

# St Joseph's Catholic Parish

The Body and Blood of Christ  
(Corpus Christi)  
Year C, 22 June, 2025

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



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

A letter from,  
The Archbishop of Brisbane:

## The Appointment to Brisbane of Bishop Shane Mackinlay

For many reasons I welcome the appointment of Bishop Shane Mackinlay as my successor in Brisbane where he will be a distinguished addition to the line of Archbishops.

Bishop Shane has shown himself an unusually gifted man in his years as priest in Ballarat and Melbourne and as bishop in Bendigo and beyond. He has a fine mind, and he will bring intellectual firepower to his ministry as Archbishop and to public debate in Queensland and Australia. He will be able to dialogue intelligently with a culture which at many points is distant from Christian understandings.

He is also an experienced pastor who knows how to listen and who through his time as Master of Catholic Theological College in Melbourne remained a Parish Priest near Ballarat. As bishop, he has been able both to shepherd the Diocese of Sandhurst and to accept responsibility on the global stage.

He deals well with both the big picture and the nuts and bolts, which is why he is a capable administrator. That will serve him well in a diocese as large and as complex as Brisbane.

Temperamentally, he is not easily flustered, having about him a poise that makes him a good driver in heavy traffic. That too will serve him well as Archbishop at a time when the traffic can be heavy.

At 60 he is also of the right age and maturity to assume greater responsibility not only in Brisbane

and Queensland but nationally and internationally.

As we look to the installation on 11 September 2025, I have no doubt Bishop Shane will bring these gifts and fresh energies to the Archdiocese of Brisbane, where he will be creative in pursuing the path of synodality into the future God is preparing. I am grateful to Pope Leo for this wise choice of a new Archbishop, and I commend Bishop Shane to you and your prayers as he prepares for this new mission.



+Mark Coleridge  
18 June 2025



### Biography of Archbishop-Elect Shane Mackinlay

Bishop Shane Mackinlay was born in Melbourne in 1965 and attended the local government school until

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## Weekend Mass schedule

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

Saturday, 9.00am, Proston

(Liturgy of the Word)

Sunday, 8.00am, Murgon

Sunday, 10.30am, Gayndah

Sunday, 4.00pm, Eidsvold

### 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

### 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

## Today's readings

Genesis 14: 18-20; Corinthians 11: 23-26;  
Luke 9: 11-17

*Response:*

You are a priest for ever, in the line of Melchizedek.

*Gospel Acclamation:*

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live for ever. Alleluia!

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his family moved to Ballarat in 1975. In Ballarat, he was a student at Saint Francis Xavier Primary School and Saint Patrick's College, where he was dux in 1982. He has two siblings and is the uncle of five nieces and nephews.

He studied for the priesthood at Corpus Christi College, Clayton, completing theology studies at Catholic Theological College and a degree in physics at Monash University. As a deacon, he served in the parish of Warrnambool, before being ordained as priest for the Ballarat Diocese in 1991, and serving in the parishes of Hamilton, Colac and Ballarat Cathedral. He then undertook graduate studies in philosophy at the Catholic University of Leuven, Belgium, where he completed a Master's degree and a Doctorate. His doctoral thesis was published by Fordham University Press.

Bishop Mackinlay was administrator of the Casterton parish for six months and parish priest of the Sebastopol parish for four years. He was parish priest of the Bungaree parish from 2005 until his appointment as bishop; from 2009, he also provided weekend sacramental ministry for the neighbouring parish of Gordon.

For several years, he taught philosophy at Australian Catholic University, Ballarat. Most of his teaching has taken place at Catholic Theological College, Melbourne, where he was appointed Master in 2011. The following year, he was appointed Associate Professor by the University of Divinity.

From 2012 to 2014 he was the spokesperson for the Catholic Church during the Victorian Parliamentary Inquiry into the Handling of Child Abuse by Religious and other NonGovernment Organisations.

He was secretary to the Bishop of Ballarat from 1998 to 2001, and

was the chairperson of the Bishop's Advisory Council of the Ballarat diocese from when it was established in 2009. He was a member of the College of Consultors of the Ballarat diocese on two occasions and also served six years as Chairman of the two funds that provide support to the active and retired priests of the Ballarat diocese.

Pope Francis appointed Bishop Mackinlay as the eighth Bishop of Sandhurst on 23 July 2019. Since then, he has been elected as Vice-President of the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia and one of the Australian delegates to the forthcoming Synod for a Synodal Church. In 2019, he was asked to join the Methodist-Roman Catholic International Commission, and in 2022 was appointed as its Co-Chair.

<https://www.sandhurst.catholic.org.au/our-diocese/biography-bishop-shane-mackinlay>



## Vinnies QLD Winter Appeal

Thank you for the opportunity to ask your assistance with the Saint Vincent de Paul Society's 2025 Winter Appeal.

The gospel account provides an extraordinary dimension in an ordinary event. The ordinariness is a gathering for a meal but it is made extraordinary, or holy, through the narrative of the journey and the action of the breaking of bread.



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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

## We pray for those who are sick:

Elisabeth Bell; Jess Bradbury;  
Graham Burgess; Margaret Connell;  
Mary Davitt; Rodney Euler; Kevin Fry;  
Steven Heit, Nerla Knight; Dr Graham  
McAllister; Bob Ricketts; Joshua Smith;  
Kai Vera.

Both dimensions are important, the ordinary and the extraordinary. Pope Francis expressed these dimensions as he stated that "the Eucharist, although it is the fullness of sacramental life, is not a prize for the perfect but a powerful medicine and nourishment for the weak".

Fundamentally Christians have simply viewed the Eucharist as one dimensional, in the extraordinary realm, which in many ways is completely understandable but this then makes it affordable only to those always in a state of perfection. Humanity, by our very nature, needs to be touched by the ordinary and it is in this ordinariness that the Eucharist becomes nourishing for the weak."

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