

# 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!*



The drama of Jesus and the Samaritan woman at the well shows how one person's conversion in conversation with Jesus foreshadows and indeed leads to a world-wide outreach of salvation. (Fr Brendan Byrne SJ, *Australian Catholics*)

## 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**



## Regular weekend Mass schedule during the remainder of Lent

### 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

## Mass times for Holy Week

### Palm Sunday - 28 /29 March

#### **Murgon Parish**

Saturday, 9.00am, Proston  
Saturday, 5.00pm, Wondai  
Sunday, 8.00am, Murgon

#### **Gayndah Parish**

Sunday, 10.30am, Gayndah  
Sunday, 10.30am, Mundubbera  
Sunday, 2.30pm, Eidsvold

### Holy Week - 2, 3, 4 and 5/April

#### **Murgon Parish**

Holy Thursday (2 April) 9.00am, Murgon  
Holy Thursday (2 April) 9.00am, Castra  
Good Friday (3 April) 10.00am, Wondai  
Good Friday (3 April) 3.00pm, Murgon  
**Easter Vigil** (4 April) 5.00pm, Wondai  
**Easter Sunday** (5 April), 8.00am, Murgon

#### **Gayndah Parish**

Holy Thursday (2 April) 7.00pm, Gayndah  
Good Friday (3 April) 10.00am, Gayndah  
Good Friday (3 April) 3.00pm, Gayndah  
**Easter Vigil** (4 April) 6.30pm, Gayndah  
**Easter Sunday** (5 April) 9.00am, Mundubbera

## Today's readings

Exodus 17: 3-7; Romans 5: 1-2, 5-8;  
John 4: 5-24

*Response:*

If today you hear his voice, harden  
not your hearts.

*Gospel Acclamation:*

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus  
Christ! Lord, you are truly the Saviour  
of the world; give me living water, that  
I may never thirst again. Glory and  
praise to you Lord Jesus Christ!



## Third Sunday of Lent

Every summer seems to get a little longer and a little hotter. We have all become conscious of issues surrounding water. Either there seems to be too much, as when we see summer floods or the rising sea levels in the Pacific. Other times, there seems to be too little water as when the rivers in our country run low or members of God's family around the world experience drought. Caritas Australia, through Project Compassion, has been responding to the dire needs of water justice in a range of vulnerable countries.

Today's readings may well cause us to reflect on the current state of God's creation. In the book of Exodus, we hear that people are complaining to Moses because they are dying of thirst. In the Gospel, Jesus meets a woman in a Samaritan town. She has come to draw water from the well in the hottest part of the day. In both cases, access to water is precarious. Yet God responds not only to a thirst for water but to a deeper thirst as well. Moses' people are thirsty for direction, leadership and hope. The woman in John's Gospel has a thirst for love and acceptance which, Jesus tells her, will come from within if she is able to accept him and his message of life. As the story unfolds, we learn of her loneliness and see her reconnecting with her community.

In reflecting on this story in 'Listening Together', Cardinal Radcliffe reminds us that Jesus' first

words are abrupt. 'Give me a drink.' He considers the times in John's Gospel when Jesus expresses thirst, including when he is on the cross. Radcliffe concludes that Jesus is thirsty on our behalf. He longs for our freedom.

Thirst is a great spiritual metaphor, one which Pope Leo XIV has used. But let's not forget the millions of people for whom physical water is a real challenge. This week, Project Compassion shares with us the story of Monoranjon, a farmer in Bangladesh whose family has been deeply impacted by environmental damage, specifically salination of soil and water. This beautiful story reminds us of the importance of meeting people, as Jesus did, at their place of greatest need.

Our thirst for freedom and justice enables us to *Unite Against Poverty*.

(Project Compassion, Parish Booklet, 2026)



Holy Mary  
pray for us



## 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



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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.



### Pope Leo on the events in Iran over the weekend:

"I am following with deep concern what is happening in the Middle East and in Iran during this tumultuous time. Stability and peace are not achieved through mutual threats, nor through the use of weapons, which sow destruction, suffering, and death, but only through reasonable, sincere, and responsible dialogue."

### Collections 28 Feb/1 March 2026

Murgon .....	\$575.30
Wondai.....	\$120.00
Proston.....	\$245.00
<b>Total: .....</b>	<b>\$940.30</b>