

3rd Sunday of Lent

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23 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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Phone: 1300 304 550
Email: AOB@stopline.com.au
Online reporting: www.bnecatholic.stoplinereport.com

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.

O God, author of every mercy and of all goodness,
who in fasting, prayer and almsgiving
have shown us a remedy for sin,
look graciously on this confession of our lowliness,
that we, who are bowed down by our conscience,
may always be lifted up by your mercy.
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

Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15

A reading from the book of Exodus

This is what you must say to the children of Israel: I Am has sent me to you.

Moses was looking after the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law, priest of Midian. He led his flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in the shape of a flame of fire, coming from the middle of a bush. Moses looked; there was the bush blazing but it was not being burnt up. 'I must go and look at this strange sight,' Moses said 'and see why the bush is not burnt.' Now the Lord saw him go forward to look, and God called to him from the middle of the bush. 'Moses, Moses!' he said. 'Here I am,' he answered. 'Come no nearer,' he said. 'Take off your shoes, for the place on which you stand is holy ground. I am the God of your father,' he said 'the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.' At this Moses covered his face, afraid to look at God.

And the Lord said, 'I have seen the miserable state of my people in Egypt. I have heard their appeal to be free of their slave-drivers. Yes, I am well aware of their

sufferings. I mean to deliver them out of the hands of the Egyptians and bring them up out of that land to a land rich and broad, a land where milk and honey flow.'

Then Moses said to God, 'I am to go, then, to the sons of Israel and say to them, "The God of your fathers has sent me to you." But if they ask me what his name is, what am I to tell them?' And God said to Moses, 'I Am who I Am. This' he added 'is what you must say to the sons of Israel: "The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you." This is my name for all time; by this name I shall be invoked for all generations to come.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 102:1-4, 6-8, 11

R. The Lord is kind and merciful.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings. **R.**

It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion. **R.**

The Lord does deeds of justice,
gives judgement for all who are oppressed.
He made known his ways to Moses
and his deeds to Israel's sons. **R.**

The Lord is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.
For as the heavens are high above the earth
so strong is his love for those who fear him. **R.**

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12

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

All this that happened to the people of Moses in the desert was written for our benefit.

I want to remind you how our fathers were all guided by a cloud above them and how they all passed through the sea. They were all baptised into Moses in this cloud and in this sea; all ate the same spiritual food and all drank the same spiritual drink, since they all drank from the spiritual rock that followed them as they went, and that rock was Christ. In spite of this, most of them failed to please God and their corpses littered the desert.

These things all happened as warnings for us, not to have the wicked lusts for forbidden things that they had. You must never complain: some of them did, and they were killed by the Destroyer.

All this happened to them as a warning, and it was written down to be a lesson for us who are living at the end of the age. The man who thinks he is safe must be careful that he does not fall.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 4:17

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Repent, says the Lord;

the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel

Luke 13:1-9

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Unless you repent you will all perish as they did.

Some people arrived and told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with that of their sacrifices. At this he said to them, 'Do you suppose these Galileans who suffered like that were greater sinners than any other Galileans? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen on whom the tower at Siloam fell and killed them? Do you suppose that they were more guilty than all the other people living in Jerusalem? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did.'

He told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard and he came looking for fruit on it but found none. He said to the man who looked after the vineyard, "Look here, for three years now I have been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and finding none. Cut it down: why should it be taking up the ground?" "Sir," the man replied "leave it one more year and give me time to dig round it and manure it: it may bear fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down."'

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

REFLECTION - by Fr Michael Tate – Liturgy Help

Politics, Economics, and the Gardener

There was a terrible disaster when a building fell down killing eighteen people. Some said, 'Oh, those killed must have been sinners, they or their parents.' Jesus repudiates that notion: 'No, it wasn't for anything *they* did.' It was clear to Jesus that they were the victims of poor construction and conditions at Siloam. Look at the builder.

Responsibility needs to be brought home to those who would otherwise hide behind a religious ideology, or the sheer self-interest of evading blame for a situation.

To identify those really responsible may well require major changes to the way society is organised.

Does it all seem too difficult?
Jesus helps us with a metaphor:

You are like a fig tree which may not be bearing much fruit just now,
but, I am a terrific gardener:



I will water you, dig around you, make sure you are well nourished
So that you will bear the fruits I desire.

Our Lord does that by:

watering us with the waters of baptism;
pruning us, especially during Lent;
nourishing us with the bread of life in Holy Communion.

We might pause at various times during Lent to allow Our Lord to garden us so that
he may create a heavenly botanical garden, a new Eden, of the whole of humanity.

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Rev Prof Michael Tate graduated in Law from the University of Tasmania in 1968, and in Theology from Oxford University in 1971. He lectured at the University of Tasmania from 1972-78, being Dean of the Faculty of Law in 1977-78. He was a Senator for Tasmania from 1978-93, being Federal Minister for Justice from 1987-93. He served as Ambassador to The Hague and the Holy See from 1993-96. He then returned to Australia and was ordained in May 2000 and has been a parish priest in the Archdiocese of Hobart since then. He is an Honorary Professor of Law at the University of Tasmania where he lectures in International Humanitarian Law.

