

# St Joseph's Catholic Parish

First Sunday of Advent  
Year A, 30 November, 2025

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



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



## Matthew 24: 37-44

When we see the word Advent, we probably don't connect it with another word with the same origin – ADVENTURE. Those who take up the invitation to live abundantly, which is the call at the heart of Christian faith, are embarking on an adventure. This adventure is experienced not simply in surviving daily challenges but in seeing every experience as an opportunity for growth. The circumstances that I am in, whatever they are, God allows for my maturity. If I seek greater maturity in faith then I will accept the daily ups and downs as the place where Jesus is today active in my life.

A wake-up (Advent) season is a new-year opportunity to embrace once again life in Jesus Christ as the ultimate adventure. Another way of thinking of it that while it is true to say being created (present tense) by God, fashioned and formed by God in the circumstances which are ours today – sometimes a tender embrace, at other moments a sudden and even shocking realignment. I find joy and peace when I co-operate with God's creative action. This is the Advent adventure.

*(God's Word, Daily Reflections, 2025)*



## Christmas Mass Times for 2025

Sunday, 14 December,  
**Cherbourg** at 10.30am

Thursday, 18 December,  
**Castra** at 9.00am

Saturday, 20 December,  
**Proston** at 9.00am

Wednesday, 24 December,  
**Wondai** at 5.00pm

Thursday, 25 December,  
**Murgon** at 8.00am

Thursday, 25 December,  
**Gayndah** at 10.30am

Sunday, 28 December,  
**Mundubbera** at 2.30pm

Sunday, 28 December,  
**Goomeri** at 6.00pm

**Eidsvold** —to be advised

## Weekend Mass schedule

### 1st Sunday of Month - 6/7 December

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

### 2nd Sunday of Month - 13/14 December

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 December

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 - 27/28 December

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

## Today's readings

Isaiah 2: 1-5; Romans 13: 11-14;  
Matthew 24: 37-44

*Response:*

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

*Gospel Acclamation:*

Alleluia, alleluia! Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation. Alleluia!



*Dr Mary Glowrey, Melbourne, 1910.  
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**The cause for sainthood for Australian-born doctor** and missionary in India Mary Glowrey has advanced after Pope Leo XIV recognised her 'heroic virtues' on 21 November 2025. Venerable Mary of the Sacred Heart Glowrey, as she will now be titled, is just the second Australian, after Saint Mary MacKillop, to be accorded this status.

Pope Leo's decree marks the second major step in the formal process toward sainthood, signifying that the Church has officially found evidence of a life marked by extraordinary virtue. The next phase, beatification, will require the approval of a miracle attributed to her intercession.

### **Quick facts about Venerable Mary of the Sacred Heart Glowrey**

#### **Biography**

- Born Birregurra, Victoria, 23 June, 1887; died Bangalore (Bengaluru), India, 5 May 1957
- Graduated from University of Melbourne MBBS 1910, MD 1919  
Medical positions in Melbourne included those at the Royal Victorian Eye and Ear Hospital and St Vincent's Hospital Melbourne, and at a private practice in Collins Street.

- Left Australia 21 January 1920 and travelled to Guntur, in present-day Andhra Pradesh. Never returned to Australia
- Joined the Society of Jesus Mary Joseph (now called the Congregation of Jesus Mary Joseph) in Guntur, India, in 1920
- As a religious sister, known as Sr Mary of the Sacred Heart JMJ.

#### **The canonisation process**

- A member of the Catholic Church who is found to have lived a life of 'heroic virtue', after an extensive investigation and documentation of their life, is granted the title 'Venerable'.

If a miracle, usually an unexplained medical cure, is established to have taken place as a result of the Venerable's intercession, they can be beatified and have the title 'Blessed'.

- Sainthood, or canonisation, may take place if a second miracle is established.

Archbishop Comensoli encouraged the faithful across Australia and beyond to keep her cause for canonisation in prayer.

"May the day come when the Church names her Saint Mary of the Sacred Heart," he said. "May she pray for us and help us walk ever more closely with Christ".

Read more about Dr Mary Glowrey at <https://melbournecatholic.org/maryglowrey>

*(Annie Carrett, Chief of Staff to the Archbishop of Melbourne)*



### **Parish Directory, Saint Joseph's Parish**

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[murgon.brisbanecatholic.org.au](http://murgon.brisbanecatholic.org.au)

### **We pray for those who are sick:**

Graham Burgess; Mary Davitt;  
Rodney Euler; Colin Heit; Nerla Knight; John Kruger; Dr Graham McAllister; Carmel McKeering; Bob Ricketts; Joshua Smith; Kai Vera.

### **Safeguarding**

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



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

*"This is what true hope consists of:  
not in trying to avoid pain,  
but in believing that even in the  
heart of the most unjust suffering,  
the seed of new life is hidden"*

*(Pope Leo XIV, General Audience  
27th August 2025)*

### **Collections 22/23 November 2025**

Murgon .....	\$465.65
Wondai.....	\$82.00
Proston.....	\$235.00
<b>Total: .....</b>	<b>\$782.65</b>

### **COLUMBAN CALENDARS**

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