

St Joseph's Catholic Parish

The Most Holy Body and Blood
of Christ (Corpus Christi)
Year A, 7 June, 2026

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



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



*"My flesh is real food and
my blood is real drink."*

John 6: 51-58

Spend a moment thinking back to your First Holy Communion. What do you remember of that time, of that day? Maybe you remember how you felt, or something from the celebration. Maybe it was so long ago that you don't remember much of it at all! I don't remember a lot of my First Communion Day, but I do remember knowing that what was happening was something awesome – full of awe.

The mystery of the Eucharist is incredibly profound, but perhaps rather than understanding every facet, we are called to approach Communion with a sense of wonder and awe at the total self-gift of Jesus, and with a desire to become what we consume – to be a gift to one another.

(God's Word, Daily Reflections 2026)



On **Sunday, 14 June** at 8.00am we will celebrate a First Holy Communion Mass at Saint Joseph's Church, Murgon. Please join the celebrants and their families for Morning Tea in the hall after Mass.

Dance of the altar

(Real life stories, collected by the Carmelite Sisters)

Echoes from the Past

Christ opened himself to the worst rejection, pain and desolation... In the Mass the sacrifice is repeated, over and over, every second of every day, all over the world; but Golgotha is made beautiful and meaningful by 'the dance of the altar', the offering of the fruit of people's labour as they themselves journey to death, suffering and rejoicing: the bread and the wine.

George Mackay Brown (1921-1996)

Today's Mass

Jesus gives us his life-giving food for our life's journey with the assurance that if we eat it, we will live for ever. Even in this life, we will find strength in him and he will live in us and be our friend. When Jesus is within us we can speak with him, and our love will grow deeper and stronger until we see him face to face.

Weekend Mass Schedule

2nd Sunday of Month - 13/14 June

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 - 20/21 June

Saturday, 9.00am, Proston

Saturday, 5.00pm, Wondai

Sunday, 8.00am, Murgon

Sunday, 10.30am, Gayndah

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

Today's readings

Deuteronomy 8: 2-3, 14-16;

Corinthians 10: 16-17; John 6: 51-58

Response:

Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.

Gospel Acclamation:

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



In commemorating the International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression (4 June), we recognise the life of children as precious and deserving of respect in each of their stages of growth.

If we see children being treated harshly by adults and shrinking in fear, we may have a mixture of feelings. We feel pity for the child, anger at the abusive adult, and shame both at our inability or fear to intervene and more obscurely at belonging to a world that treats children violently.

For many of us, those feelings have been sharpened recently by hearing of the large number of children recklessly killed and maimed in homes, schools and hospitals in Gaza, Lebanon, Iran, Myanmar, Sudan, and other nations drawn into these wars. As are buildings and adults, children are regarded as collateral damage by the perpetrators of violence and by its apologists. The damage to children in war, of course, is not confined to physical injury. It endures for years in the ache left by the loss of parents, in homelessness, starvation, broken families and alienation from human society, and in their later behaviour to their own children. The seeds of anxiety and aggression often flower into further aggression and anxiety.

Revulsion at the suffering of children carries its own risks, particularly those of deadening the anger, horror and shame that it arouses in us. We may persuade ourselves that cruelty to children is regrettable but normal

and turn our eyes and hearts away from them. As Christians, our model should be Jesus, who said of those who those who caused moral damage to children, . . . 'Anyone who is the downfall of one of these little ones who have faith in me would be better drowned in the depths of the sea with a great millstone around his neck'. Jesus' words about moral corruption apply to those who wage and approve of the wars that rob children of childhood and may poison the roots of their love and faith.

War is not the only source of the aggression that blights children's lives. Women and children are the most common victims of domestic violence. It not affects not only the children themselves but also their own children who become victims of their fathers' uncontrolled anger and lack of self-control. The home that should be a place for forming children to love becomes a breeding place of hatred.

Many children, too, especially in impoverished societies, are treated as little adults. They are forced to fight as soldiers, to work long hours in dangerous and unhealthy conditions, and are deprived of the play that is so important as a place for forming their adult identity. In the developed world, too, children are often saddled with their parents' expectations – deprived of play in order to study, to play competitive games or to practice music to the exclusion of play. This treatment, though well meant, can also be a form of aggression. The parents' own ambition can lead them to decide and shape their children's futures without respecting their childhood.

This day for children who are the victims of aggression invites us to value the life of children as precious and deserving of respect in each of their stages of growth. Our treatment of children is the measure of our own humanity.

(Fr Andrew Hamilton SJ, Australian Catholics website.)




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We pray for those who are sick:

Therese Bolger; Graham Burgess;
Rodney Euler; Colin Heit; Margaret Hobbs; Nerla Knight; John Kruger;
Dr Graham McAllister; Bob Ricketts;
Greg Ryan; Joe Ryan; Joshua Smith;
Kai Vera; Judith Wessling.

 If you know anyone in need, please contact Lindsay Poilly President, Saint Vincent de Paul Conference, on 0437 864 667 or 5459 5234



Holy Mary pray for us

Collections 30/31 May 2026

Murgon..... \$437.00

Wondai \$130.00

Total:..... \$567.00

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