

# St Joseph's Catholic Parish

The Most Holy Trinity  
Year C, 15 June, 2025

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



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



## John 16: 12-15

A renowned spiritual writer has said that great dogmas of the Church are almost always paradoxical, and we have to live with paradox. He continues: "Mystery is not something we can't know. Mystery is endless knowability on many different levels." A central mystery of our faith is of course the Trinity. Perhaps today's chosen readings touch on some of those levels. The Spirit, in the tradition of the Gospel of John, is clearly the continuing living presence of Jesus. When Jesus meets the disciples after the resurrection, he breathes his life spirit into them and commissions them to continue his mission of forgiveness and peace. The living Spirit of Jesus within them will enable them to come to the fuller understanding of all that he has taught them.

Writing to the community in Rome Paul invites us to reflect on the liberating effect of the love of God which enfolds us when we allow the Holy Spirit to enter our lives. Today let us pray for that Wisdom, that delights to be with us, so that we may gradually deepen our understanding of the Trinity – Father, Son and Holy Spirit – and be caught up in wonder, praise and thanksgiving.

## SAVE THE DATE 28/29 JUNE

There will be a retiring collection on Saturday/Sunday 28/29 June 2025 for Peter's Pence, a financial donation program where Catholics worldwide contribute to support the charitable works of the Pope and the Holy See.



## Changes to Mass Schedule

We have a change of Mass Schedule for both Murgon and Gayndah Parishes. There are renovations being done in the Murgon presbytery and during that time Fr Mikhael will be living in Gayndah during the week. He will stay in a Motel on Saturday night and say the 8.00am Mass in Murgon on Sunday before returning to Gayndah for their Masses. I hope this schedule will be supported by all.

**Note:** There will now be a Sunday Mass at Castra on the first and third **Thursdays** of the month. This Mass, even though it will be on a Thursday, will satisfy your Sunday obligation.

## New weekend Mass schedule

### 4th Sunday of Month - 21/22 June

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, 4.00pm, Mundubbera

### 5th Sunday of Month - 28/29 June

Saturday, 9.00am, Proston  
(Liturgy of the Word)  
Sunday, 8.00am, Murgon  
Sunday, 10.30am, Gayndah

### 1st Sunday of Month - 5/6 July

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 - 12/13 July

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, 4.00pm, Mundubbera

## Today's readings

Proverbs 8: 22-31; Romans 5: 1-5;  
John 16: 12-15

*Response:*

O Lord our God, how wonderful  
your name in all the earth!

*Gospel Acclamation:*

Alleluia, alleluia! Glory be to the Father,  
and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
to God who is, who was, and who is to  
come. Alleluia!

## Living in Hope

*(Real life stories, collected by the Carmelite Sisters)*

At age nine or ten, I had a favourite doll I took to bed with me each night. At night in bed, I would snuggle up with my doll, close my eyes and say a fervent prayer for it to become real overnight. I have vivid memories of the disappointment on waking up, morning after morning, with my plastic doll in my arm. But I did not give up. I had no doubt whatever that God could work this private little miracle for me if only I prayed hard enough. This went on for quite a while. I knew how to persevere! In the end I must have become old enough to understand why my prayers were not answered. This was my first conscious experience of unanswered prayer.

At that age I had a deep relationship with Jesus. It would not show up during the day. In fact, I was careful not to let on about it for fear of being ridiculed. But at night in bed I would imagine He was right there with me and chat with Him. I was a lonely child, longing for a nurturing and mothering presence. But on a deeper level I think God was using my neediness to open my heart and mind to His reality.

One night, when I was about twelve, something strange happened. Graced with a sudden lucidity and understanding that was rather beyond my age I sensed that I was on the brink of losing my childhood faith and this wonderful relationship with Jesus. I distinctly remember praying: 'Jesus, I will soon stop believing in you. That's the way it is, I can't help it. But please, please let it come back when I am old enough'.

At twelve I imagined that eighteen must be old enough. It took Him a few years longer. But this prayer from the bottom of a child's heart was certainly answered. Not long afterwards I really lost my faith. But all

through my adolescence I remained an ardent seeker, constantly asking for the meaning of life, yearning for something big enough to live for. I was twenty-one when, one day, I felt so desperate for answers that I cried out to the God I could no longer believe in: 'If you exist you must show me!' He did. Nothing spectacular. I was simply invaded by an overwhelming certainty. Many years have passed since then, and I have gone through ups and downs maturing in my faith. But the awareness of God's loving Presence in my life has greatly deepened.

I am convinced that this kind of prayer is always answered. For it is the very yearning of the Spirit within us that prompts us to pray like this. (Elisabeth)

## God's Glory

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*Echoes from the Past*

Our God is a God who gives himself; that is his glory. From all eternity he dwells in unapproachable light, yet he comes to find us, to call us and offer his friendship, and to ask for ours. His trinitarian glory is self-giving love, and it overflows, as is the way with love; so he is glorified not by remaining inaccessible but by self-communication. This is what Revelation is: God speaking, not to present us with a list of truths we must believe or rules we must obey, but to utter himself.

*Maria Boulding (1929-2009)*



*Holy Mary pray for us*



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## 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

**We pray for those who are sick:**  
Elisabeth and Lucy Bell; Jess Bradbury;  
Graham Burgess; Margaret Connell;  
Rodney Euler; Kevin Fry; Steven Heit,  
Nerla Knight; Dr Graham McAllister;  
Joshua Smith; Kai Vera.



Prayer ...

*God our Father, who by sending into the world the Word of truth and the Spirit of sanctification made known to the human race your wondrous mystery, grant us, we pray, that in professing the true faith, we may acknowledge the Trinity of eternal glory and adore your Unity, powerful in majesty.*