

St Joseph's Catholic Parish

Sixth Sunday of Easter,
Year A, 10 May, 2026

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



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



*If you love me
you will keep my commandments*

John 14: 15-21

Jesus is preparing his disciples for the time when he will no longer be physically present among them. He promises that the Father will send them the Holy Spirit, 'another Advocate', to be with them for ever. 'Advocate' is a legal term. An advocate is one who pleads our cause in court, who speaks on our behalf, who utters the words that we cannot, who stands beside us in very difficult situations.

As we give thanks for the Holy Spirit who is our Advocate, we recognise that we in turn are called to be advocates for those people in our community who cannot speak for themselves. There are many organisations, often inspired by the Gospels, that are involved in advocacy – for refugees, for women and children being trafficked, for the

mentally ill, the unborn and the aged who are unable to plead their own cause. And as Saint Peter reminds us in today's second reading, we are also called to be advocates for Christ by having an answer ready for people who ask us the reason for the hope we have. Let us remember that it is always the witness of our lives and our own personal stories, rather than complex theological doctrines, that attract people to Christ.

(God's Word, Daily Reflections 2026)

Morning Tea

to farewell Fr François

All are invited to attend the Morning Tea at Saint Joseph's Church in Murgon after 8.00am Mass on Sunday, 17 May, 2026 to farewell Fr François and thank him for his presence and support during his time here in our Parish.

Fr François will return to his home in Madagascar for home leave before returning to Australia to study in Sydney.

Mass Attendance Count

Every year, during the month of May an annual Mass attendance count is conducted across the Archdiocese of Brisbane. These figures help us to understand how many people are being reached in local communities, and across the whole Archdiocese. We ask that you assist Fr Mikhael to collect this information and record it on the provided forms.

Weekend Mass Schedule

3rd Sunday of Month - 16/17 May

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

4th Sunday of Month - 23/24 May

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

5th Sunday of Month - 30/31 May

Saturday, 9.00am, Proston
(Liturgy of the Word)
Saturday, 5.00pm, Wondai
Sunday, 8.00am, Murgon
Sunday, 10.30am, Gayndah
Sunday, 2.30pm, Eidsvold

1st Sunday of Month - 6/7 June

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

Today's readings

Acts 8: 5-8, 14-17; Peter 3: 15-18;
John 14: 15-21

Response:

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them. Alleluia!



This weekend we celebrate mothers, grandmothers and all women who play an important part in our lives. We pray for them, their families and all those in their care.



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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; Carmel
 McKeering; Bob Ricketts; Greg Ryan;
 Joe Ryan; Joshua Smith; Kai Vera;
 Judith Wessling.

Parish Sacramental Program 2026

The Parish of Saint Joseph warmly invites parents and guardians to take part in our upcoming Sacramental Program for children and families. This program supports families in preparing their children to receive the sacraments and to grow more deeply in their faith within the life of the Church.

The Sacramental Program sessions will continue on the following dates and time:

- Thursday, 14 May at 3.30pm: Confirmation and First Holy Communion preparation
- Thursday, 21 May at 3.30pm: First Holy Communion and Reconciliation preparation
- Sunday, 31 May at 8.00am: Confirmation Mass at Saint Joseph's Church, Murgon
- Sunday, 14 June at 8.00am: First Holy Communion Mass at Saint Joseph's Church.

Afternoon tea will be provided.

For further information or to express interest, please contact the Parish Priest:

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Fair Share

Pope Leo's prayer intention for May that everyone might have food is so simple and the need for nourishing food is so evident that at first sight it should hardly need to be prayed.

The earth is bountiful enough to provide food for everyone, fertilisers available enough to make the earth grow, and transport sufficient to transfer skills and surplus food in one nation to meet crises in others. And yet people, including most unforgivably children, go hungry, and money that could be spent on food is spent in excluding the hungry when they knock on the door of nations with more than enough food.

That disparity echoes Jesus' story of the rich man and Lazarus. In it, the rich feed on fine food and wine while Lazarus picks up the scraps at their feet and shares them with the dogs. That is echoed uncomfortably in the contrast between people dining on fine foods and wines in city restaurants with emaciated people sleeping in the streets outside. This extreme inequality breeds discomfort, which in turn leads to beggars being driven from the wealthy part of town. Out of sight, out of mind. In Jesus' story, the fault of the rich man was not failing to feed Lazarus but failing to notice him as a human being like himself.

The need to notice lies at the heart of Pope Leo's prayer. To feed the hungry in any society requires more than a technical solution of providing adequate production, transport and financing. It demands the conversion of heart needed to make these steps a priority. That, in turn, demands conversion of the eyes so that they notice the people who are hungry.

(Fr Andrew Hamilton SJ, Australian Catholics.com.au)



Walk with Mary

Parishioners are invited to join the students and teachers of Saint Joseph's School to assemble in the Church and 'Walk with Mary' on **Wednesday, 13 May at 9.00am.**

Collections 2/3 May 2026

Murgon	\$407.55
Wondai.....	\$92.00
Proston.....	\$80.00
Total:.....	\$579.55