

**23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time**

**Year C**

**7 September 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.

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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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## 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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# *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, by whom we are redeemed and receive adoption,  
look graciously upon your beloved sons and daughters,  
that those who believe in Christ  
may receive true freedom  
and an everlasting inheritance.

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**

Wisdom 9:13-18

A reading from the book of Wisdom

*Who can comprehend the will of God?*

What man can know the intentions of God?

Who can divine the will of the Lord?

The reasonings of mortals are unsure

and our intentions unstable;

for a perishable body presses down the soul,

and this tent of clay weighs down the teeming mind.

It is hard enough for us to work out what is on earth,

laborious to know what lies within our reach;

who, then, can discover what is in the heavens?

As for your intention, who could have learnt it, had you not granted Wisdom  
and sent your holy spirit from above?

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Thus have the paths of those on earth been straightened  
and men been taught what pleases you,  
and saved, by Wisdom.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Responsorial Psalm**

*Ps 89:3-6, 12-14, 17*

**R.** In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

You turn men back in to dust  
and say: 'Go back, sons of men.'  
To your eyes a thousand years  
are like yesterday, come and gone,  
no more than a watch in the night. **R.**

You sweep men away like a dream,  
like grass which springs up in the morning.  
In the morning it springs up and flowers:  
by evening it withers and fades. **R.**

Make us know the shortness of our life  
that we may gain wisdom of heart.  
Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever?  
Show pity to your servants. **R.**

In the morning, fill us with your love;  
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.  
Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:  
give success to the work of our hands. **R.**

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## **Second Reading**

*Philemon 1: 9-10, 12-17*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to Philemon

*Receive him, not as a slave anymore, but as a very dear brother.*

This is Paul writing, an old man now and, what is more, still a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for a child of mine, whose father I became while wearing these chains: I mean Onesimus. I am sending him back to you, and with him - I could say - a part of my own self. I should have liked to keep him with me; he could have been a substitute for you, to help me while I am in the chains that the Good News has brought me. However, I did not want to do anything without your consent; it would have been forcing your act of kindness, which should be spontaneous. I know you have been deprived of Onesimus for a time, but it was only so that you could have him back for ever, not as a slave any more, but something much better than a slave, a dear brother; especially dear to me, but how much more to you, as a blood-brother as well as a brother in the Lord. So if all that we have in common means anything to you, welcome him as you would me.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Gospel Acclamation**

Ps 118:135

Alleluia, alleluia!

Let your face shine on your servant,  
and teach me your laws.

Alleluia!

## **Gospel**

*Luke 14:25-33*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*All who do not renounce their possessions cannot be my disciples.*

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Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way and he turned and spoke to them. 'If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes, and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple. Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.

'And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to see if he had enough to complete it? Otherwise, if he laid the foundation and then found himself unable to finish the work, the onlookers would all start making fun of him and saying, "Here is a man who started to build and was unable to finish." Or again, what king marching to war against another king would not first sit down and consider whether with ten thousand men he could stand up to the other who advanced against him with twenty thousand? If not, then while the other king was still a long way off, he would send envoys to sue for peace. So in the same way, none of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **REFLECTION: Dianne Bergant**

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The wisdom tradition from which the first reading is taken is rooted in the fact that life is a series of choices. The epistle and the gospel reading provide us with examples of the way Christians should choose. Finally, the psalm's description of the fleeting nature of life sets the context and tone of our decision-making.

Discipleship demands that, in the face of all the choices available to us, we keep our priorities straight. In the gospel, Jesus insists that we must be single minded. We must cling to the one thing necessary, and that one thing is authentic discipleship. In choosing Jesus, we choose other things as well. We choose new relationships with the very people to whom we have already been committed. Those who were slaves, or lower class, or employees, or providers of service are now regarded as sisters and brothers in Christ. In choosing Jesus, we also choose the cross. We choose to live in a way that calls us to travel the high road: to forgive offences committed against us; to live simply so that others can simply live; to take responsibility for the moral character of society.

The fleeting nature of life as characterised in the psalm forces us to look at the meaning of life. When the day dawns for us to return to dust, what will we have gained from life? The realisation of our finiteness and the transitory nature of life



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should help us to set our priorities right and should give us the courage to remain faithful to them.

