

St Joseph's Catholic Parish

Fifteenth Sunday Ord. Time
Year C, 13 July, 2025

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



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



Luke 10: 25-37

God's mandate seems straightforward: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength and all your mind, and your neighbour as yourself."

But what does this mean practically, in our everyday lives? Jesus provides the example of the Good Samaritan to demonstrate what loving our neighbour looks like. In our own lives, on any given day, we could be walking down the street and come across a person on the footpath, lying on a piece of cardboard, with a notice in front requesting money or assistance. What do we do? What can we do? What would Jesus do? In that moment, we can stop and bend down and ask the person "how can I help?" We can concretely demonstrate that 'we see you' and know you are worthy of care and attention. Such acts demonstrate concretely, God's love and concern towards others. We see you. We love you. We're here for you. Just as God is always here for us.



A warm invitation is extended to all past and present staff and students of schools and ministries associated with Edmund Rice Ministries and the Christian Brothers to join in celebrating 150 Years of Edmund Rice Ministry, in Queensland with a Thanksgiving Eucharist.

Date: Thursday **31 July 2025**,

Time: 1.30pm

Place:

Cathedral of Saint Stephen, followed by refreshments

Venue:

Hanley Room, **Francis Rush Centre**

About Us

On Monday, 5 July, 1875, the Christian Brothers began their ministry to the people of Queensland in Brisbane, at the former Saint Stephen's Cathedral. This date marks 150 years since that humble yet bold venture commenced.

To commemorate this significant milestone, the planning committee warmly invites all past and present staff and students of schools and ministries associated with Edmund

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Weekend Mass schedule

3rd Sunday of Month - 19/20 July

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 - 26/27 July

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

1st Sunday of Month - 2/3 August

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 - 9/10 August

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

Today's readings

Deuteronomy 30: 10-14;

Colossians 1: 15-20; Luke 10: 25-37

Response:

Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! Your words, Lord, are spirit and life; you have the words of everlasting life. Alleluia!

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Rice Ministries to join us in a Eucharist of Thanksgiving, led by Archbishop Mark on Thursday July 31st at 1.30pm.

This celebration is not only a tribute to our rich history but also a prayerful moment for the future of Edmund Rice Ministries.

Thank you for your support and partnership in this celebration.

Warm regards,

Br Michael Taltyon

On behalf of the 150 years
Celebration Planning Committee



Book Review

by Fr Peter Dillon

This month's book review is a little bit out of the usual. I'm assuming if you love reading then you also love 'words', and how they have come to make up the English language.

Well, I have discovered the perfect book to let you know almost everything you need to know about 'words'; where they come from, how they are to be spelt and pronounced correctly as well as chapters about their history and their future. There's even a very amusing chapter on swearing (as if you need any help

there). Before you worry that I am offering you an academic text, this book, called '**Mother Tongue**', is written by one of my favourite travel writers, **Bill Bryson**, who has given us humorous and informative books like 'Notes from a Small Island', 'Neither Here Nor There', and 'A Walk in the Woods'. Is there any subject this writer cannot make interesting? His insights in *Down Under*, written about his travels around Australia, is a hoot.

Clearly Bryson is a meticulous researcher who knows how to turn a potentially dull subject into an entertaining romp through the twists and turns of how we should and shouldn't use words, as he explains how "a second-rate mongrel tongue came to be the undisputed language of the globe".

As an added incentive to read it, the book is now published as a Penguin Popular classic, priced at around \$15 at any good bookstore. (Do such places still exist?)

Title: *Mother Tongue*

Author: By Bill Bryson

Published: Penguin Classic, April 9, 2010 (First published January 1, 1990)



2025 Annual Catholic Campaign

The 2025 Annual Catholic Campaign will be held across all Archdiocesan parishes on the weekend of 23 and 24 August.

If you have any questions about this year's campaign please contact Leslie Silva at silval@bne.catholic.net.au or (07) 3324 3486.



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✝ 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.

We pray for those who are sick:

Elisabeth Bell; Jess Bradbury;
Graham Burgess; Margaret Connell;
Mary Davitt; Rodney Euler; Steven Heit;
Margaret Keleher (Maryann's Mum);
Nerla Knight; Dr Graham McAllister;
Bob Ricketts; Joshua Smith; Kai Vera.

Vinnies QLD Winter Appeal



If you are able to make a donation to the Vinnies QLD Winter Appeal, please contribute in the envelope at the back of the church.

When it's no longer safe to stay at home or people are experiencing homelessness, your donation can help them find a safe and secure place to stay.