

# 5th Sunday of Lent

## Year C

### 6 April 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.

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# 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.

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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.

By your help, we beseech you, Lord our God,  
may we walk eagerly in that same charity  
with which, out of love for the world,  
your Son handed himself over to death.  
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

Isaiah 43:16-21

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

*I am doing a new thing and I will give drink to my people.*

Thus says the Lord,  
who made a way through the sea,  
a path in the great waters;  
who put chariots and horse in the field  
and a powerful army,  
which lay there never to rise again,  
snuffed out, put out like a wick:  
No need to recall the past,  
no need to think about what was done before.  
See, I am doing a new deed,  
even now it comes to light; can you not see it?  
Yes, I am making a road in the wilderness,  
paths in the wilds.  
The wild beasts will honour me,  
jackals and ostriches,  
because I am putting water in the wilderness

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(rivers in the wild)  
to give my chosen people drink.  
The people I have formed for myself  
will sing my praises.

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### **Responsorial Psalm**

*Ps 125*

**R.** The Lord has done great things for us;  
we are filled with joy.

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,  
it seemed like a dream.  
Then was our mouth filled with laughter,  
on our lips there were songs. **R.**

The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels  
the Lord worked for them!'  
What marvels the Lord worked for us!  
Indeed we were glad. **R.**

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage  
as streams in dry land.  
Those who are sowing in tears  
will sing when they reap. **R.**

They go out, they go out, full of tears,  
carrying seed for the sowing:  
they come back, they come back, full of song,  
carrying their sheaves. **R.**

### **Second Reading**

*Philippians 3:8-14*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians  
*Because of Christ I look upon everything else as useless in order to gain him.*

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I believe nothing can happen that will outweigh the supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For him I have accepted the loss of everything, and I look on everything as so much rubbish if only I can have Christ and be given a place in him. I am no longer trying for perfection by my own efforts, the perfection that comes from the Law, but I want only the perfection that comes through faith in Christ, and is from God and based on faith. All I want is to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and to share his sufferings by reproducing the pattern of his death. That is the way I can hope to take my place in the resurrection of the dead. Not that I have become perfect yet: I have not yet won, but I am still running, trying to capture the prize for which Christ Jesus captured me. I can assure you my brothers, I am far from thinking that I have already won. All I can say is that I forget the past and I strain ahead for what is still to come; I am racing for the finish, for the prize to which God calls us upwards to receive in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Gospel Acclamation**

*Joel 2:12-13*

*Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!*

With all your heart turn to me,  
for I am tender and compassionate.

*Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!*

### **Gospel**

*John 8:1-11*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

*Let the person without sin be the first to throw a stone.*

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. At daybreak he appeared in the Temple again; and as all the people came to him, he sat down and began to teach them.

The scribes and Pharisees brought a woman along who had been caught committing adultery; and making her stand there in full view of everybody, they said to Jesus, 'Master, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery, and Moses has ordered us in the Law to condemn women like this to death by stoning. What have you to say?' They asked him this as a test, looking for something to use against



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him. But Jesus bent down and started writing on the ground with his finger. As they persisted with their question, he looked up and said, 'If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.' Then he bent down and wrote on the ground again. When they heard this they went away one by one, beginning with the eldest, until Jesus was left alone with the woman, who remained standing there. He looked up and said, 'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?' 'No one, sir,' she replied. 'Neither do I condemn you,' said Jesus 'go away, and don't sin any more.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

***REFLECTION - by Dianne Bergant—Liturgy Help***



Lent ends on a note of wonder. In the face of all the mighty works that God has already performed for the people, God promises something even more magnificent.

Throughout this season we have reflected on the marvels that God accomplished in the lives of the people, cutting a covenant with Abraham, leading the people out of bondage, revealing God's own personal name, bring

them into a land that is bursting with life. Now God says: You haven't seen anything yet.

The first reading proclaims that something new is about to appear. In the gospel, this new thing unfolds before our eyes. Here we see Jesus neither rejecting the law nor changing it. Instead, he shows that the law, as good as it might be, serves something higher. He shows that the mercy and compassion of God exceed the authority of the law. Once again we see that the readings of Lent are less concerned with mortification and penance than they are with divine graciousness and our response of joy and thanksgiving.

Paul is not satisfied with the blessings of the past. In fact, he considers them rubbish when compared with knowing and being united with Christ. Life with Christ transforms us from people who are caught in sin to women and men who have been forgiven. Life in Christ is the new thing that God has fashioned for us. God is the one who creates something new; we are the ones who are re-created.

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Dianne Bergant CSA was a Professor of Biblical Studies at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago, where she taught from 1978 to 2014. She holds a BS in Elementary Education from Marian College, Fond du Lac, WI; an MA and PhD in Biblical Languages and Literature from St Louis University. Amongst other things, she served as President of Catholic Biblical Association of America (2000-2001) and has been awarded honorary doctorates from several other universities. She was an active member of the Chicago Catholic/Jewish Scholars Dialogue (1988-2017) and sat on the editorial boards of The Bible Today (1979-2005), Biblical Theology Bulletin (1990-2014), Catholic Biblical Quarterly (1992-2001), New Theology Review (1997-2003), Teaching Theology and Religion (2003-2005), and Chicago Studies (2003-2009). She has taught and lectured in many places in the United States and abroad and has written numerous books, articles and chapters in books.

