

Liturgy of the Word—29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mission Sunday

First Reading:

Exodus 17:8-13

A reading from the book of Exodus

As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage.

The Amalekites came and attacked Israel at Rephidim. Moses said to Joshua, 'Pick out men for yourself, and tomorrow morning march out to engage Amalek. I, meanwhile will stand on the hilltop, the staff of God in my hand.' Joshua did as Moses told him and marched out to engage Amalek, while Moses and Aaron and Hur went up to the top of the hill. As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage; when he let his arms fall, the advantage went to Amalek. But Moses' arms grew heavy, so they took a stone and put it under him and on this he sat, Aaron and Hur supporting his arms, one on one side, one on the other; and his arms remained firm until sunset. With the edge of the sword Joshua cut down Amalek and his people.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 120

R. Our help is from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.

I lift up my eyes to the mountains:
from where shall come my help?
My help shall come from the Lord
who made heaven and earth. **R.**

May he never allow you to stumble!
Let him sleep not, your guard.
No, he sleeps not nor slumbers,
Israel's guard. **R.**

The Lord is your guard and your shade;
at your right side he stands.
By day the sun shall not smite you
nor the moon in the night. **R.**

The Lord will guard you from evil,
he will guard your soul.
The Lord will guard your going and coming
both now and for ever. **R.**

Second Reading:

2 Timothy 3:14 - 4:2

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

This is how the people of God become equipped and ready for every good work.

You must keep to what you have been taught and know to be true; remember who your teachers were, and how, ever since you were a child, you have known the holy scriptures - from these you can learn the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and can profitably be used for teaching, for refuting error, for guiding people's lives and teaching them to be holy. This is how the man who is dedicated to God becomes fully equipped and ready for any good work.

Before God and before Christ Jesus who is to be judge of the living and the dead, I put this duty to you, in the name of his Appearing and of his kingdom: proclaim the message and, welcome or unwelcome, insist on it. Refute falsehood, correct error, call to obedience - but do all with patience and with the intention of teaching.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation:

Hebrews 4:12

Alleluia, alleluia!

The word of God is living and active;
it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart.
Alleluia!

Gospel:

Luke 18:1-8

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
God will see those who cry to him vindicated.

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the need to pray continually and never lose heart. 'There was a judge in a certain town' he said who had neither fear of God nor respect for man. In the same town there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, "I want justice from you against my enemy!" For a long time he refused, but at last he said to himself "Maybe I have neither fear of God nor respect for man, but since she keeps pestering me I must give this widow her just rights, or she will persist in coming and worry me to death."

And the Lord said, 'You notice what the unjust judge has to say? Now will not God see justice done to his chosen who cry to him day and night even when he delays to help them? I promise you, he will see justice done to them, and done speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on earth?'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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19 October 2025



Mission Sunday

As the Australian agency of the international Pontifical Mission Societies, Catholic Mission works on behalf of the Pope to support Church-run mission programs around the world.

Thanks to the generosity of Australians like you, last year we were able to support life-giving programs like The House of Mercy and share the story of Chuluunbaatar. The House of Mercy provides a safe shelter to people in need; from people experiencing homelessness, those impacted by domestic violence and people in need of first aid services. On average, more than 400 people in need receive support from the House of Mercy every month. Without your partnership, people like Chuluunbaatar would be facing immense difficulty getting back on their feet.

But there is still work to be done in many other Church-run programs around the world. This year, Pope Francis calls us to be "Missionaries of hope among all peoples", extending Christ's love to those in need. In this spirit, we invite parishioners to support vulnerable people through the work of Sr Jane Kaputa at the Women's Cooperative, and midwife Kayula at the Chilonga Mission Hospital in Zambia.

These dedicated missionaries carry the vision of Bishop Edwin Mulandu as they walk with their people and embrace their realities with action. Through the Women's Cooperative, Sr Jane supports women like Sharon whose family faces worsening drought and painful choices – selling crops for survival or feeding their children. Through this project women are gaining sustainable farming skills and resources to boost their production and generate income.

Through the Chilonga Mission Hospital, midwife Kayula meets expectant mothers like Grace, who endure dangerous journeys for medical care, only to face overcrowding, limited resources, and the heartbreaking risk of losing their baby or their own life. With your support, the hospital can receive crucial upgrades to equipment and facilities that are required to provide women and their babies with the care and dignity they deserve. We invite you and your parish to partner with us to support this crucial work.



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We acknowledge the Gubbi Gubbi People, the traditional custodians on whose land we worship.

St Patrick’s Mass Times this Week	
Monday:	7:30am
Tuesday:	9:00am
Thursday:	7:00am
Friday:	5:30pm
Sunday:	9:00am(Live-streamed) 5:30pm
Reconciliation: Friday 4:45pm or on request	

Support of the Gympie Parish

Thank you for your continued financial support of the Gympie Parish it is greatly appreciated and much needed. If you would like to support the Parish financially please see the ways below.

Direct Debit: Account Name: St Patrick’s Parish BSB: 064 786 Account Number: 1000 17636
Reference: Name/collections

EFTPOS: We have an EFTPOS machine at the back of the church just tap and go.

Parish Giving App: Please click on the QR code and follow the instructions to make a payment

Envelopes: If you wish to use envelopes please contact the parish office to arrange a box then place on the collection plate on either collections.

Cash: If you would like to use cash please place on the collection plate on either of the collections

Containers for Change: Simply return your containers to any of the containers for change refund points and quote our number C11306796. Donations will be used for the Youth Group Activities.

