

# 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Year C

## 2 March 2025



**St Patrick's Parish**  
*Gympie and Surrounds*

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## Our Vision

St Patrick's Parish dream is to be a parish where families, and all people, are invited into the full life of our parish.

We aspire to be a parish that is an authentic, faith-nurturing community, where all are welcomed.

We hope to be a parish which is positively open to change and filled with gratitude and hope as we look to the future.

## Our Mission

We are a community of disciples formed by our encounter with Jesus, living and sharing the Gospel and welcoming all.



### **Acknowledgement of Country**

The community of St Patrick's Gympie and surrounds acknowledges the traditional custodians of the land on which our parish stands and all other peoples who have made this land home.

We pay our respects to the Gubbi Gubbi people especially the elders past, present and emerging.

# Safeguarding

The Archdiocese has zero tolerance for all forms of abuse and is committed to safeguarding everyone involved in its activities, ministries and services. The safety and wellbeing of children and adults-at-risk is paramount.

<https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/safeguarding>

**Local Safeguarding Representative;** Mr Ian Laherty  
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# Celebration of the Word

## **Greeting**

In the name of the Father, and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

## **Amen.**

Blessed be God,  
who enables us, through the Spirit,  
Bless the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

## **Blessed be God for ever.**

## **Introductory Remarks**

Today, we, the people of God,  
gather to hear and respond to God's word,  
to return praise and thanks.

## **Opening Rite**

Before listening to the word,  
let us praise the Lord Jesus Christ.

Lord Jesus, you were sent to heal the contrite:  
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

You came to call sinners:  
Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

You plead for us at the right hand of the Father:  
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.



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### **Collect**

Let us pray.

Grant us, O Lord, we pray,  
that the course of our world  
may be directed by your peaceful rule  
and that your Church may rejoice,  
untroubled in her devotion.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

### **THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

Procession of the Word of God  
May the Word of God always be heard in this place,  
as it unfolds the mystery of Christ before us  
and achieves our salvation within the Church.

### **First Reading**

Sirach 27:4-7

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

*Do not praise someone before they have spoken.*

In a shaken sieve the rubbish is left behind,  
so too the defects of a man appear in his talk.  
The kiln tests the work of the potter,  
the test of a man is in his conversation.  
The orchard where the tree grows is judged on the quality of its fruit,  
similarly a man's words betray what he feels.  
Do not praise a man before he has spoken,  
since this is the test of men.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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## Responsorial Psalm

Ps 91:2-3, 13-16

**R.** Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

It is good to give thanks to the Lord  
to make music to your name, O Most High,  
to proclaim your love in the morning  
and your truth in the watches of the night. **R.**

The just will flourish like the palm-tree  
and grow like a Lebanon cedar. **R.**

Planted in the house of the Lord  
they will flourish in the courts of our God,  
still bearing fruit when they are old,  
still full of sap, still green,  
to proclaim that the Lord is just.  
In him, my rock, there is no wrong. **R.**

## Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:54-58

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

*Victory has been given to us through Jesus Christ.*

When this perishable nature has put on imperishability, and when this mortal nature has put on immortality, then the words of scripture will come true: Death is swallowed up in victory. Death, where is your victory? Death, where is your sting? Now the sting of death is sin, and sin gets its power from the Law. So let us thank God for giving us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Never give in then, my dear brothers, never admit defeat; keep on working at the Lord's work always, knowing that, in the Lord, you cannot be labouring in vain.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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## **Gospel Acclamation**

Philippians 2:15-16

Alleluia, alleluia!

Shine on the world like bright stars;

you are offering it the word of life.

Alleluia!

## **Gospel**

Luke 6:39-45

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*A person speaks from what is in his heart.*

Jesus told a parable to his disciples, 'Can one blind man guide another? Surely both will fall into a pit? The disciple is not superior to his teacher; the fully trained disciple will always be like his teacher. Why do you observe the splinter in your brother's eye and never notice the plank in your own? How can you say to your brother, "Brother, let me take out the splinter that is in your eye," when you cannot see the plank in your own? Hypocrite! Take the plank out of your own eye first, and then you will see clearly enough to take out the splinter that is in your brother's eye.

