

St Joseph's Catholic Parish

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ord. Time
Year C, 19 October, 2025

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



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



Luke 18: 1-8

In prayer, should we always be resigned to god's will: should our words always be 'nice'? Not according to this parable! And not according to many of the Psalms, which cry out to God with anger, elation, anguish and heartache. Jesus is clear that we should bring our real selves to God – our real emotions, our real desires. Maybe God can see our situation more clearly, maybe other people are impacted in different ways, and maybe God knows there are deeper desires beyond the surface ones. Yet God can also see our faith and seeks the wellbeing of all. As Martin Luther King Junior reminds us, "The arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends toward justice?". Change happens, though it is ever so slow. Our role is to "pray continually and never lose heart". We need not be satisfied with the world as it is, but seek justice especially for the powerless. Rather than calm detachment, faith is trust in God's goodness despite the circumstances. Let us be real in our prayer and persistent in our actions for what is right.

(God's Word Daily Reflections 2025)

Change to Mass Roster for Goomeri

Now that Fr Mikhael is living in Murgon, Goomeri will return to 6.00pm Mass on every 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month. This will commence on Sunday, 9 November. We thank Goomeri parishioners for their cooperation while Fr Mikhael was living in Gayndah.

Date Claimer

The Parish Mass of All Nations and Multicultural Meal is scheduled for Sunday, **30 November 2025** (5th Sunday). All parishioners are asked to keep this date in mind as it will be the **only Mass in the Parish on that weekend**.



Celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist for Rosie Wallace :

Our parishioner, Rosie Wallace, will receive the Sacrament of Baptism, Confirmation and First Holy Communion on Sunday, 9 November 2025 at the 8.00am Mass at Saint Joseph's Church, Murgon. May we ask you to keep Rosie in your prayer as she prepares to receive these Sacraments.

Weekend Mass schedule

4th Sunday of Month - 25/26 October

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

1st Sunday of Month - 1/2 November

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 - 8/9 November

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 - 15/16 November

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

Today's readings

Exodus 17:8-13; Timothy 3: 14-4:2;
Luke 18:1-18

Response:

Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! The word of God is living and active; it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart. Alleluia!



Proud parents: Brisbane Archbishop Shane Mackinlay with his parents, Malcolm and Helen, at his installation Mass on 11 September 2025. Photo: Alan Edgecomb / Purple Moon Photography

Malcolm and Helen Mackinlay are the proud parents of Brisbane's new shepherd, Archbishop Shane Mackinlay, who were present as he took his place in Saint Stephen's Cathedral on 11 September 2025.

"Shane has many strengths but, for us, a very important one is the care and respect and interest he shows to everyone he is involved with," the couple said.

"He has a great gift of being able to relate to people of all ages and levels.

"People are important to Shane and he always has a sincere interest in them and their lives."

Mr and Mrs Mackinlay said a highlight from the installation Mass was seeing the large number of priests and bishops who were there to celebrate with him.

"And it was especially significant for us that a big number of the priests from his Sandhurst Diocese had come to Brisbane for the installation which, we think, reflects how highly he has been regarded by them as their bishop and the strength of the friendship he has with them," they said.

"Also significant were the many friends and priests from other parts of Victoria and interstate who are important to Shane and who are important to him.

"It was good to see them there and that they had come to celebrate with

him and add their support for this next part of his priesthood."

Mr and Mrs Mackinlay said they have been "very proud of all that Shane has done and achieved in his life as a priest".

"He seems to have a great capacity to make time to do all sorts of things, from spending time with a community of elderly religious sisters, through to planning the new complex to be built for the diocesan offices in Bendigo.

(Joe Higgins, Catholic Leader)



Thank you

for 'Walking with Mary': a huge thank you to parishioners who participated in the event of 'Walk with Mary' with the primary school children of Saint Joseph's and their teachers held last Monday, 13 October. It was a successful activity.

Mary, our Blessed Mother,
pray for us.



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We pray for those who are sick:

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

✝ If you know anyone in need,
please contact Lindsay Poilly
President, Saint Vincent de
Paul Conference, on
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Safeguarding

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Collections 5/6 October 2025

Murgon \$485.00
Wondai..... \$106.00
Proston..... \$180.00
Total:\$771.00

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