

# Sunday of the Resurrection

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20 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.

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

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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.

O God, who on this day,  
through your Only Begotten Son,  
have conquered death  
and unlocked for us the path to eternity,  
grant, we pray, that we who keep  
the solemnity of the Lord's Resurrection  
may, through the renewal brought by your Spirit,  
rise up in the light of life.  
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**

Acts 10:34, 37-43

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

**We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead.**

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil.' Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses - we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead - and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the

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prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

The word of the Lord.

***Thanks be to God.***

### **Responsorial Psalm**

*Ps 117:1-2, 16-17, 22-23*

**R.** This is the day the Lord has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,  
for his love has no end.

Let the sons of Israel say:

'His love has no end.' **R.**

The Lord's right hand has triumphed;  
his right hand raised me up.

I shall not die, I shall live  
and recount his deeds. **R.**

The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord,  
a marvel in our eyes. **R.**

### **Second Reading**

*1 Corinthians 5:6-8*

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

***Throw away the old yeast, that you may be new dough.***

You must know how even a small amount of yeast is enough to leaven all the dough, so get rid of all the old yeast, and make yourselves into a completely new batch of bread, unleavened as you are meant to be. Christ, our passover, has been sacrificed; let us celebrate the feast, by getting rid of all the old yeast of evil and wickedness, having only the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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## Sequence

Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise.  
The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb;  
and Christ, the undefiled,  
hath sinners to his Father reconciled.  
Death with life contended: combat strangely ended!  
Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign.  
Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see upon the way.  
The tomb the Living did enclose;  
I saw Christ's glory as he rose!  
The angels there attesting;  
shroud with grave-clothes resting.  
Christ, my hope, has risen: he goes before you into Galilee.  
That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know.  
Victorious king, thy mercy show!

## Gospel Acclamation

*1 Corinthians 5:7-8*

*Alleluia, alleluia!*  
*Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;*  
*let us feast with joy in the Lord.*  
*Alleluia!*

## Gospel

*John 20:1-9*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John  
*The teaching of scripture is that he must rise from the dead.*

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who



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was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

*Dawn has Broken – The Son is Risen*

Women go to the tomb as dawn is breaking. The Power of Darkness which had Jesus unjustly sentenced, cruelly tortured and buried in the pitch blackness of the tomb, is conquered by the Son-Rise of all sun rises flooding our world and the whole of human history with Divine Light and Energy.

This is the heart of our faith as Catholic Christians, which we celebrate with bon-fire (good fire) in darkness at the Easter Vigil. From that earthly element we light the Easter candle and the Exsultet is sung: 'Be glad, let earth be glad as glory floods her, ablaze with light from her eternal King.'

The resurrection itself is nowhere described in the gospels, but we do have appearances of the Risen Lord Jesus. The first appearance was to a woman, Mary of Magdala. A title given to her by the early church was 'Apostle to the Apostles' because she was the bearer of the message which the male disciples initially did not believe. But eventually they too believed that Death had been done to death because the Son had risen.

Christ's body was transfigured by the energy of Divine Love and we can, by grace, participate in that resurrection life of Our Lord. A glorious destiny awaits us, as indeed it awaits the whole cosmos as it is to be transformed by that resurrection life recreating the whole of creation.

We could take a moment to pray that we, along with all that matters, are graced with the life-giving energy of the Risen Son and that we may join Mary of Magdala in spreading the Good News of Christ's victory over death. Alleluia!

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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.

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## **Profession of Faith**

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

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

***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** My friends in Christ, the empty tomb confirmed the faith of Peter and John, and is the sign that life is stronger than death.

