

St Joseph's Catholic Parish

Twenty-Second Sunday Ord. Time
Year C, 31 August, 2025

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



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



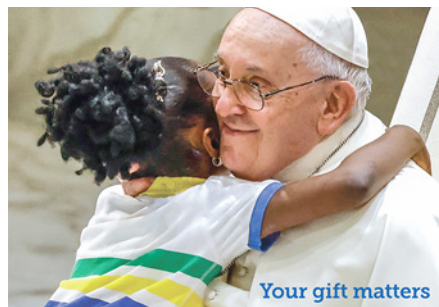
Luke 14: 1, 7-14

A wedding banquet is an ideal opportunity to strengthen bonds of friendship, family ties, and neighbourliness. Jesus is certainly not opposed to inviting friends and relatives on such occasions. What is to be avoided is selfishness which excludes less fortunate people and invites only those who can 'pay back' the invitation in some way.

Jesus urges his audience to extend their hospitality to new groups: the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind. These are the people who are on the fringes of or outside the village community. People must go beyond the bounds of kinship and close alliance.

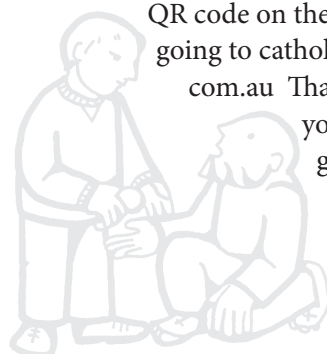
The kingdom of heaven is the only banquet that counts. To miss out on that banquet is the greatest tragedy that can happen to anyone. The people at the margins of society have a powerful patron: God. To include them in a table fellowship here on earth is to ensure oneself a place of honour in heaven.

(God's Word Daily Reflections 2025)



"Last weekend our parish held an appeal for the **Annual Catholic Campaign** in support of the important local ministries in our Archdiocese. Thank you to everyone who responded generously to Archbishop Mark's call for support.

If you didn't get a chance to make a gift last week, there is still time. If you took the envelope home, please pop it on the plate this Sunday. You can also give online by scanning the QR code on the envelope, or going to catholiccampaign.com.au Thank you for your time and generosity.



Weekend Mass schedule

1st Sunday of Month - 6/7 September

Thursday, 9.00am, Castra, Murgon
Saturday, 9.00am, Proston
Saturday, 5.00pm, Wondai
Sunday, 8.00am, Murgon
Sunday, 10.30am, Gayndah

2nd Sunday of Month - 13/14 September

Saturday, 9.00am, Proston
(Liturgy of the Word)
Saturday, 9.00am, Goomeri
Saturday, 5.00pm, Wondai
Sunday, 8.00am, Murgon
Sunday, 10.30am, Cherbourg
Sunday, 2.30pm, Mundubbera

3rd Sunday of Month - 20/21 September

Thursday, 9.00am, Castra, Murgon
Saturday, 9.00am, Proston
Saturday, 5.00pm, Wondai
Sunday, 8.00am, Murgon
Sunday, 10.30am, Gayndah

4th Sunday of Month - 27/28 September

Saturday, 9.00am, Proston
(Liturgy of the Word)
Saturday, 9.00am, Goomeri
Saturday, 5.00pm, Wondai
Sunday, 8.00am, Murgon
Sunday, 10.30am, Gayndah
Sunday, 2.30pm, Mundubbera

Today's readings

Sirach 3: 17-20, 28-29;
Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24; Luke 14: 1, 7-14

Response:

God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! Take my yoke upon you; learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart. Alleluia!



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The Season of Creation

(1 September through to the feast of Saint Francis on 4 October) is a time for Christians to come together in prayer and action for Creation.

Let us pray this year's prayer:

Peace with Creation

Creator of all,

we praise you for the gift of life and for the faith that unites us in care for our common home.

We confess how estranged we have become from one another, from your Creation, and from our truest selves.

We acknowledge that our greed and destructive impulses have fractured our relationships with you, with others, and with the Earth.

Fertile fields have become barren, forests become desolate, oceans and rivers are polluted.

Thriving communities have become places of suffering, and the earth cries out.

Beloved Christ,

who spoke "Shalom" to frightened hearts, stir us to compassionate action.

Inspire us to work for the end of conflict, and for the full restoration of broken relationships with you, with the ecumenical community, with the human family, and with all Creation.

Prince of Peace,

through your wounds, teach us to stand in solidarity with the woundedness of others, of creation, and of the world.

Through your resurrection, make us people of hope with a vision of

swords turned into ploughshares and tears transformed into joy.

May we come together as one family, to labor for your peace a shalom where all your people may dwell in safety, and rest in quiet places.
Amen.



Saint Teresa of Calcutta

The remarkable woman who would be known as Mother Teresa began life named Agnes Gonxha Bojaxhiu. Born on 26 August, 1910 in Skopje, she was the youngest child born to Nikola and Drane Bojaxhiu. Receiving her First Communion at the age of five, she was confirmed in November 1916. Her father died while she was only eight years old leaving her family in financial straits.

Gonxha's religious formation was assisted by the vibrant Jesuit parish of the Sacred Heart in which she was very involved as a youth.


Subsequently moved to pursue missionary work, Gonxha left her home in September 1928 at the age of 18 to join the Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary, known as the

We pray for those who are sick:

Elisabeth Bell; Jess Bradbury;
Graham Burgess; Mary Davitt;
Rodney Euler; Nerla Knight;
Dr Graham McAllister; Bob Ricketts;
Joshua Smith; Kai Vera.

Safeguarding

If you have experienced abuse or misconduct, you can ring the help line, 1300 304 550. Information can be shared anonymously.

 If you know anyone in need, please contact Lindsay Poilly
President, Saint Vincent de
Paul Conference, on
0437 864 667 or 5459 5234

Sisters of Loreto, in Ireland. She received the name Sister Mary Teresa after Saint Therese of Lisieux. In December of 1929, she departed for her first trip to India, arriving in Calcutta. After making her First Profession of Vows in May 1931, Sister Teresa was assigned to the Loreto Entally community in Calcutta and taught at Saint Mary's School for girls.

Sister Teresa made her Final Profession of Vows, on 24 May, 1937, becoming, as she said, the "spouse of Jesus" for "all eternity." From that time on she was called Mother Teresa.