

# St Joseph's Catholic Parish

Fourteen Sunday Ord. Time  
Year C, 6 July, 2025

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



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



## Luke 10: 1-12, 17-20

"Rejoice rather that your names are written in heaven". What must I do to ensure my name is also written in heaven? For this is my heart and soul's deepest desire – to share the kingdom of heaven with my Lord upon my death. Being a disciple of Jesus involves work and commitment. It calls me to walk in faith, hope and love, daily. It can be difficult at times, particularly in those moments of darkness, rejection and challenge, but there is also great joy when I can bring Jesus' love to others, and when they too desire to be closer to him.

*Jesus, help me to trust in you, to create the kingdom of God here on earth, so that when the time comes, I may enjoy eternal rest in your heavenly presence.*



## Discernment is the skill that helps choose paths of life.

Discernment was one of Pope Francis' favourite words. It was central in the Jesuit tradition that he inherited.

Pope Leo's own tradition, focused on Saint Augustine, also treasures discernment, though in different words and emphases.

As the reference to formation in the Pope's July prayer intention suggests, discernment is a way of living that we need to learn and to practice. For most of us it does not come naturally. It is a way of reading our world and making decisions in it.

### Questions to consider

Formation in discernment suggests also that there are good and bad ways of doing so. It invites us to consider the different questions we should ask about our decisions. It also calls us to reflect on the movements of our heart when we are considering how to act. They may include the pleasure we may feel at the prospect of increasing our wealth or reputation, our fear of embarrassment or of losing face, our anger at some other people involved in the decision we must take, and our attraction to acting justly. Discernment does not mean taking away these feelings. It involves sifting them to see what we want most deeply and ensuring that they do not control our decisions.

Discernment also means measuring our desires and actions against what we know is right and good. In Christians, discernment means measuring our actions against the Gospel. In simple terms we might ask what Jesus would have done or what he would have made of the situation we face. In that way our faith comes into our decision making. It also helps us to recognise the hollowness of attractive ways of acting that would lead away from the Gospel.

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## Weekend Mass schedule

### 2nd Sunday of Month - 12/13 July

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 - 19/20 July

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 - 26/27 July

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 - 2/3 August

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

## Today's readings

Isaiah 66: 10-14; Galatians 6: 14-18;  
Luke 10: 1-12, 17-20

*Response:*

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

*Gospel Acclamation:*

Alleluia, alleluia! May the peace of Christ reign in your hearts, and the fullness of his message live within you. Alleluia!

## Reflect on our world

Discernment also invites us to reflect on our world, attending to the places where we find delight, the people in need, those who suffer discrimination and neglect, and the exploitation of the environment of which we are part. Christians describe this large vision of the world as reading the signs of the times.

If we are making a decision on what is important for us and to whom we should give our time, it is important to reflect more deeply on what lies behind the alarms and enthusiasms of each day's news. That leads us to the deeper currents in our society.

When we are deciding what we wish to do with our lives, what to study and what we expect of our place of work and of our relationships, discernment is particularly important. It involves attending to our hopes and fears, to weigh our desires and what we feel when we measure them against another, and praying for guidance. And discernment, of course, also means attending to our necessities – the unexpected events and responsibilities in our lives – through which God speaks.

This month's prayer intention illustrates the reasons why Pope Francis emphasised the place of synodality in the Church.

Synodality invites us in our life as Catholics to share our hopes and fears in prayer together as we ask what the needs of the Church and world are, and how we should respond to them. This shared attention to the movements of our heart lies at the heart of discernment.

*Fr Andrew Hamilton SJ*

## Vinnies QLD Winter Appeal



If you are able to make a contribution to the Vinnies QLD Winter Appeal, please contribute in the envelope at the back of the church.

## Message from the Bradbury family ...

Thank you to all for your prayers for our daughter-in-law Jess.

Five weeks ago, at 34, Jess suffered a stroke, losing the sight in her right eye and use of her right arm.

Ensuing tests discovered an abnormally large hole in her heart.

Last week, Jess underwent surgery to repair her heart, with a 'flawless' outcome.

Jess has the use of her arm and while her sight is not fully restored, what sight that has been restored will allow her to lead a full life.

The power of prayer is truly remarkable.

Please continue to prayer for Jess and all those on our prayer list, as they truly are heard.

*Margie Bradbury*



## 2025 Annual Catholic Campaign

The 2025 Annual Catholic Campaign will be held across all Archdiocesan parishes on the weekend of 23 and 24 August.


The Campaign raises vital awareness and funds for local ministries in the Archdiocese of Brisbane as determined by the Archbishop.

If you have any questions about this year's campaign please contact Leslie Silva at [silval@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:silval@bne.catholic.net.au) or (07) 3324 3486.



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 If you know anyone in need, please contact Lindsay Poilly President, Saint Vincent de Paul Conference, on 0437 864 667 or 5459 5234

## We pray for those who are sick:

Elisabeth Bell; Jess Bradbury; Graham Burgess; Margaret Connell; Mary Davitt; Rodney Euler; Kevin Fry; Steven Heit; Margaret Keleher (Maryann's Mum); Nerla Knight; Dr Graham McAllister; Bob Ricketts; Joshua Smith; Kai Vera.

## The 3Ps of Safeguarding



**SAFE PEOPLE**

**SAFE PRACTICES**

**SAFE PLACES**

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

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