

Christmas Day

Year B, 25 December, 2008

Isaiah 52:7-10, Hebrews 1:1-6

John 1:1-18 Luke 2:15-20

PSALM Ps 97:1-6

Response:

All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! A holy day has dawned upon us. Come, you nations and adore the Lord. Today a great light has come upon the earth. Alleluia!

For those who are sick: Vernon Beattie; Anne Boyle; Andrew Butwell; Melissa Christou; Patrick Connell; Wendy Cooley; Helen Cornish; Bevan Costello (Jnr); Mavis Curran; Jack Dreezen; Anne Duff; Donald Farnham; Mick Geary; Nancy Golding; May Gray; Verna Heidemann; Joyce Heit; Paul Hick; Phyllis Hoare; Pam Jarvis; Mary Ketelhohn; Allan Kidd; Diane Little; Kevin Lynch; Mary McCallum; Dennis McClurg; Patricia Mearns; Dale Oberle; Eileen O'Sullivan; Teagan O'Sullivan; Claire Pott; John Potter; Anne Power; Nancy Puie; Morrie Pyke; Peggy Quinn; Rosa Scafina; Colin Schmidt; Colin Schultz; Martha Sleky; Margaret Todd; Andrea Uren; Christopher Voigt; Clare Ward; Brian Ward; Florence Watts; Harold Watts; Norma Wex; Irene White; Betty Williams; Elizabeth Winters.

(Please contact us when you feel that it is appropriate to remove a name from our list.)

ROSTERS	Murgon 6:00pm, Saturday, 27/12/08, Holy Family	Wondai 7:30am, Sunday, 28/12/08, Holy Family
Leader:	S Hickey	F Hutton
Readers:	S Hickey, K Thompson	F Hutton, M Burns
Euch Mins:	M Hunt, R Dieckmann	C Burns, D Boge
Servers:	C Voigt	D. Ceremonia, B McDowell
Cleaner:	M & N Hunt	P & L Schuh



The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Penance)

Parishioners and visitors may avail themselves to receive this Sacrament before or after any Parish Mass (time permitting), or at any other mutually convenient time by appointment. Simply ask Father to hear your Confession, and he will be most happy to oblige.

IN A NUTSHELL

A light has shone on us this day, the Lord is born for us! This day reveals the baby Jesus, born in a stable and greeted by humble shepherds. The wonder of it fills our hearts with joy as we try to comprehend that this child is Emmanuel, God with us. He makes himself small and weak so that we can reach out to him with love and tenderness.

NEXT WEEK

**Holy Family
Year B, 28 December 2008**

Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3 A son promised
Hebrews 11:8.11-12.17-19 Lives of faith
Luke 2:22-40 Child of God



St Joseph's Catholic Parish

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Dear parishioners,

May I wish you and your families, a very happy, holy and safe Christmas and a prosperous new year!

God bless!

Fr Dan



**Year of St Paul Prayer
(29 June 2008-2009)**

Lord, God,
you taught the Gospel to the whole world
by the preaching of the apostle Paul;
ignite in us that fire of love
which inflamed his heart
to bear zealous witness before the world
to Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Priest: Saints Peter and Paul.

Response: Pray for us.

SUMMER MASS SCHEDULE

- Every Saturday**, Proston 9:00am
- Every Saturday**, Murgon 6:00pm
- Every Sunday**, Wondai 7:30am
- 1st Sunday**, Cherbourg 9:30am
- 2nd Sunday**, Durong 10:00am
- 3rd Sunday**, Goomeri 9:30am
- 4th Sunday**, Proston 9:30am

Confused about where Mass is this coming weekend?

Mass times phone: 4168 1406
or visit our website at

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PARISH DIARY

Saturday 27/12/08 (Holy Family)

Vigil Mass – 6:00pm, Murgon

Sunday 28/12/08 (Holy Family)

Mass – 7:30am, Wondai

Mass – 9:30am, Proston

Thursday, 1/1/09

(Mary Mother of God)

Solemnity Mass – 9:00am, Murgon

Parish Sacramental Programmes

Murgon Parish offers parishioners the opportunity to enrol their eligible children in the First Holy Communion and Confirmation Programme and the First Reconciliation Programme each year.



