

St Joseph's Catholic Parish

Second Sunday of Lent
Year A, 1 March, 2026

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



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

GOOD NEWS!



Appointment of Associate Pastor of Saint Joseph's Parish, Murgon and Gayndah: Fr. Francois D'Assisi Andrianihananta, SVD

We warmly welcome Fr. Francois to Saint Joseph's Parish, Murgon/ Gayndah, as he begins his ministry among us. Fr. Francois is a member of Religious Order of the Society of the Divine Word Missionaries (SVD)

Originally from Madagascar, he completed his philosophical and theological studies in Melbourne, Australia at Yarra Theological Union, University of Divinity, Melbourne, Victoria. He was ordained in Australia and has served for the past five years as Assistant Parish Priest at Saint Patrick's, Emerald, in the Diocese of Rockhampton.

His appointment as Associate Pastor is effective from 3 March 2026 for a term of six months.

We give thanks for his generosity in accepting this role and assure him of our prayers and support as we journey together in faith and service.

Fr Mikhael

Matthew 17: 1-9

In today's gospel the disciples (specifically Peter) wants to 'hold' the messianic moment ('Let us build three tents ...'). But there are no 'shortcuts' to glory. From now on, precisely as God's beloved Son, Jesus is to tread the path to Jerusalem as the Messiah who came, 'not to be served but to serve and give his life as a ransom for many' (20:28). It is with this deepened sense of his vocation – and ours – that we are invited to continue with him our Lenten journey to Jerusalem.

(Fr Brendan Byrne SJ, Australian Catholics, extract)

Project Compassion Lenten Prayer

God of all love, we remember that on the night before he died Your son, Jesus, prayed that his friends "may all be one" Yet we see so much division in the world. War, conflict, violence and hatred must all distress you.

Millions of people suffer when they don't have peace and respect. They lack the necessities of life, food, water, health, education and security.

We pray that we may all *Unite Against Poverty this Lent*. May our support for **Project Compassion** be a sign to ourselves and others, of our hope for a better world.

This Lent, we pray that our dedication To prayer, fasting and almsgiving Will help restore your vision of justice and peace.

Guided by the Holy Spirit,
We pray in Jesus' name.

Amen

Weekend Mass schedule

2nd Sunday of Month - 7/8 March

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 - 14/15 March

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 - 21/22 March

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

5th Sunday of Month - 28 /29 March, Palm Sunday

Saturday, 9.00am, Proston

Saturday, 5.00pm, Wondai

Sunday, 8.00am, Murgon

Sunday, 10.30am, Gayndah

Sunday, 2.30pm Eidsvold

Today's readings

Genesis 12: 1-4; Timothy 1:8-10;
Matthew 17: 1-9

Response:

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Gospel Acclamation:

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him. Glory and praise to you Lord Jesus Christ!



Second Sunday of Lent

We all need a vision. Long ago, the Book of Proverbs told us that "where there is no vision, the people perish". When we look at the world around us, with so many wars, so much violence, such widespread hardship and numerous groups of people putting up walls against each other, we might wonder where the real leaders are to be found. On the world stage, Pope Leo XIV often seems like a lone voice for peace, justice and sanity. He points a direction based on his deep encounter with God.

Perhaps we find vision in the less well-known stories of ordinary people, some of whom we may know. This week, Project Compassion shares with us the story of young Sisilia who lives in a remote part of northern Tanzania. Her father died when she was young, and her family has faced enormous difficulty. "Life is hard", she says as an understatement. Your help has enabled her village to gain access to a reliable supply of safe water. What has this got to do with education? The time that Sisilia spent walking three times a day for water was having a major impact on her schooling. She now has a vision for life, one she shares with her community.

In today's readings, we hear about vision. In the book of Genesis, Abram leaves his country, his family and his father's house. He may not know quite what will happen, but he puts his faith in a call that will lead to

life and abundance. He does not have a map, but he does have a vision.

We hear in the Gospel that Jesus took his closest friends to the top of a high mountain. His face shone like the sun and became "as white as the light". A voice from heaven said, "this is my beloved son; listen to him". Peter said how wonderful it was to be there, and he wanted to build a tent so they could stay. But vision is always on the move and Jesus knew that he and his friends had a hard road ahead. The transfiguration may have only lasted a few minutes, but it was clear that Jesus' friends never forgot it. Every year, we hear this story near the start of Lent because we, too, need to be inspired.

During Lent, we are also called to transfigure the world, to make a difference by uniting against poverty.

(Project Compassion, Parish Booklet, 2026)



INVITATION

A celebration for the entire Archdiocese

Archbishop Shane Mackinlay invites you to the annual, CHRISM MASS, to be held on, **Thursday, 26 March 2026** at 7.00pm, at the Cathedral of Saint Stephen, 249 Elizabeth Street, Brisbane.

All Welcome. The undercover carpark will be available from 6.00pm



Holy Mary pray for us



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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; Aaron Sutton;
Kai Vera; Judith Wessling.

and recently deceased:

Carol Muller (Castra).

World Day of Prayer 2026

Join our local prayer service
focused on Nigeria

Date and Time: **6 March** at 9.30am

Venue: **Church of Christ, Murgon**

Address: 20 Thorn Street, Murgon

Contact: Elaine Thompson

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Could you please advise if you can
attend (catering) and if you can
participate in the readings.

WDOP will also be celebrated

on 6 March at the **Baptist Church,**

Cnr Scott and Cadell Streets,

Wondai. Morning Tea at 9.30am,
followed by Service at 10.00am.

Collections 21/22 February 2026

Murgon \$517.75

Wondai..... \$113.50

Proston..... \$99.00

Total:.....\$730.25