'There is no sound tree that produces rotten fruit, nor again a rotten tree that produces sound fruit. For every tree can be told by its own fruit: people do not pick figs from thorns, nor gather grapes from brambles. A good man draws what is good from the store of goodness in his heart; a bad man draws what is bad from the store of badness. For a man's words flow out of what fills his heart.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## ***REFLECTION - by Nick Brodie — Liturgy Help***

To go beyond instinct, to go beyond hatred,' Pope Francis suggests, is fundamental. However bad it gets, Jesus calls on us to see those who wrong us as God sees them: as creatures loved into existence, still capable of good.

Understandably, we find this challenging. But, as the Pope points out, Jesus faced such situations himself and shows us what turning the cheek really means.



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By not trading strike for strike, Jesus avoids becoming like those who struck him in the first place. Jesus does not give in to injustice. Rather, he reveals it.

During his Passion, as the Pope explains, Jesus ‘asks for an account of the wrong done to him.’ He calls it out, gently but firmly. ‘With his question,’ the Pope affirms, ‘Jesus denounces what is unjust. But he does so without anger, without violence, indeed *with kindness*.’

In any conflict, whether personal or international, we are therefore called to unmask the absurdity of hatred by being the ‘one who has a greater inner strength,’ to use our voice rather than fists, or gestures rather than words.

Ultimately, as the Pope declares: ‘Turning the other cheek does not have to mean suffering in silence, giving in to injustice.’ It means transforming the moment to bring light to the darkness.

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### **Profession of Faith**

In union with the whole Church, let us profess our faith.

**I believe in one God,  
the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.  
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the Only Begotten Son of God,  
born of the Father before all ages.  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,**

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*At the words that follow, up to and including 'and became man', all bow.*

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,  
and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,  
he suffered death and was buried,  
and rose again on the third day  
in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead  
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins  
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### **Prayer of the Faithful**

*Presider:* United with Christ we make our prayers to God our Father in his name.

For peace, that world leaders will work together to diffuse tensions and resolve  
conflict through negotiation. **Lord, hear us**

For small nations under threat of domination by strong neighbouring states, that  
their political and cultural autonomy will be protected. **Lord, hear us**

For families living in dire poverty, that they will receive generous help from those  
who have been blessed with an abundance of material possession. **Lord, hear us**

We pray for the faith to see the whole world with the eyes of love, just as God does.  
As we prepare for Lent in the Year of Jubilee, may we open our eyes to the reality of  
the whole word and respond with compassionate hearts. We pray that Project  
Compassion will inspire us to Unite Against Poverty. **Lord, hear us**

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For young Indigenous Australians, that the despair that drives them to take their own lives will be replaced by a new sense of belonging. **Lord, hear us**

For ourselves, that we will turn away from being hypocritical and judgmental and undertake a renewal of heart and mind. **Lord, hear us**

For all who have died, Fr Leo Burke, that they may share in Christ's defeat of death and be clothed in the new life of the resurrection, and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, Trevor Newey. **Lord, hear us**

*Presider:* God of life, hear these prayers of intercession. Let your mercy flow in abundance upon all who are in need. We make our prayers through Christ, the risen Lord. **Amen**

### **Proclamation of Praise**

My soul glorifies the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God, my Saviour.  
He looks on his servant in her nothingness;  
henceforth all ages will call me blessed.  
The Almighty works marvels for me.  
Holy his name!  
His mercy is from age to age,  
on those who fear him.  
He puts forth his arm in strength  
and scatters the proud-hearted.  
He casts the mighty from their thrones  
and raises the lowly.  
He fills the starving with good things,  
sends the rich away empty.  
He protects Israel, his servant,  
remembering his mercy,  
the mercy promised to our fathers,  
to Abraham and his sons forever.

