

St Joseph's Catholic Parish

Pentecost Sunday
Year A, 24 May, 2026

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



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



*"As the Father sent me,
so am I sending you."*

John 20: 19-23

Today, we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. We also celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit into our hearts at our Baptism and Confirmation. We have all received the Holy Spirit. As Saint Paul teaches in today's second reading, in the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as free, and the one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

In that reading Saint Paul goes on to say that there is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit. In other words, everyone receives the Holy Spirit but not everyone receives the same gifts from the Spirit. We each receive different gifts to help build up the body of working for the good of the whole body. The eyes see, the ears hear, the arms carry, the feet walk, the nose smells, and so on. Likewise, in the Christian community – the Body of Christ – we need different members with different gifts.

So each of us is given a particular manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. The gifts of the Holy Spirit should never be seen as a personal possession, or as a source of boasting or pride. They are given for the building up on the body of Christ. What gifts of the Holy Spirit do you have that you contribute the whole?

(God's Word, Daily Reflections 2026)

Celebrating the power and passion of volunteers

As National Volunteer Week (18-24 May) calls on Australians to make 2026 'Your Year to Volunteer', the Saint Vincent de Paul Society is celebrating the extraordinary contribution of its tens of thousands of volunteers while also highlighting a growing challenge; its volunteer numbers are declining, and the average age is rising.

The Society's National President Mark Gaetani said National Volunteer Week gives us pause to reflect on the place of individual relationships and community involvement in our Australian way of life.

"Volunteers are the lifeblood of the Society, but we are seeing fewer people stepping forward," he said.

"At the same time, the need for support has never been greater. What we've learned is that making a difference doesn't require a huge

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Weekend Mass Schedule

5th Sunday of Month - 30/31 May

Saturday, 9.00am, Proston
(Liturgy of the Word)
Saturday, 5.00pm, Wondai
Sunday, 8.00am, Murgon
Sunday, 10.30am, Gayndah
Sunday, 2.30pm, Eidsvold

1st Sunday of Month - 6/7 June

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

2nd Sunday of Month - 13/14 June

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 - 20/21 June

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

Today's readings

Acts 2: 1-11; Corinthians 12: 3-7, 12-13;
John 20: 19-23

Response:

Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia!

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commitment. Just two hours a week can mean a shared meal, a meaningful conversation, or a turning point for someone doing it tough.

“In less time than it takes to go see a movie, you can make a real difference in someone’s life – and your own.”

The Society relies on around 40,000 Members and volunteers across Australia to provide vital support, from helping in Vinnies Shops and visiting people experiencing hardship, to serving meals and supporting homelessness and community programs.

“Our volunteers come from all walks of life. One thing they have in common is a desire to share their time with other people in their community. Whether it is giving a hand up for their neighbours who need a listening ear or walking alongside those who are doing it tough today, we see a real joy from all those touched by volunteering,” Mr Gaetani said.

“Volunteering reflects our inherent need for friendship and connection within and across our diverse local communities. Volunteers are part of the fabric that help bind our national social cohesion at so many local levels.”

Mr Gaetani said the Society’s current volunteers are feeling stretched and would welcome an influx of fresh energy and new perspectives, particularly from younger Australians.

“Even a small commitment can have a lasting impact, not just for the people we assist, but for our volunteers themselves,” he said.

“As the cost of living continues to rise, more Australians are reaching out to the Society for help. That’s why we need more people to get involved, even in small ways.

“If you’ve been thinking about giving back, this is your moment; this is ‘your year to volunteer.’”

National Volunteer Week is an opportunity for individuals, families and workplaces to take that first step, whether by volunteering in a Vinnies Shop, joining a Vinnies Van, or connecting with a local Saint Vincent de Paul Society Conference.

To find out how to volunteer with the Society in your area, visit

vinnies.org.au/volunteer



Parish Sacramental Program 2026

The Parish of Saint Joseph warmly invites parents and guardians to take part in our upcoming Sacramental Program for children and families. This program supports families in preparing their children to receive the sacraments and to grow more deeply in their faith within the life of the Church.

The Sacramental Program sessions will continue on the following dates and time:

- Sunday, 31 May at 8.00am: Confirmation Mass at Saint Joseph’s Church, Murgon
- Sunday, 14 June at 8.00am: First Holy Communion Mass at Saint Joseph’s Church.

Afternoon tea will be provided.

For further information or to express interest, please contact the Parish Priest:

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We pray for those who are sick:

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

Mass Attendance Count

Every year, during the month of May an annual Mass attendance count is conducted across the Archdiocese of Brisbane. These figures help us to understand how many people are being reached in local communities, and across the whole Archdiocese. We ask that you assist Fr Mikhael to collect this information and record it on the provided forms.

Collections 9/10 May 2026

Murgon	\$515.55
Wondai.....	\$113.10
Goomeri.....	\$44.50
Proston.....	\$75.00
Total:.....	\$745.15

Collections 16/17 May 2026

Murgon	\$342.00
Wondai.....	\$335.00
Proston.....	\$30.00
Total:.....	\$707.00