

1st Sunday of Lent

Year C

9 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>

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Phone: 1300 304 550
Email: AOB@stopline.com.au
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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.

Collect

Let us pray.

Grant, almighty God,
through the yearly observances of holy Lent,
that we may grow in understanding
of the riches hidden in Christ
and by worthy conduct pursue their effects.
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

Deuteronomy 26:4-10

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

The confession of faith of the elect.

Moses said to the people: 'The priest shall take the panner from your hand and lay it before the altar of the Lord your God. Then, in the sight of the Lord your God, you must make this pronouncement:

"My father was a wandering Aramaean. He went down into Egypt to find refuge there, few in numbers; but there he became a nation, great, mighty, and strong. The Egyptians ill-treated us, they gave us no peace and inflicted harsh slavery on us. But we called on the Lord, the God of our fathers. The Lord heard our voice and saw our misery, our toil and our oppression; and the Lord brought us out of Egypt with mighty hand and outstretched arm, with great terror, and with signs and wonders. He brought us here and gave us this land, a land where milk and honey flow. Here then I bring the first-fruits of the produce of the soil that you, Lord, have given me."

You must then lay them before the Lord your God, and bow down in the sight of the Lord your God.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 90:1-2, 10-15

R. Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High
and abides in the shade of the Almighty
says to the Lord: 'My refuge,
my stronghold, my God in whom I trust!' **R.**

Upon you no evil shall fall,
no plague approach where you dwell.
For you has he commanded his angels,
to keep you in all your ways. **R.**

They shall bear you upon their hands
lest you strike your foot against a stone.
On the lion and the viper you will tread
and trample the young lion and the dragon. **R.**

His love he set on me, so I will rescue him;
protect him for he knows my name.
When he calls I shall answer: 'I am with you.'
I will save him in distress and give him glory. **R.**

Second Reading

Romans 10:8-13

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

The confession of faith of the believers in Christ.

Scripture says: The word, that is the faith we proclaim, is very near to you, it is on your lips and in your heart. If your lips confess that Jesus is Lord and if you believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, then you will be saved. By believing from the heart you are made righteous; by confessing with your lips you are saved. When scripture says: those who believe in him will have no cause for shame, it makes no distinction between Jew and Greek: all belong to the same Lord who is rich enough, however many ask for his help, for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 4:4

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel

Luke 4:1-13

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus was led by the Spirit through the wilderness where he was tempted.

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit through the wilderness, being tempted there by the devil for forty days. During that time he ate nothing and at the end he was hungry. Then the devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to turn into a loaf.' But Jesus replied, 'Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone.'

Then leading him to a height, the devil showed him in a moment of time all the kingdoms of the world and said to him, 'I will give you all this power and the glory of these kingdoms, for it has been committed to me and I give it to anyone I choose. Worship me, then, and it shall all be yours.' But Jesus answered him, 'Scripture says:

You must worship the Lord your God,
and serve him alone.'

Then he led him to Jerusalem and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God,' he said to him, 'throw yourself down from here, for Scripture says:

He will put his angels in charge of you
to guard you,

and again:

They will hold you up on their hands
in case you hurt your foot against a stone.'

But Jesus answered him, 'It has been said:

You must not put the Lord your God to the test.'

Having exhausted all these ways of tempting him, the devil left him to return at the appointed time.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

REFLECTION - by Liturgy Brisbane

The ash on our foreheads last Wednesday was a stark reminder that one day we shall leave this familiar world. We shall not live forever. Wednesday was a challenge to walk with our Lord for the next 6 weeks. Ash Wednesday to the sacred three days, the Triduum (celebration of his passion, death and resurrection).

After his baptism by John in the Jordan and hearing God the Father acknowledge him as beloved Son on whom his favour rested, the Spirit that descended on Jesus at his baptism does not leave him alone to bask in the afterglow of knowing where he stands in the sight of God, finding some secluded nook where he can make a 6 week retreat in peace and quiet.

No such luck. The Spirit, who fills him, leads him into wilderness – a place away from all that is comfortable and peace inducing. We can look at this 6 weeks as a 6 week intensive training, formation program.

To be effective in the role entrusted to us at baptism, we need to know ourselves. Jesus to be effective as the Messiah, the anointed one sent by God to continue the liberation work that began with Moses leading the people from slavery to Egyptian overlords to freedom in the land God promised Abraham he and his descendants would make a home, to be effective Jesus had to know himself.

What kind of messiah (a Christ) was he going to be? The challenges the devil puts to Jesus as the 6 week course comes to a close are real. Physically, Jesus is hungry after the 40 day fast. As God's beloved son he knows the Father has given him the spirit and so he has power to make bread from a rock. Surely a real messiah would want to feed people. He does, but not with bread that once consumed is gone. People need an ever-replenishing resource of nourishment – God's word.

Challenge number two is to have power and glory. The kings and emperors would bow before you if you first bow and worship the devil. A truth we do well to remember is that we become what we worship. Worship God and we find freedom and mission. Worship anything else and you become just another slave with no aim in life or possibility of fulfilment as one made in the image of God.

Challenge number three is to make God produce proof that God is truly God. Again and again, people put God in the dock like someone on trial. We say, give an explanation of yourself for all that I, from my exalted position and knowledge, judge to be your deficiencies – the suffering of innocents, sickness and wars, the selfish and greedy being able to do what they want. The list can be multiplied endlessly. The Messiah acknowledges that God is not to be tested but trusted to do good always.