### **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.**

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## **Prayer of the Faithful**

**Presider:** Let us place our needs before God, so that we might have the strength to be faithful disciples of Jesus.

For Pope Leo. May he continue inspiring the Church to demonstrate faith in Christ by embracing the cross with Jesus. **Lord, hear us**

For refugees who have fled violence, that the hearts of many will be moved to make them welcome. **Lord, hear us**

On this National Child Protection week, may we work together to create a safe environment for all children and guard them against harm. **Lord, hear us**

For all fathers, that they may be blessed with wisdom, patience, and strength as they guide and nurture their families with love and care. **Lord, hear us**

For fathers who are struggling—those who are separated from their children, facing hardship, or feeling alone—may they find support, hope, and comfort in their communities. **Lord, hear us**

For Fr Rafal, as he embarks on his holiday, may God grant him rest, renewal, and safe travels. May this time away refresh his spirit and bring him back to our community filled with joy and peace. **Lord, hear us**

For all those who have died, may they be welcomed into the light of God's eternal embrace and find peace and rest in Christ. May those who mourn be comforted by hope and surrounded by loving support. And for those whose anniversaries occur around this time Dorothy (Jeanne) Lucas. **Lord, hear us**

**Presider:** Loving God, you give us the gift of your divine Son and ask us to be faithful to his gospel: hear these our prayers which we make through that same Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

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### **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,**

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**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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## The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven,  
may the faith you have given us  
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,  
and the flame of charity enkindled  
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,  
reawaken in us the blessed hope  
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us  
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.  
May those seeds transform from within  
both humanity and the whole cosmos  
in the sure expectation  
of a new heaven and a new earth,  
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,  
your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee  
reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,  
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread  
the joy and peace of our Redeemer  
throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed,  
Be glory and praise for ever.

Amen.

*Franciscus*



## 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 Associate** Mr Tom Bushell

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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.



The Parish Office will be closed on  
**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September**  
and  
**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September**



## 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

## Liturgy Roster for The Exaltation of the Holy Cross 14 September 2025

### 9:00am Morning Mass

**Welcomer:** D Liedel

**Reader 1:** B Lipke

**Reader 2:** A Calvert

**POF:** F Skinner

**Communion Ministers:** I Laherty, D Liedel, A Towner,  
J Babu, L Newey, E Saunders, D Dillon

**Power Point:** Alena

**Morning Tea:** Hollow Log

**Piety Store:** A Williams

### 5:30pm Evening Mass

**Welcomer:** S & H Skuse

**Reader 1:** M Norris

**Reader 2:** I Rodrigues

**POF:** T Tierney

**Communion Ministers:** E Shields, B Doak, N Gruar

**Power Point:** A Hallam

*Please arrive 15 minutes prior to Mass beginning.*

### Celebrations of the Eucharist:

#### St Patrick's Gympie:



St Patrick's Parish  
*Gympie and Surrounds*

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9:00am (live-streamed mass).</b> <b>5:30pm</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>7:30am</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>9:00am</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>No Mass</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>5:30pm</b> <b>4:45pm Reconciliation</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:

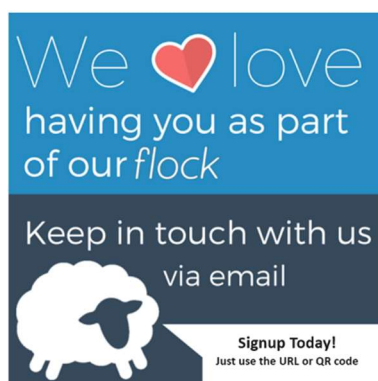
<https://stpatsgympie.flocknote.com/register> and it will also take you to our Parish data page. Feedback tells us that it is an easy process when you are sitting in front of your computer!

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!***



## 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 McCabe, Colin Willison, Judy Garner, Joe Costello, Colleen Raines, Arthur Walker (Diane Dillon's father) Archie & Veronica Murdoch, 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, Karyn Hackney-English, John Coombes, Denise Bigger, Jorse & Feme Mosquida, John & Lucitte Saum, Matthew Inglis, Elica Murdoch, Jill O'Brien, Jim Sheil, Pacita Jowier, Meg & Dave Connors, Steven Verity, Margurite Green, Tony Miller, Dave Guar, Enid Carroll, Michael Johnson, Lorenza Disandro, Lucia Pangrazzi, Gerri Willison.

**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,  
Dorothy (Jeanne) Lucas.

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 fund our youth group Illumin8.

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: **11 September 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: **25 September 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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## Illumin8

Youth Group is on every Friday during the school term in the Parish Centre from 3:30pm until 5:30pm. If you are in Year 6 to Year 10 come along and bring a friend. Afternoon Tea is provided.

