

# St Joseph's Catholic Parish

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection  
of the Lord, Year C, 20 April, 2025

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



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



*"I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die" (John 11:25)*

Dear Beloved Parishioners and Friends,

In his letter to the Corinthians, Saint Paul says, 'if there is no resurrection of the dead, Christ himself has not been raised. And if Christ has not been raised our preaching is void of content and your faith is empty too.' (1 Cori 15:13-14)

Today is a joyous occasion of celebrating Easter, the resurrection of Jesus Christ, promising hope of eternal life in every believer's life. During Holy Week, we have been journeying with Jesus's final days of earthly life, when He physically suffered, was crucified, and died for our sins. The central truth of the Christian faith revolves around His death and resurrection that fulfill the Old Testament prophecies.

When sin entered the world, separating us from His grace, God had a divine plan to save mankind. Through His unwavering love, He restored the broken relationship between God and humankind

through the ultimate sacrifice of Jesus Christ. He was pierced for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities, and by his wounds we are healed" (Isaiah 53:5). And His resurrection proves that God keeps His promises, as it is written: "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life" (John 3:16).

The Resurrection of Jesus is a celebration of victory over sin and death and a time to rejoice for the gift of eternal life. The resurrection of Jesus Christ was evidenced by His empty tomb and the appearances of the resurrected Jesus on multiple occasions to His disciples as well as many others. Jesus commissioned his disciples to preach the Good News to all nations and ascended into heaven.

Amidst the Easter celebrations, remember the core truth of His death and resurrection and live as witnesses to His love by sharing the good news and Jesus' teachings

## Weekend Mass Schedule

### 4th Sunday of Month - 26/27 April

Sunday, 8.00am, Murgon

Sunday, 10.30am, Gayndah

Sunday, 6.00pm, Goomeri

### 1st Sunday of Month - 3/4 May

Saturday, 9.00am, Proston

Saturday, 5.00pm, Wondai

Sunday, 8.30am, Mundubbera

Sunday, 10.30am, Gayndah

### 2nd Sunday of Month - 10/11 May

Saturday, 9.00am, Proston

(Liturgy of the Word)

Saturday, 5.00pm, Wondai

Sunday, 8.00am, Murgon

Sunday, 10.30am, Cherbourg

Sunday, 6.00pm, Goomeri

### 3rd Sunday of Month - 17/18 May

Saturday, 9.00am, Proston

Saturday, 5.00pm, Wondai

Sunday, 8.00am, Murgon

Sunday, 10.30am, Gayndah



## Today's readings

Acts 10: 34, 37-43; Colossians 3: 1-4;  
John: 1-9

*Response:*

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

*Gospel Acclamation:*

Alleluia, alleluia! Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let us feast with joy in the Lord. Alleluia!

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with the world in need of hope and healing. May this season fill your heart with hope, gratitude, and renewal. As we proclaim, "He is risen", let us also commit to living as faithful witnesses of His sacrifice and forgiveness by embracing a sin-free life, a life like Jesus.

As I am concluding my ministry at Murgon and Gayndah, I take this opportunity to express my gratitude and appreciation to all parishioners for remembering me in your prayers and immensely supporting me in all our parish events, especially a successful Lenten journey and Holy Week events. I really enjoyed my ministry and county life here. I also request you to pray for God's guidance in my new ministry. You are remembered in my prayers too. May the hope of eternal life with Jesus in heaven reign in you and your family.

Many Easter blessings to you and your loved ones.

Fr. Geo Francis MCBS



John 20:1-9

On the first day of the week Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him'. So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going towards the tomb.

Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, and the face cloth, which had been on the head of Jesus, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead.



Happy Easter from all of us here at Caritas Australia!

As we celebrate this season of hope and renewal, we want to express our heartfelt gratitude for your support through Caritas Australia's Project Compassion this Lent.

As we reflect on the Easter message of love, compassion, and new beginnings, we are reminded of the incredible impact your contributions make. Together, we are building a world where no one is left behind.

Thank you for standing with us, as we Unite Against Poverty through Caritas Australia's Project Compassion 2025 Lenten appeal.

It's not too late to donate.

You can support Project Compassion 2025 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code below.

Or online at: [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](https://caritas.org.au/project-compassion)

Or by calling: 1800 024 413

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## We pray for those who are sick:

Graham Burgess; Orlando Dyrity;

Rodney Euler; Pope Francis;

Phillip Gaffney; Nerla Knight;

Dr Graham McAllister; Kai Vera.

## His blessed resurrection

*(Real life stories, collected by the Carmelite Sisters)*

*Echoes from the Past*

It is the will of God that we should delight with him in our salvation, and thereby be greatly comforted and strengthened... For we are his happiness: in us he ever delights...

Ponder carefully the range of this word ever. It describes the height of the love Christ knew for our salvation, and the manifold joys that flow from his passion. He rejoices that the deed is past and done, and he shall suffer no more; he rejoices too that he has raised us to heaven, and made us to be his crown and eternal delight...

*Julian of Norwich (c.1342-1416)*



*I have risen, and I am with you still.*