### **Lord's Prayer**

At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

**Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;**

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**thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us,  
and lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.**

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,  
graciously grant peace in our days,  
that, by the help of your mercy,  
we may be always free from sin  
and safe from all distress,  
as we await the blessed hope  
and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

**For the kingdom,  
the power and the glory are yours  
now and for ever.**

**Sign of Peace**

Let us seal our prayer with a sign of fellowship  
as we offer one another a sign of peace.

**Spiritual Communion**

Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.  
I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.  
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my heart.  
I embrace You as if You were already there  
and unite myself wholly to You.  
Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

**THE CONCLUDING RITES**

**Blessing**

May the God of hope fill us with every joy in believing.  
May the peace of Christ abound in our hearts.  
May the Holy Spirit enrich us with his gifts,  
now and for ever.

Amen.

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## Dismissal

Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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## 2025 Jubilee Year of Hope



“Everyone knows what it is to hope,” said Pope Francis. “In the heart of each person, hope dwells as the desire and expectation of good things to come, despite our not knowing what the future may bring. Even so, uncertainty about the future may at times give rise to conflicting feelings, ranging from confident trust to apprehensiveness, from serenity to anxiety, from firm conviction to hesitation and doubt. Often we come across people who are discouraged, pessimistic and cynical about the future, as if nothing could possibly bring them happiness.

“For all of us, may the Jubilee be an opportunity to be renewed in hope. God’s word helps us find reasons for that hope. Taking it as our guide, let us return to the message that the Apostle Paul wished to communicate to the Christians of Rome,” continued the pope.

The Year of Jubilee follows the Year of Prayer in 2024, which was [declared by the pope on Jan. 21](#). Since then, Pope Francis has urged the faithful to pray for peace, especially amidst the wars in Ukraine, Israel, and Palestine. The Dicastery for Evangelization [released a free “Teach Us to pray” guidebook](#) for the Catholic faithful.

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## Webcast Celebrations of the Eucharist

**ST PATRICK'S** Sunday 9.00 am. Live stream:

1. go to the Gympie Parish website – [www.stpatsgympie.net.au](http://www.stpatsgympie.net.au)
2. click on Live Stream button it will redirect you to our Facebook page.
3. If our logo picture is in a red circle click on the logo and it will open the livestream video to watch.

**CATHEDRAL OF ST STEPHEN** Live stream.

<https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/multimedia/on-demand-web-casts/>

Monday to Friday Masses: 8.00am

Sunday: 8.00 am and 10.00 am

**MASS ON TV**      Channel 10  
6 am each Sunday





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## Parish Staff

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**Finance Council** Mr Ken Garner

**Principal St Patrick's Primary** Mrs Petrea Hass

**St Patrick's College** Mr Mark Newton

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## Parish Office Hours

|           |                 |
|-----------|-----------------|
| Monday    | 8:30am – 1:00pm |
| Tuesday   | 8:30am – 1:00pm |
| Wednesday | 8:30am – 1:00pm |
| Thursday  | 8:30am – 1:00pm |
| Friday    | 8:30am – 1:00pm |

**Please Note:** The office phone will not be attended between 8.30 am to 9.30 am each Thursday as we hold a staff meeting at this time. Please leave a message and we will return your call.

## Schedule – All Mass Centres

### Sunday Mass

| DAY      | WEEK 1  | WEEK 2 & 5          | WEEK 3                | WEEK 4                  |
|----------|---|---------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| Saturday | Gympie 9:00am<br>Healing Mass<br><br>Tin Can Bay<br>5.00 pm | Kandanga<br>5.00 pm | Widgee<br>5.00 pm     | Tin Can Bay<br>5.00 pm  |
| Sunday   | Rainbow Beach<br>6:30 am                                    | Gunalda<br>7:00 am  | Tin Can Bay<br>7:00am | Rainbow Beach<br>6:30am |
| Sunday   | Gympie<br>9.00 am   | Gympie<br>9.00 am   | Gympie<br>9.00 am     | Gympie<br>9.00 am       |
| Sunday   | Gympie<br>5.30 pm   | Gympie<br>5.30 pm   | Gympie<br>5.30 pm     | Gympie<br>5.30 pm       |

