

St Joseph's Catholic Parish

The Most Holy Trinity
Year A, 31 May, 2026

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



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



"As we marvel at the unconditional love of God we exclaim: Glory and praise forever!"

John 3: 16-18

Today's first reading is a very significant moment on the journey of the Israelites through the wilderness to the promised land. Early one morning Moses ascended a mist-laden mountain and there on the mountain, he came into the presence of God.

The God Moses met on the mountain was a God of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger and rich in kindness and fidelity. This was so different to the gods of other religions at that time who were seen by the people as tyrants to be placated, even with human sacrifice. In those religions everything was done to appease the gods to keep them happy. Another thing that the Israelites experienced on their long journey through the wilderness was that God was journeying with them. "Let my Lord come with us." Moses pleads. On our journey through life, we too can experience a Presence that defies definition walking with

us, a Presence that is benevolent and warm. We can experience the God of tenderness and compassion journeying with us. I remember once driving on my own from the west coast to the east coast of the United States, travelling through areas I had never been before. Reflecting on that trip afterwards, I realised that strangely I never felt alone. On reflection I became aware of a benevolent Presence with me every step of the way. I hope you may have had or will have similar experiences at some stage in your life, so that together we can exclaim: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

(God's Word, Daily Reflections 2026)



This weekend, Sunday, 31 May
at 8.00am we will celebrate a Confirmation Mass at Saint Joseph's Church, Murgon.

On Sunday, 14 June at 8.00am
we will celebrate a First Holy Communion Mass at Saint Joseph's Church, Murgon. Please join the celebrants and their families for Morning Tea in the hall after Mass.

Weekend Mass Schedule

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

4th Sunday of Month - 27/28 June

Saturday, 9.00am, Proston
(Liturgy of the Word)
Saturday, 5.00pm, Wondai
Sunday, 8.00am, Murgon
Sunday, 10.30am, Gayndah
Sunday, 6.00pm, Goomeri

Today's readings

Exodus 34: 4-6, 8-9;
Corinthians 13: 11-13, 12-13;
John 3: 16-18

Response:

Glory and praise for ever!

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; to God who is, who was, and who is to come. Alleluia!

Communion of Life and Love

Homily Notes by Fr Brendan Byrne SJ.

God's whole approach to the world is that of rescuing it from its bondage to sin and death in order to draw all human beings into the communion of life and love that is the Godhead. This is the work of the Son. The task of judgment, which more conventional religious expectation might see as belonging to God, is in fact brought 'down to earth'. Each one determines for himself or herself what their judgment will be precisely as they decide to accept or not accept the revelation of God as a God of love, that comes to us through Jesus.



Do you like to watch movies?

This movie is recommended by the Jesuit Communications staff and their film reviewers and can be seen on Netflix.

Peter Malone, Film reviewer

TRAIN DREAMS. A humane film about an ordinary American, Robert Granier, from his birth in the 1880s to his death in the 1960s, an extraordinary span of change. In most ways, he lived 'an unremarkable life'. A boy, living in a small town, nothing particularly much happening. By 30, he is working as a logger, just one of the silent types, dedicated to their work. He is played by Australian Joel Edgerton, a fine performance. He encounters Gladys (Felicity Jones), marries, builds a house, becomes a father to a daughter, joy for them

both. The film moves at a measured pace, offering the audience a lot of time for reflection, opportunities for a ruminative response, moments that could lead to meditation on life and its meaning. Finally, he ventures into the city, the 1960s, space exploration – and the offer of a ride in a small plane, to see the world from a bird's point of view, but an exhilarating experience which brings back memories of his unremarkable but humanely ordinary life.

(You can read more movie reviews on the Australian Catholics website under this link <https://www.australiancatholics.com.au/article/magic-of-stories>)

Eternal Trinity

(Real life stories, collected by the Carmelite Sisters)

Echoes from the Past

Eternal Trinity... I have seen that I am your image; this is a gift that I receive from you in your power, eternal Father, and in your wisdom, which is attributed to your only begotten Son. The Holy Spirit who proceeds from you, Father, and from your Son has prepared me, giving me a will to love you. Eternal Trinity, you are the Creator, I the creature. I have come to know, in the new creation you made of me in the blood of your Son, that you are in love with the beauty of your creature.

St Catherine of Siena (c.1347-1380)

Hail, Mary, full of grace; the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.



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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.

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



Safeguarding

If you have experienced abuse or misconduct, you can ring the help line, 1300 304 550. Information can be shared anonymously.

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