To be eligible to enrol in the **First Reconciliation Programme**, the candidate must be in Year 3 or have already completed Year 3 of Primary School. The Enrolment Evening for this programme will be **Wednesday, 15 July 2009 (7:00pm)**. If you would like to enrol your child in this course, please put this date claimer in your diary.

To be eligible to enrol in the **First Holy Communion and Confirmation Programme**, the candidate must have already made their First Reconciliation. The Enrolment Evening for Holy Communion and Confirmation Programme will be **Wednesday, 4 March 2009 (7:00pm)**. If you would like to enrol your child in this course, please put this date claimer in your diary.

Christmas spirit

(Real life stories, in people's own words, collected by the Carmelite Sisters)

Last year I wanted to stay alone on Christmas Eve because I can't stand meals where we eat too much and meet too many people. I like being alone, eating what is good for me, and doing what I like to do to prepare my heart for the coming of Our Lord.

It was a very prayerful evening. At 11:15 p.m. on TV there was a Protestant service from a poor parish, and the pastor told very moving stories. Midnight Mass from the Catholic Cathedral followed. It was beautiful. On Christmas morning there was another beautiful televised Mass and the Pope's blessing from Rome. TV is wonderful for people who can receive it in their own language when they have difficulties understanding the language of the country where they live.

In the evening, my neighbours came to invite me to have a glass of wine with them. I followed them upstairs. They had been in our building since June and we had never talked before. They come from Russia. She is a doctor in Mathematics; he is a doctor in Economics, working for a big bank. They were expecting their first child, a baby boy due in three months. She had prepared small thin pancakes instead of bread, with yellow caviar and cheese, to have with a bottle of good French wine. I had never eaten that in my life.

After two hours of deep conversation about God and Orthodoxy and Catholicism and Protestantism, and life as

a foreigner in a new country, and about their families and life in Moscow, he said he would like to have a cup of hot chocolate. She said, 'Sorry, I haven't any milk.'

So I went to my flat and brought some milk and she made three cups of hot chocolate – to eat with a spoon – delicious, with cocoa, butter, egg, and milk. We talked until 11:30 p.m.!



YOU WILL KNOW THAT
THE LORD IS COMING
TO SAVE US AND IN
THE MORNING YOU
WILL SEE HIS GLORY.

Awesome!

Echoes of the Past

It is awesome when we think of it – it is enough to make us weep with admiration and thanksgiving – that a poor little human creature, our sister human being, had the tremendous honour of forming a body and bringing God into the world. She received him, she guarded him, she enclosed him in the humble, narrow limits of her own body. What a privilege! The creator of the world called her "Mama." She held him in her arms and cradled him at her breast. *Père Jacques (1900-1945)*

*A light will shine on us this day:
the Lord is born for us.*

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An invitation to all parishioners, If you have any issues or concerns that, as a parishioner, you would want raised and dealt with by the Parish, please feel free to approach one of the Committee members named hereunder or myself with your issue and concern. Fr. Dan Redhead PP.

Parish Pastoral Councilors:

Murgon: Fr. Dan Redhead (ex officio), Br Daniel Hollamby (ex officio), Shirley Hickey (Deputy Chairperson), Marcia Hunt, Christopher Voigt (Chairperson).

Wondai: Margaret Hobbs (Secretary).

Parish Finance Committee Members:

Murgon: Earl Pratt (Chairperson), Kathy Thompson (Secretary), Leann Burgess (Deputy Chairperson), Alan Fowler, Chris Grant, Neville Hunt, Br Daniel Hollamby (ex officio), Fr. Dan Redhead (ex officio).

Parish Hall Management Committee:

Murgon: Alan Fowler (Chairperson), Jan Barsby, Elaine Thompson, Shirley Hickey, Fr. Dan Redhead (ex officio).

Bingo Management Committee:

Murgon: Alan Fowler (Chairperson), Jan Barsby, Karen Houldsworth (Coordinator) (ex officio), Fr. Dan Redhead (ex officio).

St Joseph's Parish is part of the Brisbane Roman Catholic Archdiocese. Archbishop John Bathersby, Assistant Bishops Brian and Joseph.