*Tin Can Bay Church: The Anglican community celebrate on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Sundays 7.30 am*

### Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion

| DAY      | WEEK 1            | WEEK 2                     | WEEK 3            | WEEK 4            | WEEK 5                |
|----------|-------------------|----------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| Saturday |                   | Tin Can Bay<br>5:00pm      |                   |                   | Tin Can Bay<br>5:00pm |
| Sunday   | Gunalda<br>7:00am | Rainbow<br>Beach<br>6:30am | Gunalda<br>7:00am | Gunalda<br>7:00am |                       |

## Gympie Sunday Ministry Roster

09/03/2025

|                    | 9:00am  | 5:30pm                      |
|--------------------|---|-----------------------------|
| Welcomer           | M Green   | J O'Shea                    |
| Commentator        | C Cash  | C Johnston                  |
| Reader 1           | S O'Brien   | P Hass                      |
| Reader 2           | M Ryan  | I Rodrigues                 |
| Communion Minister | L Newey, I Laherty,<br>D Liedel, <b>Volunteer x 2</b> | J O'Shea, E Sheilds, B Doak |
| Power Point        | M & M Lausa   | N Gruar                     |
| Morning Tea        | <b>All Stars</b>                                      |                             |

**Morning Tea is provided in Parish Centre after 9:00am Mass. All Welcome**

### Celebrations of the Eucharist:

#### St Patrick's Gympie:



St Patrick's Parish  
*Gympie and Surrounds*

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|-----------|--|
| Sunday    | 9:00 am (live-streamed mass).<br>5:30 pm |
| Monday    | 7:30 am                                  |
| Tuesday   | 9:00 am                                  |
| Wednesday | 5:30 pm                                  |
| Thursday  | 7:00 am                                  |
| Friday    | 5:30 pm                                  |



Have you gone *online* and become a registered member of our Parish? All parishioners are invited to register using **Flocknote**, our new, church designed, Australia wide data programme. There are three ways for you to register.

By simply using your phone and this QR code it will take you directly to the parish sign up page. You will receive a emailed confirmation code which will allow you to securely enter your family details.



Alternatively, when you are sitting in front of your computer follow this link:

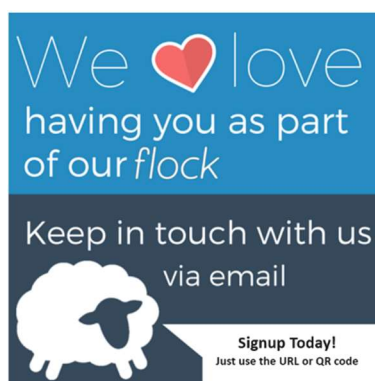
<https://stpatsgympie.flocknote.com/register> and it will also take you to our Parish data page. Feedback tells us that it is an easy process when you are sitting in front of your computer!

If you haven't got a computer or if you have tried and technology has beaten you, then at the entrance to the church you will discover a hard copy of the registration form – please complete it and return it to the parish so that we can register you.

**Finally**, if you are having trouble or if you have any suggestions please send us a email [gympie@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:gympie@bne.catholic.net.au) or pop into the Parish Office so we can assist you.