1. We pray for Pope Francis in his time of convalescence, that he may continue to serve the Church with the tenderness of Jesus and build up hope in the hearts of all as we walk together as Pilgrims of Hope. **Lord hear us.**
2. We pray for all who find themselves walking in darkness or doubting their faith, that the Risen Lord will bring light to their journey and peace to their hearts. **Lord hear us.**
3. We pray for all in our Archdiocese, that Archbishop Mark and all priests, deacons, religious and lay faithful will serve gladly in the spirit of the risen Jesus, and as Pilgrims of Hope, bring an enduring hope to all distressed in our world. **Lord hear us**
4. We pray for persecuted Christians, that they may live for Jesus with courage, knowing that he has conquered all sin and division and is their rock of refuge. **Lord hear us**
5. We pray for families and communities experiencing division, that the Risen Lord will open the path to reconciliation and healing. **Lord hear us.**
6. As we celebrate Easter many Australians are suffering from floods, drought and bushfires. Give them strength in this difficult time. Watch over our emergency service workers who have given up their Easter to come to the aid of those in need at this time. **Lord hear us.**
7. We pray for those countries that are affected by civil war and natural disasters. That you would comfort the lives that were spared, and that you would take care of those who perished. **Lord hear us.**
8. We pray for all who have died recently, especially Brian Swords. May those who are grieving find peace and comfort in the resurrection. **Lord hear us.**

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**Celebrant:** Risen Lord, you, the One rejected by the people, have become the Saviour of the world, the living sign of God's all-embracing mercy: forgive sinners, heal our broken world, affirm our faith, and grant peace to all, you who live and reign forever and ever. **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,

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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.



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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

**Parish Priest** Fr Rafal Rucinski

**Youth Coordinator** Mr Zac Brauer

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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.

## Parish Office Closed



Good Friday



Easter Monday

# 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 Ministry Roster

<b>Easter Sunday – 20/04/2025 9:00am</b>	
Welcomer	D Liedel
Commentator	M Rush
Reader 1	B Lipke
Reader 2	Volunteer
Communion Minister	L Newey, E Saunders, D Dillon, P Dillon, I Laherty
Power Point	M Stallan
Morning Tea	Hollow Log
<b>Easter Sunday – 20/04/2025 5:30pm</b>	
Welcomer	J O'Shea
Commentator	T Hallam
Reader 1	T Teirney
Reader 2	L Collins
Communion Minister	E Shields, B Doak, C Johnston
Power Point	N Gruar

### 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>Thursday</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>7:30am</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:

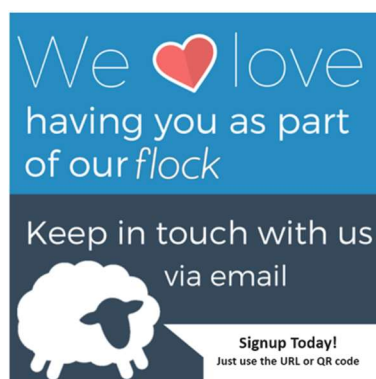
<https://stpatsgympie.flocknote.com/register> and it will also take you to our Parish data page. Feedback tells us that it is an easy process when you are sitting in front of your computer!

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 Sproxtton), 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 Sproxtton, 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, Brian Swords. 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: **8 May 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

### Sunday of the Resurrection



What stones are being moved away so you can be a minister of the Gospel? Consider inviting someone to be a sister, brother, priest, or deacon. Spread the good news: "Jesus is risen!" (John 20:1-9)



**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



**Easter Sunday**  
20th April 2025

**Happy Easter from all of us here at Caritas Australia!**

As we celebrate this season of hope and renewal, we want to express our heartfelt gratitude for your support through Caritas Australia's Project Compassion this Lent.

As we reflect on the Easter message of love, compassion, and new beginnings, we are reminded of the incredible impact your contributions make. Together, we are building a world where no one is left behind.

**Thank you for standing with us, as we *Unite Against Poverty* through Caritas Australia's Project Compassion 2025 Lenten appeal.**



**Please donate today.**

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

**Or online at: [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](https://caritas.org.au/project-compassion) Or by calling: 1800 024 413**

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# Palms Australia

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



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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.

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



## 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**

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**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*



*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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**St Patrick's Church,  
Gympie**

**Entry \$20**

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You're invited to join

# PADDY'S playgroup

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

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



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*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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Nourishment

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Are you seeking deeper connection with God  
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**The Spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius Loyola may be an option for you.**

This personalised program allows you to contemplate God's love and intentions for you through daily prayer and reflection. The 30-35 week journey includes weekly face-to-face or online conversations with a skilled Ignatian Spiritual Director.

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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