# Ministers for Sunday Masses at St Patrick's



## Volunteers Needed

We need your help to run our  
celebrations each Sunday.

we are looking for:

- Welcomers
- Readers
- Commentators
- Communion Ministers
- Alter Servers
- Choir Members
- Musicians
- Communion Ministers to the Sick
- Power point operators

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More information :  07 5490 6880  [gympie@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:gympie@bne.catholic.net.au)



# Sacraments

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 or email us at [gympie@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:gympie@bne.catholic.net.au).





# ***Sacrament of Confirmation***

We would like to invite anyone with a child in year 3 or older that has been baptised to continue their Christian initiation with the sacrament of Confirmation.

We will be holding a Parents Information night

**When:** Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2025

**Where:** Parish Centre

**Time:** 6:30 PM

Confirmation will be celebrated on the 20<sup>th</sup> November.

Please scan the QR Code to complete the form to register your interest.



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# A Vocation View



## Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

You have been given a precious life, and we must be willing to accept the challenges of discipleship. Will you pick up your cross and follow Jesus? (Luke 14:25-33)



**Scan the QR code** to find out more, or call 1300 133 544  
[www.vocationbrisbane.com](http://www.vocationbrisbane.com)

Follow us on socials  
**@vocationbrisbane**



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## Events

### 100 years Kandanga Hall

The Mary Valley Churches have contributed much to our community through their use of Kandanga Hall for everything from dinners to church services. Would you like to join in celebrating this history? We would welcome a display or write up of memories & current activities.

Any questions please contact Trish Gabbana  
[pgabbana@outlook.com](mailto:pgabbana@outlook.com)

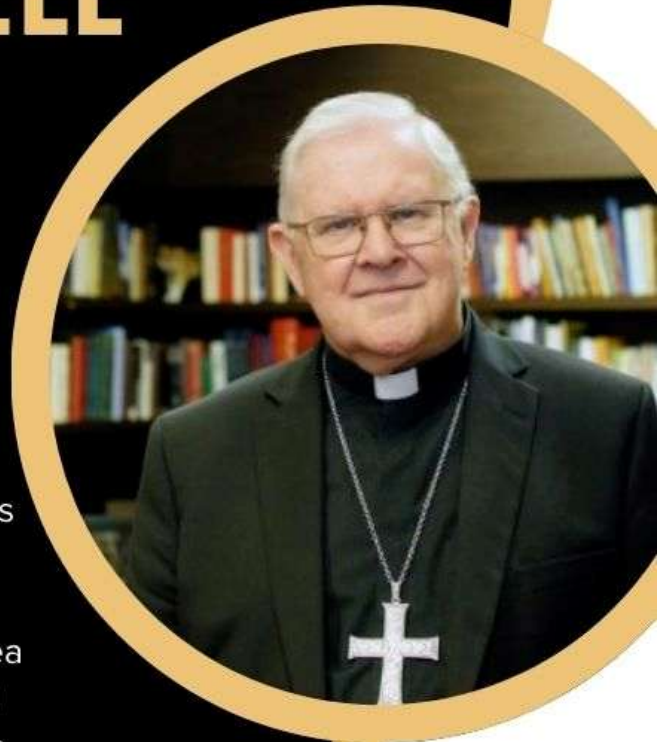
Saturday 25th October  
11:00am to 3:00pm  
Official Ceremony 12:00pm

To watch livestream of Farewell Mass  
<https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/our-diocese/mass-live-stream/>

# *Thank You &* **FAREWELL**

## **ARCHBISHOP MARK COLERIDGE**

On Saturday 6 September 2025 the Archdiocese of Brisbane will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving for Archbishop Mark Coleridge at 11:30am at the Cathedral of St Stephen. Mass will be followed by morning tea in the Hanly Room. All are welcome to attend as we celebrate his service and leadership as Archbishop of Brisbane for over 13 years.



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To watch livestream of Installation Mass  
<https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/our-diocese/mass-livestream/>



Welcome

ARCHBISHOP  
SHANE  
MACKINLAY

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At 11:00am on Thursday 11 September 2025  
Archbishop-Elec Shane Mackinlay will be  
installed as the Archbishop of Brisbane.  
This mass will be livestreamed.  
More information will be shared in the  
coming weeks.

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## *Aisle of History at St Patrick's Church*

Gympie Family History Society will be holding an event at St Patrick's Church to talk about the History of the church as well as weddings through out years at St Patrick's. Followed by tea and coffee in the parish centre.

18<sup>th</sup> October 2025  
10:00 am till 12:00pm

Entry Cost \$10.00 includes booklet

Please RSVP on 5482 8211  
for catering purposes



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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Catholic  
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It's free & any parents/caregivers & their Under 5 child/ren are welcome to come!  
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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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