### **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.**

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**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.** God continually calls us to repentance; let us pray for divine mercy as we make our needs known.

We pray for Pope Francis, that his prophetic appeals for a new human solidarity, and for loving care of our earth and its peoples, will be heeded.

**Lord, hear us.**

We pray for our sisters and brothers around the world who are experiencing extreme poverty and injustice.

**Lord, hear us.**

We pray for all healthcare workers, that God will keep them safe, renew their energy, and work through them, to bring healing and strength to those who are suffering and ill.

**Lord, hear us.**

We pray that all women may be respected and encouraged to take their rightful place in society. We pray also that all people will have clean water and safe housing. May we 'Unite Against Poverty' as we act for justice in concrete ways such as through Project Compassion.

**Lord, hear us.**

We pray for the citizens of Australia as we go towards an election. May politicians look beyond self-interest, to create a country, where every Australian receives the support they need, to lead a safe and dignified life.

**Lord, hear us.**

We pray for those who grieve and for those who have died. May they find comfort in God's transforming presence.

**Lord, hear us.**

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**Presider.** Loving God, you share the sadness and joy of our lives. Hear and grant our petitions which we bring to you, through Jesus 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

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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.



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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 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 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 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****13/04/2025**

	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>5:30pm</b>
Welcomer	E Saunders	A Osborn
Commentator	S Vale	C Johnston
Reader 1	I Laherty	K Murray
Reader 2	F Skinner	S Hayes
Gospel Readers	M Rush, Volunteer, Choir	T Hallam, M Norris, M Newton
Communion Minister	P Dillon, L Newey, A Towner, J O'Shea, E Saunders, I Rodrigues Volunteer	E Shields, T Cobb, B Doak
Power Point	Volunteer	N Gruar
Morning Tea	<b><i>Servant Community</i></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*

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



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:

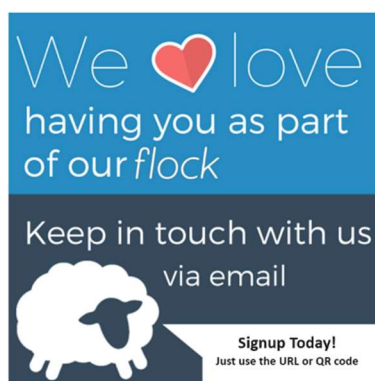
<https://stpatsgympie.flocknote.com/register> and it will also take you to our Parish data page. Feedback tells us that it is an easy process when you are sitting in front of your computer!

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, 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, 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, Enid Carroll.

**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 and those whose anniversaries fall around this time. 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**

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



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# 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

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## Men's Afternoon

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

Where: Parish Centre  
When: **24 April 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

### Fifth Sunday in Lent



God continues to open a way for us. How is God doing something new in your life? Perhaps God is inviting you to be a priest or religious. (Isaiah 43:16-21)



**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



## Fifth Sunday of Lent 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> of April 2025

The transformative work of Caritas Australia is only possible thanks to supporters like you and the dedication, passion, and resilience of our local partners, who tirelessly work to empower communities and create brighter futures.

In Vietnam, Caritas Australia's partner programs, like I-SHINE, helped Lam, a young man with a disability, gain graphic design skills and start a successful freelance business, inspiring others to pursue their dreams.

In Samoa, Caritas Australia works with Caritas Samoa to improve access to clean water and sanitation through initiatives like water tank installations, transforming health and well-being for families like Toefuata'iga's.

In the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Caritas Australia partners with Caritas Kongolo on the Youth Capacity Strengthening Program. This initiative equipped Irene, a single mother, with sewing and farming skills, enabling her to support her family and empower others in her community.

Through partnerships like these, Caritas Australia creates lasting change in communities across the globe.



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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](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.

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## 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 Primary Great Easter Raffle



**Scan QR code to buy tickets or**  
**<https://rafflelink.com.au/stpatseaster2025>**  
**\$2 each or value bundles available too!**



*St Patrick's Primary School*

**GREAT**  
**EASTER**  
**RAFFLE**



20+ Prizes  
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**ALL DONATIONS WELCOME!**  
**Raffle drawn Wednesday, 2nd April 2025**



with **Gympie Strings** 

presents

**Flute quartet**  
with Mozart soloist  
**Maria Brereton**

*Liebesleid by Fritz Kreisler*  
*Skaters waltz by Emil Waldteufel*  
*Teddy bears' picnic and more.*

**Sunday, 13th April**  
**at 4 pm**

In St Peter's Church - Cnr Amy St &  
Lady Mary Tce, Gympie

Entry: Gold coin donation to benefit Gympie Strings  
Light refreshments to follow.



*Keep the date. Gympie....*

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

***A Celebration of Song***

 Showcasing the choral talents  
of local choirs in an iconic venue with  
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...presented by...



**St Patrick's Church,  
Gympie**

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# PADDY'S playgroup

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

**In St Patrick's Parish  
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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.*

*what is God's plan for me?*



## **Applications open for 2025**

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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