

St Joseph's Catholic Parish

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ord. Time
Year C, 21 September, 2025

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



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

Welcome

Fr David Willis OP to our parish this weekend. We really appreciate your generosity for standing in for Fr Mikhael who on annual leave.



ARCHBISHOP **Shane Mackinlay** was welcomed by the people of Brisbane at his installation Mass at Saint Stephen's Cathedral.

He becomes the eighth leader of Brisbane archdiocese.

"While I come from somewhere else, I don't come as an outsider," Archbishop Mackinlay said in his homily.

"Whenever we gather as Christians, we gather as part of the one Church of Jesus Christ, as parts of His body into which each of us has been baptised and as which we have together been entrusted with His mission," he said.

He highlighted the local contribution to the Mass, saying, "The people, the communities and the activities of the archdiocese are so well represented in those who are here today".

"We are also enriched by the inspiring presence of the Indigenous communities of this area with

us today, whose ancient history and spirituality goes back many thousands of years before the first texts of the Bible," he said.

Archbishop Mackinlay affirmed the outcomes from last year's archdiocesan synod and expressed his hope to continue implementing them.

He said Brisbane was "a vibrant community of faith that lives out its commitment to carrying on in our own time the mission that Jesus has entrusted to us".

"I look forward to serving the Church of Brisbane as we develop our response to God's Word in our place at our time," he said.

May the Lord bless him with wisdom, faith and compassionate shepherding as he leads our Archdiocese. Mary, Mother of the Church, intercede for him always.

Fr Peter Dutton



Luke 16: 10-13

"You cannot be the slave both of God and money." To be a slave is to be owned by somebody or something. As Christians we are owned by God in as much as we are made in God's image and at baptism we are claimed

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Weekend Mass schedule

4th Sunday of Month - 27/28 September

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 - 4/5 October

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 - 11/12 October

Saturday, 9.00am, Proston
(Liturgy of the Word)

Saturday, 9.00am, Goomeri

Saturday, 5.00pm, Wondai

Sunday, 8.00am, Murgon

Sunday, 10.30am, Cherbourg

Sunday, 2.30pm, Mundubbera

3rd Sunday of Month - 18/19 September

Thursday, 9.00am, Castra, Murgon

Saturday, 9.00am, Proston

Saturday, 5.00pm, Wondai

Sunday, 8.00am, Murgon

Sunday, 10.30am, Gayndah

Today's readings

Amos 8: 4-7, Timothy 2: 1-8;

Luke 16: 10-13

Response:

Praise the Lord, who lifts up the poor.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor, to make you rich out of his poverty. Alleluia!

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for Christ in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. To be owned by God is to be secure in our deepest identity. But we only need to look around us to see that we live in a world where many are a slave not to God, but to money – that is, rather than earn money as a means for paying for things they need, they are owned by money or the pursuit of it. This kind of disordered attachment can have serious consequences for our lives. It might mean we never see our spouse or children because of the long hours spent at the office. It might mean we start to look for morally or legally dubious shortcuts ~~for making money and getting rich~~—quick. When we live with God as our first priority, our life is ordered rightly and everything else flows in the right order.

(God's Word Daily Reflections 2025)

Fr Mikhael's Annual Leave and SVD Assembly

Fr Mikhael is away from the parish **(17 September to 4 October 2025)** for his annual leave and SVD Assembly.

In his absence, the following supply priests will preside the weekend masses:

Fr Bavin Clarke –

Saturday, 27 September to Sunday, 28 September

Fr Stanley Orji –

Saturday only, 4 October (Mass in Proston at 9.00am and Wondai at 5.00pm).

Please make them feel welcome in our parish. Thank you.

Fr Mikhael will return to the parish for Sunday, 5 October for the 8.00am Mass at Murgon and the masses in the other church communities as scheduled for the First Sunday of Month.



Saint Vincent de Paul

Feast Day 27 September

A young Saint Vincent de Paul was attracted to the priesthood because of his desire for a comfortable life. But his true home was found on a different path.

Of course, the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul – whose Christian charitable work reaches far beyond the shops alone – was never set up by Vincent himself. True, he established missions of service to the poor and marginalised, and was an innovator in ways of sharing Christ's love – but his name is prominent to us because his example moved a much later Christian, Blessed Frederick Ozanam (1813-1853) to establish a society in his image.

Vincent himself preferred to be called what the poor people of Clichy began calling him when he was made their local pastor in 1612 – 'Monsieur Vincent'. He was embarrassed that the 'de Paul' part of his name – derived from the Paul River which flowed nearby his peasant home in Gascony – suggested he was nobly born.

No ambition for sainthood

For such a beacon of charity, Vincent's path to sainthood did not begin well. His youthful hopes went no further than to become a priest so that he might be granted a comfortable position, perhaps that of a spiritual adviser to a noble family. He desired comfort, and an early retirement with benefits. But, to be fair, it is often said that charity begins at home – and at least a part of his ambition was to bring some of any wealth home to his poor parents.

Vincent did achieve his early ambition – he was appointed a tutor to a wealthy household, that of the Gondi banking family. Later, he acted as spiritual adviser to Queen Anne, Regent of



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

France, herself. He could have lived that life of luxury he had yearned for. He could have settled for an empty shell of spirituality. The third temptation of Christ could have taken away his heart.

Hagiographers say his turning point came in 1617 when he guided a poor dying farmer through his General Confession, and saw the liberation and joy the man had after he made it. After this, we see a profound change in Vincent: he devoted himself to the poor, to the establishing of several charitable missions – including the Daughters of Charity, the first sisterhood of women to tend the poor and sick not as nuns living in convents, but throughout cities and countryside. He also made a priority of training priests in authentic Christian values – the very opposite of what his early ambitions had led him to imagine the life of a priest might be.

(Peter Fleming, Australian Catholics)

Collections 6/7 September 2025

Murgon \$425.00

Wondai..... \$170.00

Proston..... \$340.00

Total:\$935.00

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