass and for catering purposes you are asked to RSVP to cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au or telephone 3324 3030 by Friday 29 September. The Cathedral car park will be available.

Catholic Campaign

Last weekend the Annual Catholic Campaign was held across the Parish. Thank you to everyone who responded generously to the Archbishop's call for support of the vital works of the Church across this Archdiocese.

If you didn't get a chance to make a gift last week, there is still time. Your contributions are deeply appreciated and can be the answer to someone's prayers.

Please place your donation inside a Campaign envelope, seal it and place with the parish collection today. It is important you use a Campaign envelope, so there is no confusion about the intention of your gifts.

Thank you again for your time and generosity.



Welcome to Bishop Brian Finnigan

We welcome Bishop Brian Finnigan to our Parish this weekend to minister the Sacrament of Confirmation. Congratulations to the children who will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. May the Spirit of the Lord be with them always.

Sunday Mass Times: Next Sunday 16/17 September

Proston, Saturday at 9.00am
Wondai, Saturday at 5.00pm
Murgon, Sunday at 8.00am
Goomeri, Sunday at 10.00am

Weekday Mass Times:

Wondai, Wednesday at 5.30pm
Murgon, Thursday at 5.30pm
Castra, Healing Mass, Friday 9.00am

Feast Days coming up:

September, Wednesday 13
Saint John Chrysostom, bishop, doctor
September, Friday 15
Our Lady of Sorrows

Today's readings

Ezekiel 33:7-9; Romans 13:8-10
Matthew 18:15-20

Response:

O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

Gospel Acclamation:

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us. Alleluia!

Next week:

Ecclesiasticus 27:30-28:7; Romans 14:7-9
Matthew 18:21-35

ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEK

Birthdays

Nora Reilly, 14

Death Anniversaries

Jim Manthey, 11

Stephen Elliott, 12

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.



*Holy Mary
pray for us*

Parish Morning Teas

We welcome all parishioners and visitors to the parish to join us for a cuppa and chat after any of the following parish Masses.

Goomeri – 1st and 3rd Sundays

Wondai – 2nd Sunday

Durong – 2nd Sunday

Murgon – 3rd Sunday

Proston – 4th weekend

Collection for 20/8/17

Loose..... \$194.60

Planned Giving..... \$610.00

..... Total: \$804.60

LITURGY ROSTERS

for weekend Masses

Murgon: 8.00am, Sunday, 17 September, 2017	
Leader:	N Hunt
Readers:	N Hunt, C Dennis
Euch Mins:	M Hunt, Br Tim

Wondai: 5.00pm, Saturday, 16 September, 2017	
Leader:	T Hodson
Readers:	D Parker, H Leyland
Euch Mins:	D Boge, V Parker

Saint Joseph's Fete Raffle Winners

(drawn Friday 3 September, 2017)

- #1 Two nights Noosa Lake (donated by Murgon/ Wondai Family Medical) – **Annette Mearns**
- #2 Bar Fridge (donated by Betta Home Living Murgon) – **Tegan McNichol**
- #3 Gift Basket (donated by Murgon Pharmacy) – **M Hoult**
- #4 Floor Rug (donated by Supercheap Carpets Murgon) – **Margaret Sippel**
- #5 \$100 voucher (donated by Murgon Mitre 10) – **Patrick Hoult**
- #6 \$100 voucher (donated by Murgon Mechanical) – **M&C Burns**
- #7 \$100 Voucher (donated by Pratt Agencies) – **Cecily Saunders**
- #8 \$100 Entertainers Pack (donated by J O'Byrne) – **Christopher Bond**
- #9 \$60 Voucher (donated by Carney's Feed Store) – **Hazel Swann**
- #10 \$50 Meat Tray (donated by AMR Business Services) – **Rosemary Delemare**
- #11 \$50 Voucher (donated by Murgon Outdoor Equipment) – **Mark Beardmore**
- #12 \$50 voucher (donated by Murgon Tyre & Auto) – **Sharon Birch**
- #13 \$50 voucher (donated by Riya's Café & Restaurant) – **Robyn Sippel**
- #14 \$50 voucher (donated by Top of the Town Butcher) – **Carolyn Hayes**
- #15 Handbag with Scarves (donated by J O'Byrne) – **Frances Todman**
- #16 \$25 voucher (donated by Murgon Fruit Mart) – **Ben Young**



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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 - carneysmilestone@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.