***Thanks for registering!***

***Thanks for being a part of our Parish Family!***



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## Prayers for the Sick

Your prayers are asked for Bob Johnson, Derek Hume, Val Neal, Barbara Reed, David Hamilton, Br Leo Massingham, Ros, John and Lauren Nimmo, Ronelle Asher, Edna O'Brien, Julie Wong, Shaun Kelly, Shirley Bishop, Phillip McGrath, Ena Hehir, Stefan Simonis, Steve Craddock, Charmaine Eva Brown, Terry McKean, Michelle Herwin (Daughter of Kathy & Peter Sproxton), Joan Gracie, Mark Excel Japo SarSaba, Anita Barnes, Adam Asher, Robert Long, Maria Rankin, Robert Baker, Peter Doherty, Noela McCullough, Valmai Alexander, Zara Craddock, Francesca Lawrie (daughter of Suzanne Nistico), Brian Smith, Kellie Williams, Michelle Connell, Lillian Rouse, Mark Thompson, Brett Argar, Maree Walker, Dot & John McCabe, Colin Willison, Judy Garner, Joe Costello, Colleen Raines, Arthur Walker (Diane Dillon's parents) Archie & Veronica Murdoch, Lorraine Pincus, Dianne Comerford-Prime, Gerard Wheeler, Lloyd Ruhle, Kathy Sproxton, Pam Dorman, Wendy Wright, Salvatore Lattuca, Suzanne Atkinson and Bonnie Pearce, Jean O'Brien, Timothy O'Shea, Hermosa Miria Arguilles, Maureen Hillcoat, Stefan Kirkmayer, Helen (Mon's Mum), Darryl Oliver, Karyn Hackney-English, Janet Paulger, John Coombes, Noel Wright, Denise Bigger, Jorse & Feme Mosquida, John & Lucitte Saum, Marian Quinlan Curtin, Tyrell McGrath, John Curtin, Matthew Inglis, Elica Murdoch, Jill O'Brien, Jim Sheil, Pacita Jowier, Meg & Dave Connors, Steven Verity, Margurite Green, Tony Miller, Dave Gruar.

**Prayer:** Lord Jesus, who went about doing good and healing all, we ask You to bless our friends who are sick. Give them the strength in body, courage in spirit, and patience in pain. May they recover their health, so that, restored to the parish community, they may joyfully praise Your Name, for You live and reign forever and ever. Amen.

*(If you would like your loved one prayed for or taken off the list, please let us know so we can add or delete them to the list above.)*



## For the Deceased

Let us remember in our prayers those loved ones who have died recently, Fr Leo Burke and those whose anniversaries fall around this time, Trevor Newey. May the faithful departed rejoice to see the face of their Saviour.

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# Financial Support of the Parish

Your financial support of the Gympie Parish is always appreciated and much needed.

## Ways to financially support your parish:

**Direct debit** is the preferred way to support your parish. Direct debits can be deposited into the parish account;

### Bank details

Account name - St Patrick's Parish

BSB - 064-786

Account number – 1000 17636

Reference—Name/collections

### EFTPOS – Tap and Go

We now have Tap and Go at the back of the church.

**Parish Giving App** To use the Parish Giving App click onto the QR Code and follow the instruction to make payment.



**Cash/Envelopes** If you wish to use envelopes, please contact the office on 5490 6880. Place your cash/envelopes on either the first or second collection plate.

### Make A Bequest

Many of the church facilities we enjoy today were funded by people generously assisting the parish by making a bequest in their Will. If you would like to make a bequest in your Will, please contact the parish office and we can provide assistance with this.



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## Containers for Change

We would love to have your unwanted cans and bottles that are supported by the containers for change recycle scheme. The money collected from these donations will help aid sending the younger parishioners to church events.

Simply return your containers to the Containers for change refund points at:

Return-It Glanmire  
Shed 4,  
4 Smith Street  
Glanmire QLD 4570

Return-It Araluen  
5 Groves Road  
GYMPIE QLD 4570

Please quote member number **C11306796**



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# Groups

## Lion's International

### Community Morning Tea.



Where: The Senior Citizens Centre  
When: The second Thursday of every month  
Date: **13 March 2025**  
Time: 10:00am to 11:30am  
Cost: \$5.00 includes morning tea and lucky door prize

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## Men's Afternoon

Men's afternoon meets the 4th Thursday of every month.

