

St Joseph's Catholic Parish

Fifth Sunday of Easter,
Year A, 3 May, 2026

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



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



Saint Joseph's School News

Term 2 and ANZAC Day

Term 2 has begun with a wonderful sense of energy and purpose across our school. Classrooms have been busy with learning, new goals, and renewed friendships, and it has been encouraging to see students settling quickly into routines.

We also marked ANZAC Day with reverence and gratitude, gathering as a school in the church for prayer, reflection, and the Last Post. Our students then represented our community with pride at services

in both Cherbourg and Murgon, joining local veterans, families, and leaders to honour those who served. Lest we forget.

Blessings,
Justin

Justin McCarthy
Principal
Saint Joseph's Primary School



Weekend Mass Schedule

2nd Sunday of Month - 9/10 May

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 - 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

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 6:1-7; Peter 2: 4-9; John 14: 1-12

Response:

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the way, the truth and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me. Alleluia!



John 14: 1-12

Struggles and tensions within the Christian community are nothing new. They have been there from the very beginning, as evidenced by today's first reading where we hear about a conflict that had arisen between the Christians of Jewish background and the Christians of Greek background. There were theological differences between the two groups and also cultural differences and the issue that brought things to a head concerned food which is always cultural – what we eat and how we prepare food always reflects our cultural backgrounds.

We can learn much from the way the apostles handled this conflict. Their approach is one of inclusiveness. They don't take sides but seek to address the matter in a way that keeps the community together. Because the Greeks are in a more vulnerable position, they encourage the Greeks to select a number of men of good reputation who can take care of their needs. This inclusiveness is also found in today's Gospel where Jesus tells his disciples that "there are many rooms in my Father's house". The Gospel also gives wise advice: "Trust in God still and trust in me." Let us always remember that Jesus is the head and cornerstone of the Church, as Saint Peter reminds us in today's second reading, and we should set ourselves close to him. The Church will always be fragile because it is made up of human beings, but it will also be strong and life-giving as long as its cornerstone is faith in Jesus Christ.

(God's Word, Daily Reflections, 2026)



Parish Sacramental Program 2026

Expression of Interest Invited

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.

An Information and Expression of Interest Session will be held on

Date: Thursday, 30 April, 2026

Venue: Parish Office

Time: 3.30pm

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

- Thursday, 7 May at 3.30pm: Confirmation preparation
- 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.

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



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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.



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.

Collections 25/26 April 2026

Murgon \$368.75

Wondai..... \$111.00

Goomeri..... \$55.00

Proston..... \$101.50

Total:.....\$636.25