

St Joseph's Catholic Parish

Second Sunday of Lent
Year C, 16 March, 2025

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



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

Saint Joseph's Day 2025

Dear Parish family and Friends,

As we approach the Feast of Saint Joseph on 19 March, we are invited to reflect upon and celebrate the life of this humble and faithful servant of God. Saint Joseph, the spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the earthly father of Jesus. He is also the patron saint of our parish Saint Joseph's Murgon.

Saint Joseph is an excellent example of unshakable faith, humility, strength, dedication, and obedience to God's will. His faith was tested multiple times, from accepting Mary's miraculous conception of Jesus before their marriage to fleeing to Egypt to protect Jesus. His unwavering trust in God's plan despite uncertainties teaches us the value of steadfast faith. His life reminds us to trust God's plans, even when they are not fully clear to us.

Inspired by the lessons learned from Saint Joseph, we must ask ourselves, "How strong is my faith in God? Do I have strong enough faith to trust in God during doubtful circumstances in my life?" We must grow, nurture, and strengthen our faith in God throughout our lives through prayer, fellowship, and immersing ourselves in the Word of God. "Faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ." (Rom 10:17).

Saint Joseph is also known as the Patron of Workers and Protector of Families. Under his care and guidance, we must build our lives rooted in love, care, hard work, and service to one another while remaining steadfast in our faith. We

must continue to uplift his life and virtues while seeking his intercession in our own lives. To honour Saint Joseph's Day, we warmly invite you to join us for the Holy Mass at 9.00am on 19 March along with our school community. Let us come together as one parish family to celebrate our faith and thank Saint Joseph for his guidance and protection.

On this special day, let us entrust our parish, our families, and our daily labours to the intercession of Saint Joseph. May he guide us in our journey of faith, protect our homes, and inspire us to live with the same trust in God's providence.

May Saint Joseph, the patron of the Universal Church, watch over our community and bless us abundantly. Wishing you all a blessed and joyful Feast of Saint Joseph!

With many Blessings and prayers,

Fr. Geo Francis MCBS



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fr Geo will be available to say The Stations of the Cross at each of our churches once during Lent. Dates available are 21 March, 28 March, 4 April and 11 April. Please contact Fr Geo to set your date.

Mass Schedule for Lent and Holy Week

**Wednesday, 19 March, 9.00am,
Murgon, Feast of Saint Joseph**

4th Sunday of Month – 22/23 March

Saturday, 9.00am, Proston –
Liturgy/Communion
Sunday, 8.00am, Murgon
Sunday, 10.30am, Gayndah
Sunday, 6.00pm, Goomeri

5th Sunday of Month – 29/30 March

Saturday, 9.00am, Proston –
Liturgy/Communion
Saturday, 5.00pm, Murgon
Sunday, 8.30am, Mundubbera
Sunday, 10.30am, Eidsvold

1st Sunday of Month – 5/6 April

Saturday, 9.00am, Proston
Saturday, 5.00pm, Wondai
Sunday, 8.30am, Mundubbera
Sunday, 10.30am, Gayndah

HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday 12/13 April

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

Holy Week 17/18/19/20 April

17 April, Holy Thursday, 9.00am
Murgon
17 April, Holy Thursday, 7.00pm
Gayndah
18 April, Good Friday, 10.00am
Gayndah
18 April, Good Friday, 3.00pm
Murgon
19 April, Easter Vigil, 6.30pm
Gayndah
20, April, Easter Sunday, 8.00am
Murgon

4th Sunday of Month -26/27 April

Sunday, 8.00am, Murgon
Sunday, 10.30am, Gayndah
Sunday, 6.00pm, Goomeri



Primary school students in Samoa drinking clean water from their new water tank. © Caritas Australia

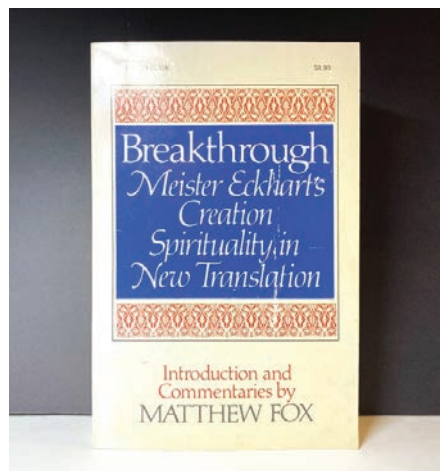
Today's Gospel brings us a wonderful moment in the education of Jesus's friends.

Jesus was always trying to teach them about the mystery of life, and we can take heart from the fact that they were often slow learners. Peter, James and John see Jesus transfigured on the top of a mountain. But the vision doesn't last long. Peter, always practical, wants to build tents so they can stay in the moment. But no, the journey to Calvary lies ahead where they will see Jesus disfigured. Eventually, they will put it together that transfiguration and disfigurement are two sides of the same coin.

This week, Caritas Australia's Project Compassion shares another story of education. We visit a primary school in Samoa with 400 students and 11 teachers. Until 2023, the school had no reliable access to fresh water. At times, teachers had to fetch water from neighbouring families, and this took considerable time out of the day and limited classes. It also meant that each class had a single bucket of drinking water for everyone to share. Thanks to your generosity, this has now changed.

Education can continue uninterrupted. You might even say, that thanks to those who support Project Compassion, disfigured lives have been transfigured.

Samoa may seem a long way away but let us think for a moment of some of the words Jesus said on the night before he died. He prayed "may they all be one". We see the high price of division and conflict in so many places. People face each other with such hostility. As we *Unite Against Poverty*, we are slowly creating the solution. Our actions are teaching the world to see possibilities more than problems. Just as his friends saw Jesus in a brilliant new light, so too must we see the whole human family with its true dignity.



Breakthrough: Meister Eckhart's Creation Spirituality (Doubleday, 1991), 510–518.

The inner person is the soil in which God has sown the divine likeness and image and in which God sows the



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We pray for those who are sick:

Graham Burgess; Orlando Dyrity; Rodney Euler; Pope Francis; Nerla Knight; Dr Graham McAllister; Kai Vera.

We pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Colette Eaglen.

good seed, the roots of all wisdom, all skills, all virtues, all goodness – the seed of the divine nature.... This is the good tree of which our Lord says that it always bears good fruit and never evil fruit. For it desires goodness and is inclined toward goodness....

The seed of God is in us. If the seed had a good, wise, and industrious cultivator, it would thrive all the more and grow up to God whose seed it is, and the fruit would be equal to the nature of God. Now, the seed of a pear tree grows into a pear tree, a hazel seed into a hazel tree, the seed of God into God.... While this seed may be crowded, hidden away, and never cultivated, it will still never be obliterated. It glows and shines, gives off light, burns, and is unceasingly inclined toward God.



Holy Mary
pray for us