

St Joseph's Catholic Parish

Sixth Sunday in Ord. Time
Year A, 15 February, 2026

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



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



Matthew 5: 17-37

The audience for Matthew's Gospel was a community of Jewish and Gentile people who had become Christians. Matthew is anxious to assure both groups that the Christian community is respectful of their traditions and that Jesus did not come to abolish the Law and the Prophets but to complete them.

The Gospel writer, Matthew, shows a respect for the old Law but he is also enthusiastic for the new vision that Jesus has brought to its interpretation. He shows Jesus as the true Messiah, the new Moses, who will fulfil God's promises to Israel. Today we hear Jesus confirming the old Law and adding a higher expectation about the way that Law is kept. This is about keeping the Law in thought as well as in action. It is not just about how we do this or that, it is more about why we are doing it. With the psalmist I pray: Open my eyes that I may consider the wonders of your law.

(God's Word 2026)

Lent begins with
Ash Wednesday
this coming week on
18 February 2026

There will be two Masses

Mass, 9.00am Murgon
Mass, 11.00am Gayndah



World Day of Prayer 2026

Join our local prayer service
focused on Nigeria

Date and Time: 6 March at 9.30am

Venue: Church of Christ, Murgon

Address: 20 Thorn Street, Murgon

Contact: Elaine Thompson
Mobile 0419 693 602

Could you please advise if you can
attend (catering) and if you can
participate in the readings.

World Day of prayer will
also be celebrated on
6 March at the Baptist
Church, Cnr Scott and
Cadell Streets, Wondai.
Morning Tea at 9.30am,
followed by Service at
10.00am.

Weekend Mass schedule

4th Sunday of Month - 21/22 February

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 - 28 Feb / 1 March

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 - 7/8 March

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 - 14/15 March

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

Today's readings

Sirach 15: 15-20; Corinthians 2:6-10;
Matthew 5: 17-37

Response:

Happy are they who follow the law
of the Lord!

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father,
Lord of heaven and earth; you have
revealed to little ones the mysteries
of the kingdom. Alleluia!

CARITAS AUSTRALIA PROJECT COMPASSION

Project Compassion Lenten Prayer

God of all love,
We remember that on the night
before he died
Your son, Jesus, prayed
That his friends "may all be one"

Yet we see so much division in the
world. War, conflict, violence and
hatred must all distress you.

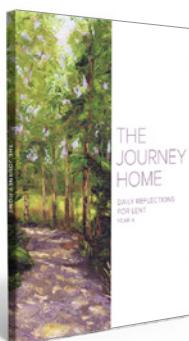
Millions of people suffer
When they don't have peace and
respect. They lack the necessities of
life, food, water, health, education
and security.

We pray that we may all
Unite Against Poverty this Lent.
May our support for **Project
Compassion** be a sign to ourselves
and others, of our hope for a better
world.

This Lent, we pray that our dedication
To prayer, fasting and almsgiving
Will help restore your vision of justice
and peace.

Guided by the Holy Spirit,
We pray in Jesus' name.

Amen



Available in all Churches this
weekend: **'The Journey Home'**
Daily Reflections for Lent, Year A,
Price \$6

Project Compassion Money
Boxes and Envelopes will be
available this weekend.

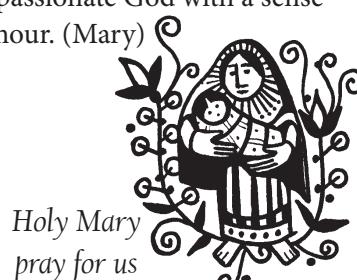
Compassionate God

(Real life stories, collected by the
Carmelite Sisters)

I am very sure that I am not the
only one who has got God all wrong
despite years as a Catholic, daily
reading of the Bible, lots of sermons,
and taking time out for prayer. I just
can't help feeling that I don't measure
up or can't get it right as I think
I should. Dark voices tell me I'm
wrong, wrong, wrong, and one day
I will find out... from God himself.
Above all, God is watching me to see
where I go wrong.

So when I read the following
story, told by Basil Hume, former
Archbishop of Westminster in
London, I felt uplifted. The
Archbishop relates how as a boy he
was told about another little boy
in a pantry full of apples. The little
boy desperately wanted an apple
but had been told by grownups
that he must not take anything
without permission. It seemed just
commonsense to him to take an
apple: he was hungry, there were lots
of apples, nobody would see him,
and nobody would miss one apple.
But he was told there was one person
who would see him – God, who sees
everything and punishes you for
wrongdoing.

The Archbishop told of being deeply
affected by that story of a God who
sees us when nobody else does, and
who was always watching to see if
there was anything we were doing
wrong. Yes, I thought, that's my God.
But he went on to say that now so
many years later, he had an idea that
God would have said to the little boy,
"Go on, take two". That's the kind of
God I would like to have:
a compassionate God with a sense
of humour. (Mary)



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We pray for those who are sick:

Therese Bolger; Amira Bond; Graham
Burgess; Rodney Euler; Colin Heit;
Margaret Hobbs; Nerla Knight; John
Kruger; Dr Graham McAllister;
Carmel McKeering; Bob Ricketts;
Joshua Smith; Kai Vera.

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



Safeguarding

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

"O God, who teach us that you
abide in hearts that are just and
true, grant that we may be
so fashioned by your grace
as to become a dwelling
pleasing to you."

Collections 7/8February 2026

Murgon	\$497.00
Wondai.....	\$176.20
Goomeri.....	\$75.00
Total:	\$748.20