

St Joseph's Catholic Parish

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ord. Time
Year A, 3 September, 2017

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



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

Dear friends,

We meet deep human concerns and feelings in the gospel today. Peter is shocked to the core that Jesus would die; so shocked that he always later seemed to forget that Jesus promised that he would rise on the third day. Jesus talks very seriously about the cost of following him, like the cost of following any commitment in life.

Jesus invites us to live at the deepest level of ourselves. In the area of life where we live and love, laugh and cry, worry and enjoy, hurt and forgive. In all these very personal sides of life, Jesus dwells, since he says that he makes his home in us.

We can call it a sort of 'third day' hope. Nothing except love, which is eternal, was final for Jesus. For all the worst things of life there was a third day. The day on which hope would be fuller than any despair, and when life would be more lasting than death. Jesus was like that – when people met him, they remembered him and remembered how he touched the fears and anxieties of their lives with a deep hope.

We are 'third day' people, knowing that the love and life of God, promised at our baptism, will always be in the air around us, filling us with the breath of God, and breathing fragrance all around us like the best of flowers. Later they would be raised from final despair and hopelessness at his resurrection. But it took time.

Fr Subin Thomas mcbs

Sacrament of Confirmation

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on 10 September at Saint Joseph's Murgon. This means there will be a **change in the Mass times** on that weekend: Wondai will be on Saturday, 9 September at 5.00pm; and Murgon, Sunday, 10 September at 8.00am.

Catholic Campaign

Today we are conducting the Annual Catholic Campaign. This is a once-a-year parish appeal that raises vital funds for four ministries across the Archdiocese: the Holy Spirit Seminary, Centacare's pastoral ministries, the Priests Foundation and the Mary MacKillop Catholic School Access Fund.

To make sure your gift and intentions are honoured and not confused with the Parish collection, please place your Annual Catholic Campaign gift inside the Campaign envelope this includes any loose change you wish to give. Then seal it and place it in the basket for collection. Please consider giving a regular monthly gift, to make a lasting difference in the lives of people in need. All gifts over \$2 are tax deductible. Non-tax deductible gifts support the Annual Grants Program for Catholic parishes and grassroots ministries.

Over the past years, our parish have given generously and together we have made a lasting impact on the lives of so many people in our community. Your gift makes a difference in someone's life, please be generous. Thank you and God bless.

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.

Sunday Mass Times: Next Sunday 9/10 September

Proston, Saturday at 9.00am
Wondai, Saturday at 5.00pm
Murgon, Sunday at 8.00am
Durong, Sunday at 10.30am

Weekday Mass Times:

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

Feast Days coming up:

September, Friday 8
Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
September, Saturday 9
Saint Peter Claver, priest

Today's readings

Jeremiah 20:7-9; Romans 12:1-2
Matthew 16:21-27

Response:

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

Gospel Acclamation:

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!

Next week:

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Matthew 16:21-27

ANNIVERSARIES NEXT WEEK

Birthdays

Teagan O'Sullivan, 2

Jim Mooney, 2

Paul Pratt, 8

Lynn Manthey, 9

Wedding Anniversaries

Nev and Marcia Hunt, 4

Col and Val Elliott, 5

Norm and Joan Walker, 8

Death Anniversaries

Carol O'Sullivan, 2

Damian Palmer, 6

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.

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 13/8/17

Loose..... \$173.75

Planned Giving..... \$710.00

..... Total: \$883.75

LITURGY ROSTERS

for weekend Masses

Murgon: 5.00pm, Saturday, 9 September, 2017	
Leader:	R Braithwaite
Readers:	R Braithwaite, T Price
Euch Mins:	R Dieckmann, Br Julian

Wondai: 8.00am, Sunday, 10 September, 2017	
Leader:	V Parker
Readers:	C Beardmore, H Leyland
Euch Mins:	D Boge,

Hiring of tables/chairs from Saint Joseph's Parish Hall

The parish has previously allowed the hiring of tables/chairs from the parish hall. However, recent hires have returned the furniture with chairs missing and damaged and in a dirty state. Replacement and cleaning of the tables/chairs has exceeded the amount of the bond paid and the parish has been required to pay the costs involved. Fr Subin and the Finance Council wish to advise everyone that tables/chairs from the hall will no longer be available for hire.

The power of one

(Real life stories, collected by the Carmelite Sisters)

We are working with Sierra Unite and members of the Sierra Leone community who are collecting school text books and children's books in good condition. We will send them to Sierra Leone. A forty foot container has already been sent.

One of the Sierra Leonean elders told me that at his primary school there was only one text book in the entire school. He worked hard and managed to go to University. He got a scholarship to Australia and completed a PhD in Education. It is amazing that one book had such an enormous impact on his life. He has since helped build a library in his village and is one of the group working hard at filling the next container. (David)

Let your behaviour change

Echoes from the past:

When Christ corrected those of his time, he did not hate them. He loved them, because he wanted to snatch them from the claws of idolatry, of false positions, that they might seek the true way where they can find the mercy God offers. He wanted to forgive them and make them just.
Oscar Romero (1917-1980)



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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.