We have 40 days of training ahead of us. The Spirit who took Jesus from his comfort zone will take us too if we agree to be led. We shall graduate with deeper trust and a clearer vision of who we are and what we are to do. Participate in the Lenten discussions. Prepare the readings for the Sunday to come. Give to Project Compassion. Pray for a particular person each day by name. Fast from food, televised entertainment, social media and so be reminded who can nourish you best. Use a calendar to mark off each day to maintain your focus on what lies at the end – the sacred three days!

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,

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: In the spirit of Jesus who prayed in the wilderness, we bring our needs and the needs of our world before the God of Mercy.

For all faith leaders, may they follow the example of Jesus who came to serve and not to be served. **Lord, hear us.**

For all mediators and ambassadors of peace, may their work for reconciliation and mutual understanding make our world a safer place for all. **Lord, hear us.**

For those communities experiencing disaster, especially from cyclone Alfred, may they see the goodness of God through the support of those around them. **Lord, hear us.**

May the Jubilee of World Volunteering, being held in Rome this weekend, bring blessings upon the selfless service and unwavering commitment of volunteers across the world. **Lord, hear us.**

For our community, through our Lenten journey may we renew our profession of faith and become more committed to the Gospel in word and deed. **Lord, hear us**

We pray for greater respect for our environment. May we care deeply for Earth, the place God has entrusted to our care. May we celebrate the Year of Jubilee year as pilgrims of hope, ready to find the direction towards peace and justice that God wants for us. May we Unite Against Poverty as we support Project Compassion. **Lord, hear us.**

For the recently deceased, Judith Malcolm and for those whose anniversary occurs around this time; may they be led through the darkness of death to the light of life. **Lord, hear us.**

Presider: God of love, you sent your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be with us and lead us to holiness. Hear the prayers we make through the same Christ our 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;
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.

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.

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
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 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 Healing Mass Tin Can Bay 5.00 pm	Kandanga 5.00 pm	Widgee 5.00 pm	Tin Can Bay 5.00 pm
Sunday	Rainbow Beach 6:30 am	Gunalda 7:00 am	Tin Can Bay 7:00am	Rainbow Beach 6:30am
Sunday	Gympie 9.00 am	Gympie 9.00 am	Gympie 9.00 am	Gympie 9.00 am
Sunday	Gympie 5.30 pm	Gympie 5.30 pm	Gympie 5.30 pm	Gympie 5.30 pm

Tin Can Bay Church: The Anglican community celebrate on the 1st & 2nd 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 5:00pm			Tin Can Bay 5:00pm
Sunday	Gunalda 7:00am	Rainbow Beach 6:30am	Gunalda 7:00am	Gunalda 7:00am	

Gympie Sunday Ministry Roster

16/03/2025

	9:00am	5:30pm
Welcomer	D Liedel	E Shields
Commentator	M Rush	L Collins
Reader 1	F Skinner	L Murray
Reader 2	P Callaghan	K Murray
Communion Minister	A Towner, L Newey, E Saunders, I Laherty, Volunteer	N Gruar, E Shields, P Hass
Power Point	T Bushell	M Amba
Morning Tea	<i>Servant Community</i>	

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

Sunday	9:00 am (live-streamed mass). 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:

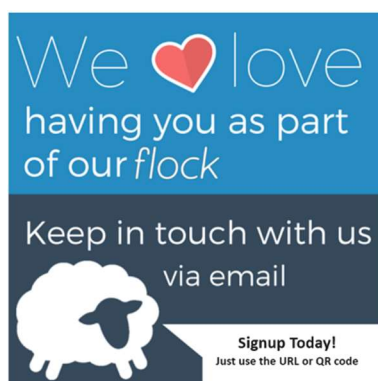
<https://stpatsgympie.flocknote.com/register> and it will also take you to our Parish data page. Feedback tells us that it is an easy process when you are sitting in front of your computer!

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 or pop into the Parish Office so we can assist you.

Thanks for registering!

Thanks for being a part of our Parish Family!



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, Judith Malcolm and those whose anniversaries fall around this time. May the faithful departed rejoice to see the face of their Saviour.

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.

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

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5 Groves Road
GYMPIE QLD 4570

Please quote member number **C11306796**



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

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.

Alcoholics Anonymous

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

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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



A Vocation View

First Sunday in Lent



God brings us through difficult experiences and always leads us to life. Depend on the Holy Spirit to guide you on the path of life.



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

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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.

Missions



First Sunday of Lent 8th and 9th of March 2025

This Lent, we're invited to *Unite Against Poverty* with Caritas Australia's Project Compassion. This year is especially significant as we celebrate the Jubilee Year - a *time of renewal and solidarity*.

Project Compassion 2025 shares three stories from around the world. We'll meet **Toefuata'iga** - (*Toy-foo-ah-tah-ing-ah*) a young student from Samoa who faced severe water shortages at her school. Thanks to Caritas Australia and the generosity of supporters like you, her school now has a 10,000 L water tank, improving access to clean water and allowing teachers to prioritise education

We'll get to know **Lam** from Vietnam. Born with short stature, Lam faced social exclusion and limited employment opportunities. Through the I-SHINE program, Lam completed a course and is now a freelance graphic designer.

And we'll meet **Irene** from the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) who faced immense challenges after losing her father to war and raising her children in poverty. With support from Caritas Australia, Irene received vocational training in sewing and farming and can now support her whole family.



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

Or by calling: 1800 024 413

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

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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.

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 or scan the QR code to make an offering and learn more.

To make an offering and learn more visit www.aidtochurch.org/monthlyproject or scan the QR code.



Gympie Events

Keep the date, Gympie....

Sunday, 4th May at 2pm

A Celebration of Song

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



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St Vincent De Paul
Church, Widgee

St John Vianney
Church, Tin Can Bay



St Peter the Fisherman Church, Rainbow Beach