

# St Joseph's Catholic Parish

Second Sunday of Advent  
Year A, 7 December, 2025

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



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



## Matthew 3: 1-12

John proclaims the coming of the kingdom – the nearness of God – and the coming judgement. He also urges the necessity of repentance in order to welcome the Lord and to receive a favourable judgement. Repentance in order to welcome the Lord and to receive a favourable judgement. Repentance is more than sorrow and regret for sin; it is a new way of thinking and being, that is living in fidelity to God.

John was a solitary voice, a prophet of great integrity, courage, and fidelity who did not court popularity. He spoke God's message without fear or favour and paid with his life. John was passionate about preparing the people to welcome the judge. To this end, he offered baptism – a cleansing ritual signifying the washing away of sin. When the religious officials came for baptism, John castigated them as a brood of vipers trying to escape retribution. He warned them against the presumption of salvation by claiming descent from Abraham. The only security lies in bearing the fruits of genuine repentance. It is only the good works of love – especially towards the needy and marginalised – flowing out of genuine repentance, that open wide

the doors of our hearts, and so prepare the way to welcome the Lord and experience salvation.

*(God's Word, Daily Reflections, 2025)*



## Christmas Mass Times

Sunday, 14 December,  
**Cherbourg** at 10.30am

Thursday, 18 December,  
**Castra** at 9.00am

Saturday, 20 December,  
**Proston** at 9.00am

Wednesday, 24 December,  
**Wondai** at 5.00pm

Thursday, 25 December,  
**Murgon** at 8.00am

Thursday, 25 December,  
**Gayndah** at 10.30am

Sunday, 28 December,  
**Mundubbera** at 2.30pm

Sunday, 28 December,  
**Goomeri** at 6.00pm

**Eidsvold** —to be advised

## Weekend Mass schedule

### 2nd Sunday of Month - 13/14 December

Saturday, 9.00am, Proston  
(Liturgy of the Word)

Saturday, 5.00pm, Wondai

Sunday, 8.00am, Murgon

Sunday, 10.30am, Cherbourg

Sunday, 2.30pm, Mundubbera

Sunday, 6.00pm, Goomeri

### 3rd Sunday of Month - 20/21 December

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 December

Saturday, 9.00am, Proston

(Liturgy of the Word)

Saturday, 5.00pm, Wondai

Sunday, 8.00am, Murgon

Sunday, 10.30am, Gayndah

Sunday, 2.30pm, Mundubbera

Sunday, 6.00pm, Goomeri

### 1st Sunday of Month - 3/4 January

Thursday, 9.00am, Castra, Murgon

Saturday, 9.00am, Proston

Saturday, 5.00pm, Wondai

Sunday, 8.00am, Murgon

Sunday, 10.30am, Gayndah

## Today's readings

Isaiah 11: 1-10; Romans 15: 4-9;  
Matthew 3: 1-12

*Response:*

Justice shall flourish in his time, and  
fullness of peace for ever.

*Gospel Acclamation:*

Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare the way of the  
Lord, make straight his paths: all people  
shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!



## New Years Day and First Sunday in January Mass Times

New Year's Day (Mary, the Holy Mother of God)

Thursday, 1 January, **Murgon**,  
8.00am

Thursday, 1 January, **Gayndah**  
10.30am

Masses for the First Sunday in  
January 3rd/4th are as our usual  
First Sunday Masses.



## Seeds of peace, reconciliation and hope

We pray that all those living in  
areas of war or conflict can make a  
difference through their relationship  
to their fellow sufferers.

Praying for people caught in war is  
not easy. We realise the need but  
recoil from the images of people  
decapitated, children losing legs,  
people homeless and lacking food.

We know that since first we prayed  
thousands more have died and have  
become homeless. And yet we also  
know that we owe it to the people for  
whom we pray, to the world in which  
we live, and to our own humanity to  
keep praying and to let the faces of  
those for whom we pray enter our  
prayer.

In his December 2025 prayer  
intention for Christians in areas  
of conflict, Pope Leo makes that  
dry and testing call to prayer come  
alive. He does not only pray for our  
brother and sister Catholics in Gaza,  
Sudan or Myanmar who suffer, but  
prays for their ministry to all the  
people of their suffering nations.  
He prays specifically that our fellow  
Catholics there may succeed in their  
mission to their fellow citizens and  
others.

### Difficult Mission

We pray for them not as victims but  
as people who can make a difference  
through their relationship to their  
fellow sufferers. They need our  
support because their mission is  
difficult.

Pope Leo describes their call as one  
of being seeds of peace. The image  
of the seed suggests its importance –  
without seeds plants cannot grow in  
bombed out soil. It also suggests the  
smallness of their contribution and  
the faithfulness required of them.  
Seeds do not see the plants into  
which they grow. Their role is hidden.  
Similarly, the peace that people in  
war zones sow will outlive the lives  
of those who sow it. The seeds of  
peace, too, can seem tiny. They can  
be to share a bottle of water with a  
thirsty child, to smile at a stranger  
when your heart is broken, to listen  
to a person angry at their suffering  
when your mind is full of your own  
grief, and to embrace a friend who  
is despairing. These simple human  
gestures touch the humanity of  
others and are the seeds of a better  
world.

(Fr Andrew Hamilton SJ)



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## We pray for those who are sick:

Graham Burgess; Mary Davitt;  
Rodney Euler; Colin Heit; Nerla  
Knight; John Kruger; Dr Graham  
McAllister; Carmel McKeering; 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

*“Peace is built in the heart and  
from the heart, by eliminating  
pride and vindictiveness and  
carefully choosing our words.”*

*(Audience to the Members of the  
Diplomatic Corps, May 2025)*

## Collections 29/30 November 2025

Murgon ..... \$501.10

Wondai..... \$102.90

Goomei ..... \$47.00

**Total: .....\$651.00**