Where: Parish Centre  
When: **28 March 2025**  
Time: 12:30pm to 2:30pm

All welcome to come along for a chat, a beer, a coffee, a few jokes and a quiz.

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## Alcoholics Anonymous

AA meetings are held every Saturday in the Parish Centre  
from 4:30pm to 6:30pm.

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# Ministers for Sunday Masses at St Patrick's

Our celebrations need more welcomers, readers, commentators, communion ministers, musicians (every instrument) & singers. Fr Rafal is scouting to see who can take part. You do not need to wait to be asked. If you are willing let them know, or phone the office.

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## Communion Minister to the Sick

We are looking for volunteers to help give communion to the sick. If you are able to help, please phone the office on 5490 6880.

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## Heavenly Music

Sing to the Mountains! We're calling all singers and musicians of the Parish to join in our 9am choir. If you can sing, come along. If you can only sing a little, come along. All are welcome. Practice is Sunday Morning at 8:20 in the Parish Centre.

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## Welcomers, Readers and Special Ministers

We desperately need people to become Readers, Special Minister etc for the 5.30pm masses. If you are interested please call the office on 5490 6880.

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## Piety Store

If you would like the opportunity to volunteer in the Piety store on Sunday Morning before and after Mass or on Sunday Evening before Mass please contact the parish office as your assistance would be greatly appreciated.

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# Sacraments

## RCIA Journey

Anyone interested in knowing more about the Catholic faith and seeing what happens on the journey is asked to contact the Parish office on 5490 6880.

## Baptism

If you would like more information on baptism please call the office on 5490 6880 or email us on [gympie@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:gympie@bne.catholic.net.au)



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## A Vocation View

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Jesus leads where we need to go. Do not close your eyes, ears or heart to Jesus' plan for your life.



**Scan the QR code** to find out more, or call 1300 133 544

[www.vocationbrisbane.com](http://www.vocationbrisbane.com)

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# An Atmosphere of Prayer and Communion

The building we gather in for Eucharist is correctly called the house of the Church. It is the house where we, the faithful, gather. The building is important because of the people.

Preparing for Eucharist will differ for each person. Preparing the readings before coming is an excellent practice to adopt. Once in the house with our companion missionary disciples, time spent praying for those who will celebrate the Eucharist with you, for the ministers, the presider is time well spent.

How we pray also differs from person to person. Some join with friends to pray a decade of the rosary, the glorious mysteries. Others quietly reread the scriptures on the newsletter. Others prefer to be present to God in silence.

Many have not seen each other since last Sunday and so will warmly greet them and exchange some news.

We experience silence, group prayer and conversation. While silence is the most important activity, we can accommodate the other activities dear to people. With this in mind, I ask that conversations are moderate and held with a sensitivity to the brothers and sisters with you. Those praying the glorious mysteries, I ask that in St Patrick's you begin 45 minutes before the beginning of mass (8.15 in the morning and 4.45 in the afternoon).

Our overriding concern is that we do all we can to allow us as a community and as individuals to drink deeply all that Our Lord offers us while we are together.

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# Missions



## Project Compassion Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> of March 2025

This Lent, we are called to *Unite Against Poverty* through Caritas Australia's Project Compassion. By taking home a Project Compassion donation box or envelope, you'll be answering the Gospels' call to care for our global family and walk alongside the most vulnerable.

Your generous support this Lenten season will enable Caritas Australia to provide life-changing support to communities facing poverty, food insecurity, lack of education, and water shortages, while building resilience against future challenges. Together, through faith and action, we can bring compassion and opportunity to those most in need.



**Please donate today.**

You can support Project Compassion 2025 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code above.

Or online at: [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](https://caritas.org.au/project-compassion)

Or by calling: 1800 024 413

Thank you for standing with us, as we *Unite Against Poverty this Lent*.



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# Palms Australia

If you would like to assist or learn more about Palms Australia please call 02 9560 533 or 0422 472 567, or visit their website - [www.palms.org.au](http://www.palms.org.au).



