

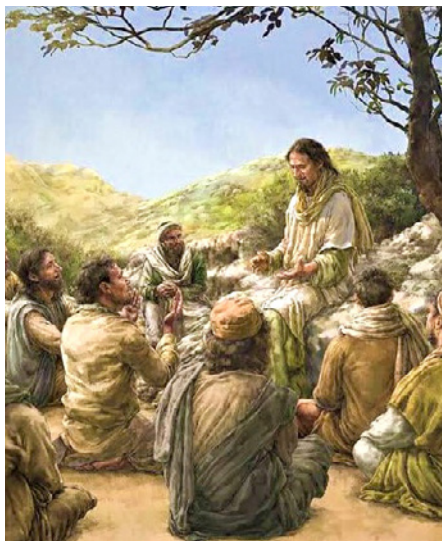
St Joseph's Catholic Parish

Twelfth Sunday in Ord. Time
Year A, 21 June, 2026

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



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



"Do not be afraid."

Matthew 10: 26-33

Today's Gospel presents a powerful image: speaking in the light and proclaiming from the housetops. This is an image of uncontained joy. Jesus urges his hearers not to be afraid, because truth – the Truth of God's love and care for each one of us – will quash all fear. When we know God's love and presence, there is no reason for us to give in to anxiety or doubts. When we allow ourselves not to succumb to fear, or when we focus on something other than fear, we make room in our hearts for joy, a joy that inspires us to proclaim God's word through our words and actions. Today, spend some time thinking about the fears you carry. How can you allow more room in your heart for joy?

(God's Word, Daily Reflections 2026)

The Planned Giving envelopes for 2026/2027 are available at all churches this weekend. Please collect and commence using on weekend of 4/5 July 2026.

CORRECTION

The parish bank account details for Direct Debit deposits shown in the letter to all Parishioners last weekend, 13/14 June 2026, were incorrect.

The correct bank details are:
BSB **064-786** Commonwealth
Account No **100029126**

Reasoning:
Saint Joseph's Parish, Murgon will be closing our cheque account and are transitioning to new interest bearing account which has required a change of bank account details.

If you are already using the Direct Debit facility could you please contact your bank with the new account number.

The annual Peter's Pence collection will be taken up next weekend, 27/28 June 2026.

This collection allows the Holy Father to respond to the most needy throughout the world, to offer timely, effective emergency assistance to our suffering brothers and sisters.

Weekend Mass Schedule

4th Sunday of Month - 27/28 June

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 - 4/5 July

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

2nd Sunday of Month - 11/12 July

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 - 18/19 July

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

Today's readings

Jeremiah 20: 10-13; Romans 5: 12-15;
Matthew 10: 26-33

Response:

Lord, in your great love, answer me.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! The Spirit of Truth will bear witness to me, says the Lord, and you also will be my witnesses. Alleluia!



Emily Blunt portrays Margaret Fairchild, a TV meteorologist, in Steven Spielberg's science fiction thriller 'Disclosure Day'. (Universal Pictures and Amblin Entertainment)

Faith, fear and the wisdom of nuns in Spielberg's 'Disclosure Day'

There's never a convenient time for an alien invasion, but in Steven Spielberg's new 'Disclosure Day', the timing couldn't be worse.

In the director's latest science fiction epic, global tensions are high and nuclear war hovers on the horizon; everyday people are stockpiling resources in preparation for the inevitable devastation to come. Amidst all of this, cybersecurity expert Daniel, played by Josh O'Connor ('Wake Up Dead Man'), flees his workplace with information he's been paid to protect. In hand is irrefutable proof of the existence of aliens – and proof that the United States government, through companies like Wardex, has interacted with and even experimented on extraterrestrials on earth.

Spielberg handles the disclosure as one of the final truths capable of stirring people out of their individualised lives. It is news so poignant, so disruptive to the established order that Daniel and his girlfriend Jane (Eve Hewson), a former nun, are willing to risk their reputations and lives to leak the information to the world. Meanwhile, the CEO of Wardex is equally determined to stop them at all costs, and kill them if necessary.

While hiding from Wardex, Jane confronts Daniel about the implications of leaking the

information. She insists that human beings need to believe in God as a supreme being, and fears that a revelation of extraterrestrials – "actual supreme beings" – would shatter people's faith. But Daniel is determined and presses forward, connecting with a larger whistleblower network spearheaded by another former Wardex employee, Hugo (Colman Domingo).

Spielberg and screenwriter David Koepp deserve kudos for saying the quiet part out loud, so to speak; for it's true that acknowledging the existence of aliens would likely disrupt the religious sphere. Wisely, the film doesn't lambast Jane for her fears but instead uses religion itself to address them. When Jane and Daniel take sanctuary in a convent, Jane asks Sister Maura (Elizabeth Marvel), "If you found out we weren't alone, would that frighten you?"

Sister Maura offers her own question in response: "Why would He make such a vast universe yet save it only for us?" In the character of this middle-aged nun we are presented with a faith that is living and active; a faith that can be deepened, not dismantled, by new revelations. Hers is a blueprint for people of faith hoping to offer solace to a world that craves certainty but gets instability instead.

Janusz Kamiński's cinematography too supports the obliteration of the line between the sacred and secular, believer and unbeliever. There's no paucity of awe-inspiring shots in the film, but one of Spielberg's and Kamiński's favorites is the use of superimposition: the placing of faces upon each other. Even if two characters may be far away, through windows, the two share the same space. Through car windows and copious lens flares, human faces are superimposed onto each other and physical distances are cut down to size. We are more connected than we think.

The Christian tradition demands we find contentment with mystery. If faith is indeed "the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen" (Hebrews 11:1), then we have a real gift to offer others in times when hope is in short supply. The friendship



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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

of Jane and Sister Maura offers a portrait of a faith community that does not demonise doubt but embraces it as a part of what it means to be in this world, grappling with a humanity we all share.

With 'Disclosure Day', Spielberg has composed a benediction for all who hold faith: that we might find, and share, a contentment with the unknown.

Zachary Lee (Australian Catholics)

Collections 13/14 June 2026

Murgon..... \$432.75
Wondai \$127.00
Total:..... \$559.75

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