

2nd Sunday of Easter

Year C

27 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.

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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Local Safeguarding Representative; Mr Ian Laherty
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Celebration of the Word

Greeting

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

Amen.

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

Blessed be God for ever.

Introductory Remarks

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

Opening Rite

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

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

Lord, have mercy.

You came to call sinners:
Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

Collect

Let us pray.

God of everlasting mercy,
who in the very recurrence of the paschal feast
kindle the faith of the people you have made your own,
increase, we pray, the grace you have bestowed,
that all may grasp and rightly understand
in what font they have been washed,
by whose Spirit they have been reborn,
by whose Blood they have been redeemed.
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 5:12-16

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily.

The faithful all used to meet by common consent in the Portico of Solomon. No one else ever dared to join them, but the people were loud in their praise and the numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily. So many signs and wonders were worked among the people at the hands of the apostles that the sick were even taken out into the streets and laid on beds and sleeping-mats in the hope that at least the shadow of Peter might fall across some of them as he went past. People even came crowding in from the towns round about Jerusalem, bringing with them their sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, and all of them were cured.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 117:2-4, 22-27

R. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
his love is everlasting.

Let the sons of Israel say:

'His love has no end.'

Let the sons of Aaron say:

'His love has no end.'

Let those who fear the Lord say:

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

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

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

This day was made by the Lord;
we rejoice and are glad. **R.**

O Lord, grant us salvation;

O Lord, grant success.

Blessed in the name of the Lord
is he who comes.

We bless you from the house of the Lord;
the Lord God is our light. **R.**

Second Reading

Revelation 1:9-13, 17-19

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever.

My name is John, and through our union in Jesus I am your brother and share your sufferings, your kingdom, and all you endure. I was on the island of Patmos for having preached God's word and witnessed for Jesus; it was the Lord's day and the Spirit possessed me, and I heard a voice behind me, shouting like a trumpet, 'Write down all that you see in a book.' I turned round to see who had spoken to me, and when I turned I saw seven golden lamp-stands and, surrounded by them, a figure like a Son of man, dressed in a long robe tied at the waist with a golden girdle.

When I saw him, I fell in a dead faint at his feet, but he touched me with his right hand and said, 'Do not be afraid; it is I, the First and the Last; I am the Living One. I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever, and I hold the keys of death and of the underworld. Now write down all that you see of present happenings and things that are still to come.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

John 20:29

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me;

happy those who have not seen me, but still believe!

Alleluia!

Gospel

John 20:19-31

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

After eight days Jesus came in and stood among them.

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me
so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.

For those whose sins you forgive,
they are forgiven;
for those whose sins you retain,
they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord,' he answered, 'Unless I see

the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you,' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:
'You believe because you can see me.
Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

REFLECTION by Nick Brodie



Pope Francis says that when we feel 'like Thomas, with the same doubts ... we do not need to be ashamed of this.' We can all have moments of uncertainty. Importantly, the other Apostles never rejected or harassed Thomas; rather, they accompanied him.

The story of Thomas shows us that it is healthy to acknowledge our struggles. As the Pope puts it, 'Christians who never doubt and always flaunt a steadfast faith' tend to make him think that 'something isn't right.' As the Pope goes on, 'the adventure of faith, as for Thomas, consists of lights and shadows. Otherwise, what kind of faith would that be?'

Now, generations later, we recall Thomas' doubt because it has much to teach us. 'Crises are not sins,' the Pope explains, 'they are part of the journey, we should not fear them.'

The Pope encourages us to recognise such moments as opportunities for grace. 'Crises help us to recognise that we are needy,' he suggests, because 'they rekindle the need for God and thus enable us to return to the Lord.' And, as the story of Thomas so clearly shows, Jesus meets us where we are in our journey of faith; he does not expect us to resolve every doubt on our own before encountering him.

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Nick Brodie is an Australian historian and writer who is currently Dean of Academic Studies of Jane Franklin Hall in Hobart. A graduate of the Australian National University, Flinders University, and the University of Tasmania, he is the author of several books on Australian history and numerous essays on historical, political, and religious topics. In 2017 he was awarded the Bruce Mansfield Prize for the best article in the Journal of Religious History. He is currently studying Theology.

