

St Joseph's Catholic Parish

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ord. Time
Year C, 28 September, 2025

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



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

Welcome

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



Luke 16: 19-31

The story of Lazarus and the Rich Man is a sobering tale of the eternal consequences of the way in which we live our life. The rich man, who, in life, would not even give Lazarus the scraps from his table, finds himself in Hades, while Lazarus is embraced in the bosom of Abraham. Is this a story about the evils of being rich? No, but Jesus tells this story as a warning to us of the importance of compassion. All through the bible we see God's special compassion for the poor, the neglected, the marginalised. In today's Gospel reading we hear the rich man beg not only for relief for himself in his afterlife of suffering but that a warning be sent to his five brothers. Abraham, however, points to all the unheeded warnings sent through history, from the prophets to Jesus himself. The time for living with compassion towards those in need is now. We cannot wait.

We don't know when our time on earth will be over and we do not want to end up like the rich man, regretting our choices and paying an eternal price.

(God's Word Daily Reflections 2025)

The Cost of Self-Absorption

In the parable about the rich man and the beggar, Lazarus, we should not assume that the rich man was notably wicked. It was more that, absorbed in his comfortable life, he simply failed to notice the poor beggar lying at his door.

Likewise, we are not told that Lazarus was notably virtuous or deserving. It was his desperate situation that attracted the attention of God.

The action of the story swings upon the notion of a great reversal. The reversal occurs when both men die and go very different ways. The rich man is carted off to Hades, while Lazarus is gently conveyed (by angels) to the bosom of Abraham. (Such 'destinations' reflect images of the afterlife conventional at the time; the parable does not teach the existence of a fiery hell!)

The point of the story is that, across the change from this life to the next, situations remain fixed. In this life, the rich man's indifference meant that no crumb of comfort passed from his table to the beggar outside; there was no 'crossing over' from

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Weekend Mass schedule

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 October

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 - 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

Today's readings

Amos 6: 1, 4-7; Timothy 6: 11-16;
Luke 16: 19-31

Response:

Praise the Lord, my soul!

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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one side to another. Now, in the afterlife situation exactly the same fixity prevails – except that now all is reversed.

The problem is not so much the rich man's wealth in itself but the fact that his high living blinded him to the need of a fellow human being, and wider social responsibility.

The opportunity to attend to such obligations will not last forever. Ultimately, the parable is about conversion and the difficulty that absorption in wealth puts in its way.

(Extract from 'Sharing the Treasure Reflections' on the Sunday Gospels Years A, B, C, Author: Fr Brendan Byrne)

Fr Mikhael's Annual Leave and SVD Assembly

Fr Mikhael is away from the parish 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.

Collections 13/14 September 2025

Murgon \$455.00

Wondai..... \$150.00

Goomeri..... \$20.00

Total:\$625.00

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Archbishop Shane has a message for you

As I write this, I have been the Archbishop for almost a week. As you might imagine, it still feels very new! Last Thursday was a wonderful celebration of the People of God across the Archdiocese, in the broader context of south-east Queensland, where we carry on Jesus' mission. The gathering included indigenous people from this region, who honoured me by welcoming me to this country, people from each parish of the Archdiocese, bishops from across Australia, leaders of other Churches and religions, and political leaders of our civil community. I was delighted that so many of my family and friends travelled to participate in the liturgy. Like me, they were touched by the warmth of the welcome that I received. One of the powerful symbolic moments in the ceremony was when I knocked on the closed door of Saint Stephen's Cathedral. That made very clear that, while I am Archbishop, I am not some kind of 'owner'. Rather, there is a rich history of faith and community that comes before me and that will continue on after me. This was further emphasised when I was presented with a ring, pectoral cross and crosier that had been used by other archbishops of Brisbane. I look forward to coming to know more of this history and tradition as I make my home among you.



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We pray for those who are sick:

Elisabeth Bell; Jess Bradbury;
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
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Prayer of Saint Francis of Assisi

Lord, make me an instrument of
your peace: where there is hatred,
let me sow love;

where there is injury, pardon;

where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light;

where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may
not so much seek to be consoled as
to console, to be understood as to
understand, to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive,

it is in pardoning that we are

pardoned, and it is in dying that we
are born to eternal life.

Amen.