Scan this QR code to see  
requests for teachers abroad  
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Si', Pope Francis has now established the Laudato Si' Action Platform with its 7 Goals for 7 sectors over 7 years.

Our Australian Bishops Social Justice Statement 2021-22, 'Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor' reinforces the call to care for all creation and invites us to join them in taking action and committing to the Laudato Si goals.

Catholic Earthcare Australia has made it easy for parishes & families to take up the Bishops' invitation by developing a process to assist you on the journey towards these 7 goals and to becoming living Laudato Si' communities. Become a Catholic Earthcare Parish/Family at <https://catholicearthcare.org.au>



## Volunteers needed for Centacare Transport Gympie

Centacare Community Services being a social services agency of the Archdiocese of Brisbane, run a friendly Transport Service in the Gympie Region for local vulnerable and isolated people for community access to medical appointments, shopping and social support. Drivers and Driver Support people are particularly in demand at present. Should you be interested please contact Transport Administration Officer, Veronica Murfitt on 07 5430 9365 or email [veronica.murfitt@bne.centacare.net.au](mailto:veronica.murfitt@bne.centacare.net.au).

## Aid to the Church



One of the major works of *Aid to the Church in Need* is providing transport to priests, sisters, and catechists to reach the faithful, who are often at great distances and must go through difficult terrain. In 2022, ACN provided 1,253 pastoral vehicles. This included 564 cars, 406 bicycles, 252 motorcycles, 16 boats, 11 buses, and 4 trucks for the pastoral work of the Church – particularly in Latin America and Africa. Can you help us supply transport to priests and religious again in 2024? Visit [www.aidtochurch.org/transport](http://www.aidtochurch.org/transport) or scan the QR code to make an offering and learn more.

To make an offering and learn more visit [www.aidtochurch.org/monthlyproject](http://www.aidtochurch.org/monthlyproject) or scan the QR code.



# Gympie Events

*Keep the date, Gympie....*

**Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> May at 2pm**

***A Celebration of Song***

...presented by...

Advancing access to healthcare & education  
**SET4LIFE**  
Australia  
set4life.org.au  
for remote communities in Sierra Leone

Showcasing the choral talents  
of local choirs in an iconic venue with  
superb acoustics and natural light

**St Patrick's Church,  
Gympie**

Entry \$20

Ph 0488774950

A photograph of three young girls sitting together, wearing colorful traditional African clothing and headwraps. They are smiling at the camera.



World Day of Prayer 2025

**The Cook Islands**

*'I made you wonderful'*



[www.worlddayofprayeraustralia.org](http://www.worlddayofprayeraustralia.org)

## **WORLD DAY of PRAYER SERVICE**

### **Friday 7 March**

#### **Cooloola Coast – 10am**

at the Cooloola Cove Veterans & Community Hall  
cnr Nautilus Drive & Santa Maria Court.

TCB Community Church is hosting this year.

Guest Speaker, Katrina van den Brenk.

#### **Gympie – 10am**

Zion Lutheran Church  
9 Nash Street, Gympie  
Light refreshments afterwards

#### **Kandanga – 9:30am**

Kandanga Public Hall  
81 Main Street





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# PADDY'S playgroup

**Each Friday**  
**(Term Time)**  
**9.00am - 10.30am**

**In St Patrick's Parish  
Centre (beside Church)**



A Brisbane Catholic Education School

It's free & any parents/caregivers & their Under 5 child/ren are welcome to come!  
It's all about **FRIENDSHIP!** Enjoy a range of activities to promote building positive connections.

**Why PLAY!** As a parent being part of a community activity can help you build positive connections. Children will have fun, make friends and grow their social skills.



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## Our Country Churches



St Thérèse  
Church,  
Gunalda

Sacred Heart  
Church,  
Kandanga







St Vincent De Paul  
Church, Widgee

St John Vianney  
Church, Tin Can Bay



St Peter the Fisherman Church, Rainbow Beach