

St Joseph's Catholic Parish

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ord. Time
Year C, 8 September, 2019

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



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

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

When we wish to express a point we often use extreme language. This is a literary device we use to underline an important message we wish to deliver. "I am so hungry I could eat a horse." "I would kill for a cup of coffee." This is not to end our vegan status or vent our homicidal tendencies. No one takes these as literal statement of intension. So to when Jesus speaks to us today in the Gospel.

Our God is not the god of hate, but of love (1 Jn 4:8). So when Jesus speaks of hate today it is not a call to hate, but to emphasis our commitment to God. When God is the centre of our lives then we can respond to the mission we have to God's people. This outreach can only occur when we see it as being important and an expression of our relationship with God.

Today we put our commitment to the mission of God front and centre. In Catholic Campaign week we priorities our commitment to God as God's people. As a faith group our words are found in our actions. The archdiocese of Brisbane does this through our commitment to our brothers and sisters who are struggling. To help in this outreach the church needs to draw on our commitment to this mission. Each of the special areas which the Catholic Campaign supports are acts which directly help people.

The institution which we call church only exists in us. There is no entity called the Catholic Church. We

are the church. The mission of the church is our mission. To achieve this mission each of us needs to be involved and support the works of our brothers and sisters. So, today, we reach into our pockets to support those who are directly helping those in our family who are in crisis or need.

A Shared Path

I met this week with Murri Ministry from Brisbane. Together with the elders of the Catholic community, we spoke to the people from Brisbane about the path we will travel together as a faith community. It was an exciting meeting. I wrongly thought it would take about an hour. Instead we spoke for about three hours.

From our discussion we have sketched a pathway for our faith community. Both for the community at Cherbourg but also for the larger parish. We will now sit with the Pastoral Council and work out the larger details. I am only new here, but I hope that we as a parish will grow in faith.

After the meeting I went with Bevan Costello to Cherbourg. He graciously showed me the community and gave me a thumb map of the story of Cherbourg. I am very grateful for his time, insight and faith.

Fr Bryan Pipins SJ

**Summer Mass Times
BEGIN this weekend and
will remain until the first
weekend in June 2020.**



CELEBRATING

*60 years of Marriage
Col & Val Elliott*



Colin Elliott and Valerie Heit have lived in Proston all their lives and were married in Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, Proston, on 5 September 1959. They still live on their farm and are a much loved by our Catholic community in Proston.

Mass Times:

Next Weekend 14/15 September

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

Weekday Mass Times:

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

Today's readings

Wisdom 9:13-18; Philemon: 9-10.12-17;
Luke 14:25-33

Response:

In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

Next week: Exodus 32:7-11,13-14;
1 Timothy 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-32

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

Paul Pratt, 8
Lynn Manthey, 9
Nora Reilly, 14
Jessica Shailer, 20
Nancy Rossow, 26
Terry Leyland, 26
Peggy Quinn, 29

Wedding Anniversaries

Norm and Joan Walker, 8

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.

Collection for 1/9/2019

Loose..... \$175.20
Planned Giving.....492.00
Total: \$667.20

Parish Morning Teas

Join us for a cuppa and chat after any of the following Masses.

Goomeri – 1st and 3rd Sundays
Wondai – 2nd Sunday
Durong – 2nd Sunday
Murgon – 3rd Sunday
Proston – 4th weekend

LITURGY ROSTERS

for weekend Masses

Murgon: 8.00am, Sunday, 15 September, 2019	
Leader:	N Hunt
Readers:	N Hunt, C Dennis
Euch Mins:	T Pedersen, M Hunt

Wondai: 6.00pm, Saturday, 14 September, 2019	
Leader:	T Hodson
Readers:	D Parker, H Leyland
Euch Mins:	D Boge, V Parker



A Palms Encounter is an intimate, immersive, inter cultural experience providing insights that challenge perceptions and deepen understanding for parishioners. Palms long-term participants guide the Encounter with our host communities in Timor Leste, Samoa and Myanmar.

Encounter Myanmar: Still two places left on an enlightening journey with the Executive Director of Palms Australia. Travelling November 16-29.

Enquire via email palms@palms.org.au or call 02 9560 5333



*Holy Mary
pray for us*

Our greatest treasure

(Real life stories, collected by the Carmelite Sisters)

Echoes from the Past

If we are united, Jesus is among us. And this is enough. It is worth more than any other treasure that our heart can possess: more than mother, father, siblings, or children. It is worth more than a house, work, property; more than the works of art of a great city like Rome. Jesus in our midst is worth more than magnificent monuments, sumptuous mausoleums, or all the splendours of the Vatican; more than our soul!

Chiara Lubich (1920-2008)



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Reconciliation Times

1st Sundays:
Wondai, Saturday, 4.30pm
2nd Sundays:
Murgon, Saturday, 4.30pm
3rd Sundays:
Proston, Saturday, 10.00am

Used Postage Stamps

Wondai church has a box at the back of the church and perhaps someone could do the same for the other churches.

Vinnies at 84 Lamb Street, Murgon. Volunteers urgently required. For further information please phone Cecily Fry on 0437 864 667.

We pray for those who are sick:
Cathy Carter; David Clancy;
Earl Pratt; Lee Seargent.

Recently deceased:
Chris Heidemann.

Lord, you are just, and the judgments you make are right. Show mercy when you judge me, your servant.