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: As we continue to celebrate the Resurrection, we are confident that Christ intercedes for us at the right hand of the Father. With faith in his love we make our prayers in his name.

For Pope Francis: we thank you Lord for the gift of Pope Francis and give gratitude for his life of humble service and compassionate witness to the world. May he rest in peace. **Lord hear us**

For the Church: that all God's people throughout the world will be instruments of healing and peace, open always to the call of the Holy Spirit. **Lord hear us**

May peace and hope be the Easter gift of Jesus to all in the Land of his death and resurrection, and to every place suffering war, violence, drought and natural disasters. **Lord hear us**

For young believers: that this weekend's Jubilee of Hope for teenagers in Rome, will be a joyful celebration of their faith in Jesus, Lord of life and love. **Lord hear us**

For those who, like Thomas, do not yet believe: that they may see Jesus through our words and actions of faith and charity. **Lord hear us**

For ANZAC Day: we remember the sacrifices of those who served, both in the past, and those who continue to serve. We thank you for their courage, devotion, and the freedoms they helped secure for us. **Lord hear us**

We pray that the Risen Christ may heal the sick and comfort all who are afflicted in any way, particularly in our own families and parish, We pray for those who have died recently, and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time Cecil Henry King and Werner Liedel. May they now share fully in the life of the risen Lord.

Lord hear us

Celebrant: Father, receive these prayers and transform us through them, that we may have eyes to see, and hearts to understand, not only what you do on our behalf, but what you call us to do. We ask this in Jesus name.

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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Finance Council Mr Ken Garner

Principal St Patrick's Primary Mrs Petrea Hass

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 Ministry Roster

2nd Sunday of Easter – 04/05/2025 9:00am	
Welcomer	M Green
Commentator	I Laherty
Reader 1	A Gur
Reader 2	K Cartwright
Communion Minister	L Newey, E Saunders, D Dillon, P Dillon, I Laherty
Power Point	M Stallan
Morning Tea	All Stars
2nd Sunday of Easter – 04/05/2025 5:30pm	
Welcomer	A Hallam
Commentator	M Newton
Reader 1	M Norris
Reader 2	N Gruar
Communion Minister	P Hass, B Doak, C Johnston
Power Point	T Hallam

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
Thursday	7:00pm
Friday	5:30pm – Mass for Pope Francis
Saturday	9:00am – Healing Mass



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:

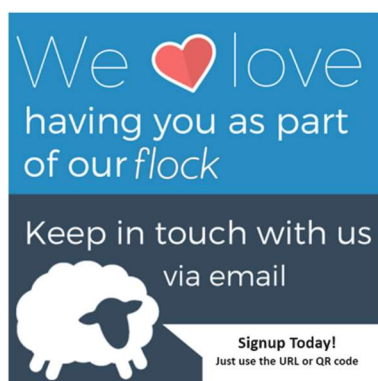
<https://stpatsgympie.flocknote.com/register> and it will also take you to our Parish data page. Feedback tells us that it is an easy process when you are sitting in front of your computer!

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, 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 Werner Liedel and Cecil Henry King. 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:

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Shed 4,
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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.



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

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.

Alcoholics Anonymous

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

Ministers for Sunday Masses at St Patrick's

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

Communion Minister to the Sick

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

Heavenly Music

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

Welcomers, Readers and Special Ministers

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

Piety Store

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

Sacraments

RCIA Journey

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

Baptism

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



A Vocation View

Second Sunday of Easter



Are you like Thomas? Do you need to see to believe? Pray for faith and trust.
(John 20:29)



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

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An Atmosphere of Prayer and Communion

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

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

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

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

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

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

Missions



THANK YOU!

Caritas Australia would like to express our heartfelt thanks for your incredible support of Project Compassion this Lent.

If you still have your Project Compassion box or donation envelope at home, please return them next week at Mass.

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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



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.

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Events

Keep the date, Gympie....

Sunday, 4th May at 2pm

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

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*Why PLAY? As a parent being part of a community activity can help you build
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what is God's plan for me?



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Kandanga





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Church, Widgee

St John Vianney
Church, Tin Can Bay



St Peter the Fisherman Church, Rainbow Beach