Liturgy Roster for 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

26 October 2025
9:00am Morning Mass

Welcomer: E Saunders
Reader 1: I Laherty
Reader 2: A Calvert
POF: D Griffin
Altar Servers: Chris, Christes, Chrisetta
Communion Ministers:
Bread: E Saunders, D Dillon, I Laherty
Wine: M Calvert, D Liedel, A Towner, L Newey
Power Point: J Newey
Piety Store: M Rush
Morning Tea: Servant Community

5:30pm Evening Mass

Welcomer: S & H Skuse
Reader 1: I Rodrigues
Reader 2: C Johnston
POF: L Collins
Communion Ministers: E Shields, B Doak, C Johnston
Power Point: N Guar

Please arrive 15 minutes prior to Mass beginning.

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time Readings

1st Reading: Sirach 35:12-14, 16-19
2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18
Gospel: Luke 18:9-14

The Deceased

Let us remember in our prayers those loved ones who have died recently Harold Godfrey Mort and those whose anniversaries fall around this time. May the faithful departed rejoice to see the face of their Saviour. Please write names in Remembrance book at the front door.

Country Church Mass Times 19/10/2025

Saturday
St Vincent de Paul – Widgee 5:00pm
Sunday
St John Vianney – Tin Can Bay 7:00am

Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion

Sunday
St Therese Church – Gunalda 7:00am



Sacrament of Confirmation

Thank you to the parents that attended our parents information night on Monday. Preparation Dates are as follows:

First meeting – Sunday 19th October 10:30am Primary School Class Room
Second meeting – Sunday 26th October During Mass followed by 10:30am in Primary School Class Room
Third meeting – Sunday 2nd November 10:30am in Primary School Class Room
Fourth meeting – Sunday 16th November during 9:00am Mass followed by Rehearsal after Mass

Confirmation Celebration – 20 November at 5:30pm

Hearing Loop in St Pat’s

For anyone using hearing aids you will need to turn your hearing loop to T. The hearing loop is situated in the middle of the Church. If you are unable to hear can you please inform Fr Rafal or let the parish office know.

Safeguarding

https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/safeguarding
Information can be provided to STOPline anonymously.
Phone: 1300 304 550 Email: AOB@stopline.com.au
Online: bnecatholic.stoplinereport.com

Youth Group

Youth Group will be on Friday 24 October 2025 at 3:30pm until 5:00pm for youth in Year 6 to Year 10 in the Parish Centre. We would like to thank Mrs Calvert and Jakson for continuing the Youth Group until we have arranged a replacement for Zac.

A Helping Hand

Do you enjoy helping others? St Vincent de Paul Conference is looking for volunteers to help with family assistance. If you would like any further information please contact on 54811 525 and leave a message.

Catholic Mission Sunday—18th to 19th October

This week, you’re invited to partner with the Church in Zambia to help women overcome poverty and mothers give birth safely.
The Women’s Cooperative, led by Sr Jane will provide women with the training and support required to break the cycle of scarcity, and the Chilonga Mission Hospital is determined to ensure every woman and baby receives a safe and dignified start to life.
During World Mission Sunday, we are called to be ‘Missionaries of hope among all peoples’, and we invite you to extend Christ’s love to those in need in Zambia. You can support this work by using the appeal envelope, going online at catholicmission.org.au/mission, or scanning the QR code. Your gift will also assist many other Church programs around the world. To donate please scanning the QR Code



Combined Churches Prayer Meeting

The Uniting Church have kindly invited the Body of Christ to Pray together on Tuesday the 21st of October beginning at 6 pm to 6.30 pm. (Everyone Welcome to have fellowship after the Meeting) The address is 15 Redhill Road Gympie.

100 years Kandanga Hall

Kandanga hall is turning 100. Please come and celebrate this event on Saturday 25th October from 11am until 3:00pm with the official ceremony starting at 12:00pm. Any questions please contact Trish Gabbana pgabbana@outlook.com.

A vocation view:

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pray persistently, and God will respond. Ask God to bless the Church with faith-filled ministers. (Luke 18:1-8)

Scan the QR code

to find out more, or call 1300 133 544 www.vocationbrisbane.com



What’s happening

Date	Event
21st October	Combined Churches Prayer Meeting Uniting Church, Redhill Road. 6pm
23rd October	Men’s Afternoon
26th October	Confirmation Candidates 2nd Meeting 10:30am
1st November	All Saints Day St Patrick’s Church 9:00am
2nd November	Mass of Remembrance St Patrick’s Church 9:00am
2nd November	Confirmation Candidates 3rd meeting 10:30am
16th November	Confirmation Candidates 4th meeting and Rehearsal
20th November	Confirmation Celebration

All Saint Day Mass

We will be holding a Mass of All Saints Day on Saturday 1st November at 9:00am at St Patrick’s Church. Please note as this is the first Saturday of the month there will be NO anointing of the sick Mass for November.

Mass of Remembrance—All Souls Day

Please join us for Mass of Remembrance on Sunday 2 November at 9:00am where the name of your loved one will be entered in our Book of Remembrance. After Mass will be morning tea in the Parish Centre. We ask that bring a small plate to share.

Congratulation RCIA

Congratulations to Steven and Rebecca as they complete their RCIA journey this Sunday by receiving all three Sacraments into our church. Welcome to our community.



Country Church Locations

St Therese Church – Gunalda, Balkin Street, GUNALDA QLD 4570
Sacred Heart Church – Kandanga, 43-45 Stephen’s Street, KANDANGA QLD 4570
St Peter the Fisherman Church – Rainbow Beach, Manooka Drive, RAINBOW BEACH QLD 4581
St John Vianney Church – Tin Can Bay, 22-24 Bream Street, TIN CAN BAY QLD 4580
St Vincent de Paul – Widgee, Cnr Gympie-Woolooga and Little Widgee Road, WIDGEE QLD 4570