

St Joseph's Catholic Parish

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ord. Time
Year A, 24 September, 2017

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



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

Dear friends,

The divine methodology which appears to humans as 'unusual' got a better explanation in the gospel of today. Our Lord gave a parable to illustrate the fact that God's ways and thoughts are parallel to those of humans. A man had some work to do and he went out to look for labourers at different times in the day. Some he called in the morning, some in the midday, and others in the afternoon and finally some others in the evening, just before the end of the day's work. One good point in the narrative is that he agreed with each of the groups the amount he would pay them and he also called each of them personally.

By the time of payment, he began with those who came last to pay until he came to those who came first. The significant thing that characterised the payment was that he paid everyone the same amount just as he agreed to pay each at the time of deployment. Problem began when those who came first started murmuring and complaining that they were given the same wage as those who came just one hour before the end of the day's work.

Now whatever God does is right and perfect no matter how we humans see it. For instance God allowed His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ to die in a gruesome and painful way on the cross. From our human assessment, his death was inhumane. But that was the will of God.

The divine script is entirely different from the human script. Wisdom consists in our being attentive to the divine script and follow it without

complaints. Some of us, like the labourers in the Gospel, act and speak as if we know better than the master. We often try to lead God instead of allowing Him to lead us. God is ever active and alive. God is not ordinary, that is why His ways and thoughts are extra-ordinary.

As we march into the new week, let us learn to adhere to God's faithful directions and accept His designs and scripts; His ways and thoughts that are eternally profitable. May we be guided and guarded by His ways and thoughts always.

Fr Subin Thomas mcbs

Baptisms: A warm welcome into the Church to Maximilian Mathias Eisenmenger (Mark and Maria) who will be baptised in Saint John the Baptist Church this weekend.

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:

30 September, 8.00am at Proston and 1 October, 6.00pm at Wondai

Sunday Mass Times: Next Sunday 30 September/ 1 October

Proston, Saturday at 8.00am
Wondai, Saturday at 6.00pm
Murgon, Sunday at 8.00am
Goomeri, Sunday at 10.00am

Weekday Mass Times:

Wondai, Wednesday at 5.30pm
Murgon, Thursday at 5.30pm
Murgon, Friday 9.30am

Memorial for Barbara Scott,
Wondai Friday, 29 September
at 1.00pm

Feast Days coming up:

September, Wednesday 27
Saint Vincent de Paul, priest

Today's readings

Isaiah 55:6-9; Philippians 1:20-24,27
Matthew 20:1-16

Response:

The Lord is near to all who call him.

Gospel Acclamation:

Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son. Alleluia!

Next week:

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

ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEK

Birthdays

Nancy Rossow, 26
Terry Leyland, 26
Peggy Quinn, 29

Today's Mass

We judge others foolishly, based on what we see. God sees into the heart, and his judgements are just. We are each given a task to do, and God asks us to do our best. If we are constantly weighing up rewards for ourselves and others, we miss the point of the Gospel story. Jesus asks us to love him, and then he will be our reward.

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 27/8/17

Loose..... \$242.60
Planned Giving..... \$493.00
..... Total: \$735.60

Collection for 3/9/17

Loose..... \$265.35
Planned Giving..... \$478.15
..... Total: \$743.50

LITURGY ROSTERS

for weekend Masses

Murgon: 8.00am, Sunday, 1 October, 2017	
Leader:	C Saunders
Readers:	C Saunders, L Burgess
Euch Mins:	R Dieckmann, Z Dawson

Wondai: 6.00pm, Saturday, 30 September, 2017	
Leader:	E Madill
Readers:	V Parker, H Leyland
Euch Mins:	D Boge, T Hodson

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.

God's ways above ours

(Real life stories, collected by the Carmelite Sisters)

Recently I read a small book by an Orthodox priest JY Leloup called 'La Montagne dans l'Océan', that is, the mountain of adoration, contemplation, meditation in the ocean of compassion.

As I walked on pilgrimage on the James Way to Compostella in Spain I was hoping, like many others, that walking this Way would help me discover 'my new way of life', and that I would change and be happy etc... Dreams, illusion! Nothing seems to have happened and I am still here in the same rut. But yet that's not quite true...

I have discovered that instead of living 'elsewhere' I could be living 'otherwise', and to be precise, living as a mountain in the midst of the ocean. So here I am trying again to be contemplative and compassionate... actually, nothing new. But there's a sense of newness, more resolve, being more alive! And lots to try out and to learn. (Monique)




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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.