

# St Joseph's Catholic Parish

Seventeenth Sunday Ord. Time  
Year C, 27 July, 2025

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



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



## Luke 11: 1-13

If we've ever wondered 'how to pray', we can find words of guidance in Jesus' instructions to the disciples. He invites us to call God "Father", an intimate term which indicates how God sees us, as his children. The words "may your name be held holy" could also be termed: "Father, may we always honour you, and know how special you are. There is no one else like you". Jesus encourages us to acknowledge and voice our desire to do God's will in our lives, that God's kingdom of love, goodness, mercy, compassion and salvation be our reality. We pray that our needs are met, and that our sins are forgiven. And just as God the Father forgives our sins, we too are called to forgive the sins of others. "And do not put us to the test" could also sound like "we pray that we can bear what life brings us, with your grace and with help of the Holy Spirit". God wants to hear from us, to speak to us in our hearts. May we always find time to pray to God, to speak to God our Father who loves us more than we can imagine, and who wants to give us all we ask for, in the name of his Son.

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

## Caritas Australia mourns a devastating attack on the Holy Family Church in Gaza

On the morning of Thursday the 17 July an attack on the Holy Family Church claimed three lives, with a massacre narrowly avoided. The attack on the church, where displaced civilians were seeking shelter, also injured nine people, with one in a critical condition and two in a serious condition.

The shelling tragically claimed the lives of Mr Saad Salameh, 60, the parish janitor, who was in the yard at the time of the explosion; Mrs Fumayya Ayyad, 84, who was receiving support in a Caritas psychosocial tent; and Najwa Abu Daoud, 69, who was sitting close to Fumayya when the blast sent shrapnel and debris tearing through the area.

The victims were critically wounded and transported to Al-Mamadani Hospital where, due to the severe lack of medical resources and blood units in Gaza, they tragically passed away.

May our collective prayers bring light to the darkness.

## Weekend Mass schedule

### 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

### 3rd Sunday of Month - 16/17 August

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 - 23/24 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

## Today's readings

Genesis 18: 20-32; Colossians 2: 12-14;  
Luke 11: 1-13

*Response:*

Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

*Gospel Acclamation:*

Alleluia, alleluia! You have received the Spirit which makes us God's children, and in that Spirit we call God our Father. Alleluia!

## Rite of Election Ceremony of new Catechumen –

Ms. Rosie Wallace held on  
Sunday, 13 July 2025

Standing at the front of the altar, the Catechumen, Rosie Wallace and her sponsor, Ms Elaine Thompson, facing the presiding celebrant, ready to affirm the desire to begin the journey of RCIA to enter the Catholic Church.

The Rite of Election is a pivotal liturgical celebration in the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) process. It marks the moment when catechumen – those preparing for baptism – are formally chosen by the Church to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and First Holy Communion (Eucharist).



*Rosie Wallace and her sponsor, Ms Elaine Thompson, facing the presiding celebrant, Fr Mikael Loke*



*Rosie Wallace receiving a blessing at Holy Communion, by celebrant, Fr Mikael Loke*

**The Nicene Creed** powerfully affirms both truths. First, Christ's **divinity**:

"I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made".

Then, Christ's **humanity**:

"For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man."

This dual affirmation grounds our salvation and new identity in Christ. At every Mass, the priest prays:

"May we come to share in the divinity of Christ, who humbled himself to share in our humanity." This mystery empowers the missionary discipleship of all the baptised.

The Creed also assures us that **all creation has meaning** and value:

"Through him all things were made. God is present to all peoples, every culture and religion, to the entire natural world."

It summarises Christ's **early life**:

"He was crucified under Pontius Pilate, suffered death and was buried, rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures."

That is, Jesus understand our human experience – our joys and sufferings, griefs and anxieties. He shows mercy and compassion and invites us to do the same.

It affirms his **victory**:

"He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end."

This gives us hope. Despite life's challenges, we trust that his kingdom will prevail. In all, the Nicene Creed **proclaims the timeless truth of Jesus Christ** – Saviour, Lord, Friend, Brother, Companion, our Way, our Truth, and our Life (Jn 14:6). May we proclaim it each Sunday with renewed faith and fervour.

*Rev Dr Patrick McInerney,  
Regional Director of Oceania*



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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.



If you are able to make a contribution to the **Vinnies QLD Winter Appeal**, visit their website at <https://donate.vinnies.org.au/appeals-qld/winter-appeal-qld>

**2025 Annual Catholic Campaign** 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](mailto:silval@bne.catholic.net.au) or (07) 3324 3486.