

St Joseph's Catholic Parish

Ascension of the Lord,
Year A, 17 May, 2026

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



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



*"All authority in heaven and on earth
has been given to me"*

Matthew 28: 16-20

For forty days after Jesus' resurrection from the dead, he appeared to his disciples, sometimes to one person, sometimes to a small group and on one occasion to more than 500 people, as Saint Paul reports. Then after about forty days these appearances ceased, and the disciples realised that he had returned to the Father having completed his mission on earth. He had ascended into heaven.

Jesus' return to the Father does not however mean that he is no longer with us. Saint Matthew wrote his Gospel to reassure Christians that Jesus is still with us. At the very beginning of his Gospel, the angel tells Joseph that the child will be called Emmanuel, a name which means 'God is with us'. And in the very last words of his Gospel, which we hear today, Jesus says, "And know that I am with you always, yes, to the end of time". And in the middle of the Gospel Jesus says, "when two or

three come together in my name, I am there with you" (Matthew 18:20).

While Christ is with us in spirit, we are now the hands and feet and heart of Christ in our world. It is we who must go out and proclaim Christ to the ends of the earth. It is through us that people will meet the risen Christ.

(God's Word, Daily Reflections 2026)

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.



Safeguarding

If you have experienced abuse or misconduct, you can ring the help line, 1300 304 550. Information can be shared anonymously.

*We pray for the families of all
victims of war in the world so
far this year, whether innocent
casualties or combatants.*

*May the weight of grief not
break their hearts.*

(Pause)

Let us pray to the Lord.

Weekend Mass Schedule

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

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

Today's readings

Acts 1: 1-11; Ephesians 1: 17-23;
Matthew 28: 16-20

Response:

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:
a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! Go and teach all people
my gospel. I am with you always, until the
end of the world. Alleluia!



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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:

Fr. Mikhael Loke, SVD.
Phone: 0409 227 945
Email: lokem@bne.catholic.net.au

We look forward to journeying with families as we continue to grow together in faith.

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.

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

Vinnies Collections

Proston..... \$28.00

Saint Vincent de Paul Society



The Saint Vincent de Paul Society is always seeking more dedicated individuals to join us as members.

Join us to become the hands behind the help in your local community.

Thousands of families have reached out to Vinnies Queensland for the first time in recent months, while others are now regularly relying on short-term relief to survive long-term.

The hope God's call gives us

(Real life stories, collected by the Carmelite Sisters)

Echoes from the Past

Whenever we do not seem to be able to feel anything apart from the emptiness of our own desolate hearts, in reality we are much better prepared to celebrate the feast of Ascension than we may think.

What He takes away from us is no more than His outer appearance, and He does so in order to give us His reality: infinite, nameless Reality, which He received from the Father

and passes on to us in and through His Spirit. For in going home and taking with Him what is ours He has made us capable of participating in God.

Karl Rahner (1904-1984)



"Love one another as I have loved you."