

St Joseph's Catholic Parish

Sunday of the resurrection
Year A, 5 April, 2026

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 brothers and sisters,

Over these past three days we devoutly recalled how Jesus was willing to bear the humility of being a man, how he died upon a cross, how he descended into hell, unlocked the gates of heaven, and conquered the darkness of evil and sin. From the hopelessness of the tomb and from the emptiness of the grave, the Son of God has risen, and he comes to us this day with the promise of eternal life.

We extend a word of appreciation to all those involved in our Triduum Liturgies and to all who have generously contributed much of their time and efforts to clean and beautify our church interiors, gardens and surroundings. Thanks to all who sacrificed to make our Holy Week as prayerful, enjoyable, and as inviting as it has been.

We take this opportunity to extend a warm welcome to those who are visitors to our Parish during this time. We are happy to have

you celebrate Easter with us and indeed, welcome you to become a regular part of our Parish Life. The newsletter lists our Mass times and phone numbers. Please visit our parish website and call us, if we can help. Welcome, again, and a Blessed Easter to all of you!

To all our parishioners, we offer you our Blessings and wishes of a Joyful Easter! Thank you all for the life you bring to Saint. Joseph's Parish!

Fr Mikhael & Fr Francois

It's time to return your Lenten Caritas collection boxes and envelopes. Your generous support will enable Caritas Australia to continue walking alongside the most vulnerable communities here in Australia and overseas.

You can still make donations online at caritas.org.au/project-compassion or phone 1800 024 413.

Thank you for standing with us as we Unite Against Poverty.

Weekend Mass Schedule

2nd Sunday of Month - 11/12 April

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 - 18/19 April

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 April

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

1st Sunday of Month - 2/3 April

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 20: 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!



Easter of the Resurrection of the Lord

John 20: 1-9

This Sunday begins the Octave of Easter, eight solemn days when we reflect on the reality of the resurrection. Essentially, one grand narrative begins in heartbreak but ends in joy. A disconsolate Mary Magdalene goes to the tomb alone while it is still dark. We can almost feel the weight of her sadness. And sadness becomes confusion when she sees the stone rolled back. At her news, Peter and John run to the tomb, enter it and see the linen headpiece rolled up. An insignificant detail you might think. But, in this narrative it is hugely significant. According to the customs for eating in the Ancient Near East, a linen napkin rolled up and left in its place was a way of telling those serving the food that you would be returning again. John uses this little thing to proclaim the resurrection.

It is also noteworthy that none of the Gospels report someone witnessing the resurrection act as it happened. This explosion of God's eternal love in history is simply too great to be contained or confined by human words. It remains in the realm of mystery, in the realm of God. The effects of the resurrection make a real decisive impact on the faith and hope of the disciples. If Jesus is resurrected, then they too will be resurrected, and so will we.

Indeed our resurrection is happening here and now, but it is not yet complete until the second coming of Jesus. Are we living a resurrected life? Are we proclaiming by our everyday lives that we know and have come to believe that we share in his mystery of God's eternal love?

(God's Word, Daily Reflections, 2026)



Easter Message from Archbishop Shane Mackinlay

Each time we've tuned into the news over recent months, there seems to be more and more that is worrying and depressing. The attacks on innocent participants at a Jewish Hanukkah celebration in Bondi last December shocked us all and made us reassess the tolerance, harmony, and solidarity that we value so highly as a central part of our Australian community.

Then the recent eruption of war in the Middle East has made clear how unstable the global situation is. Alongside these broader concerns, families continue to face personal struggles, tensions, separations, sickness, and bereavements which are exacerbated by worries about the ongoing pressure from rising costs of living. In the midst of this pain, suffering and uncertainty which is so much part of our human experience, Christians proclaim an Easter message of joy and hope.

In His crucifixion, Jesus entered into the depths of the pain that is part of our human experience, assuring us that God walks with us in the darkest moments of our lives and never abandons us. Then in His resurrection, we see that God's love and faithfulness is more powerful even than death.

At Easter each year, we renew our baptismal promises, recalling our commitment to follow Jesus as His disciples, even to the giving of Himself on the cross. And at the same time, celebrating our confidence in God's promise to share with us the new life of Jesus resurrection. As we celebrate



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We pray for those who are sick:

Therese Bolger; Amira Bond;
Graham Burgess; Rodney Euler;
Colin Heit; Margaret Hobbs;
Nerla Knight; John Kruger;
Dr Graham McAllister; Carmel
McKeering;; Bob Ricketts; Greg Ryan;
Joe Ryan; Joshua Smith; Kai Vera;
Judith Wessling.

Easter, may we continue our journey of discipleship, renewing our trust in Jesus' faithful presence alongside us and our joy and hope in the power of God's saving love, which in Jesus resurrection triumphs even over death.

Wondai Catholic Ladies

Invite you to join us for **morning tea** on Tuesday, **14 April, 2026** at 10.30am

Guest Speaker: **Liz Nicolson**,
Wondai Community Health Nurse,
'Heads Should Knees and Toes'

at the Wondai Catholic Church,
Bramston Street, Wondai

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