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

Celebrant: Trusting in the kindness of God towards us all, we bring our prayerful petitions before Him.

In this Jubilee Year as “pilgrims of hope’ may our Church Leaders show by their words and actions that they have a genuine concern for those who are most vulnerable in our world. **Lord hear us.**

For those countries at war, may their Leaders realise that there are no winners in war only destruction and suffering for so many innocent people. May the Spirit of Wisdom guide them towards the peace that their citizens are crying out for. **Lord hear us.**

For all who live with disability, especially those who are stigmatised in any way. May we do all we can to support their flourishing as truly equal participants in our human family. **Lord hear us.**

For our ourselves, during this Lent may we use our gifts in service of those we meet in our day-to-day living. **Lord hear us.**

For those who have died: we pray for Ena Hehir a long time member of our community. For those whose anniversary falls around this time. May they enjoy the promises of God's Kingdom. **Lord hear us.**

Celebrant: Lord listen to the prayers of your people. May our requests find favour with you. We ask this through 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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St Patrick's College Mr Mark Newton

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

30/03/2025

	9:00am	5:30pm
Welcomer	P Daunt	E Shields
Commentator	S O'Brien	C Johnston
Reader 1	M Rush	M Newton
Reader 2	A Gur	M Norris
Communion Minister	E Saunders, L Newey, A Towner, D Dillon, Volunteer	P Hass, E Shields, B Doak
Power Point	M & M Lausa	N Gruar
Morning Tea	Hollow Log	

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:

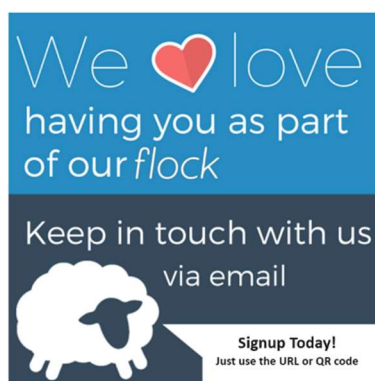
<https://stpatsgympie.flocknote.com/register> and it will also take you to our Parish data page. Feedback tells us that it is an easy process when you are sitting in front of your computer!

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, 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, Ena Hehir 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**

Remember to remove the bottle caps as these are not recyclable.



Groups

Lion's International

Community Morning Tea.



Where: The Senior Citizens Centre
When: The second Thursday of every month
Date: **10 April 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.

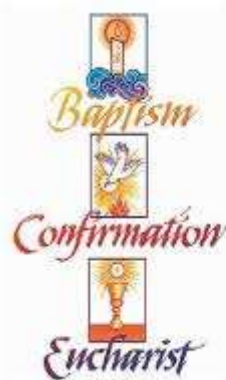
Sacraments

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



RCIA
Rite of
Catholic
Initiation of
Adults



A Vocation View

Third Sunday in Lent



Moses heard God's call from a burning bush. What is your passion, your burning bush? Take time to know what God is sending you to do and be.



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

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.

Missions



Third Sunday of Lent 22nd and 23rd of March 2025

Lam is 27 years old from a small village in rural Vietnam who faced significant challenges due to his short stature. Growing up, Lam often felt isolated due to limited job opportunities and difficulty moving around his community. While his friends started jobs after high school, Lam stayed home with his parents, unsure if he could ever achieve his dream of becoming a graphic designer.

Everything changed when Lam joined the I-SHINE program, supported by Caritas Australia. Through this initiative Lam completed a six-month course developing his graphic design skills. Along the way, he built confidence, made friends and gained a sense of connection.

Today, Lam runs a successful freelance graphic design business from home, serving clients worldwide and earning a steady income. Lam hopes his story will encourage other young people with disabilities to overcome obstacles and pursue their dreams.

Lam's journey shows how your support of Project Compassion empowers individuals to break barriers and transform their lives.
Will you walk alongside people like Lam this Lent?



UNITE  AGAINST POVERTY
this Lent



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*.

Palms Australia

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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.

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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 in Need

ACN AUSTRALIA

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

Easter Triduum

2025

17th April

MAUNDY THURSDAY

7:00PM GYMPIE

Mass of the Lord's Supper with

washing of the feet and

adoration afterward until

10:00PM

18th April

GOOD FRIDAY

CELEBRATION OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

3:00PM GYMPIE & TIN CAN BAY

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

9:00AM WIDGEE 9:30AM KANDANGA

10:00AM RAINBOW BEACH

10:00AM GYMPIE, TIN CAN BAY & GUNALDA

19th April

HOLY SATURDAY

EASTER VIGIL - 7:00PM GYMPIE

20th April

EASTER SUNDAY

6:30AM - RAINBOW BEACH

9:00AM - GYMPIE



St Patrick's Parish
Gympie and Surrounds

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Sunday, 4th May at 2pm

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9.00am - 10.30am

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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