

Liturgy of the Word—30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading:

Sirach 35:12-14, 16-19

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

The prayer of the humble will penetrate the heavens.

The Lord is a judge who is no respecter of personages. He shows no respect of personages to the detriment of a poor man, he listens to the plea of the injured party. He does not ignore the orphan's supplication, nor the widow's as she pours out her story. The man who with his whole heart serves God will be accepted, his petitions will carry to the clouds. The humble man's prayer pierces the clouds, until it arrives he is inconsolable, nor will he desist until the Most High takes notice of him, acquits the virtuous and delivers judgement. And the Lord will not be slow, nor will he be dilatory on their behalf.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 32:2-3, 17-19, 23

R. The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. **R.**

The Lord turns his face against the wicked
to destroy their remembrance from the earth.
The just call and the Lord hears
and rescues them in all their distress. **R.**

The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;
those whose spirit is crushed he will save.
The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants.
Those who hide in him shall not be condemned. **R.**

Second Reading:

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy
All that remains is the crown of righteousness reserved for me.

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the

righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing.

The first time I had to present my defence, there was not a single witness to support me. Every one of them deserted me - may they not be held accountable for it. But the Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation:

2 Corinthians 5:19

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself;
and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.
Alleluia!

Gospel:

Luke 18:9-14

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

The publican returned to his home justified; the pharisee did not.

Jesus spoke the following parable to some people who prided themselves on being virtuous and despised everyone else. "Two men went up to the Temple to pray, one a Pharisee, the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood there and said this prayer to himself, "I thank you, God, that I am not grasping, unjust, adulterous like the rest of mankind, and particularly that I am not like this tax collector here. I fast twice a week; I pay tithes on all I get." The tax collector stood some distance away, not daring even to raise his eyes to heaven; but he beat his breast and said, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner." This man, I tell you, went home again at rights with God; the other did not. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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26 October 2025

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Standing in the Humus of Life

This parable begins 'Two men went up to the Temple to pray'. But only one of them actually prayed: 'God be merciful to me, a sinner'. The other informs God how well he is doing in the piety stakes. Notice that he strings together a whole lot of verbs, all in the first person singular! This means he is in mortal danger of staying in the first person singular after death, which is Hellish.

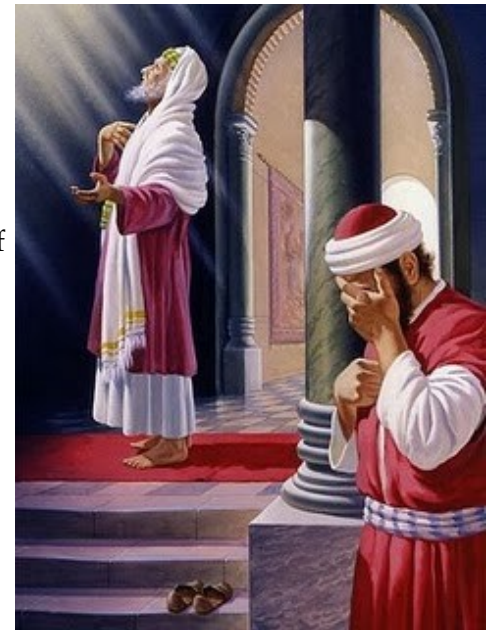
The other is said to be 'humble'. I like the English companion word: 'humus'. He is well-grounded, knows where he is standing, sometimes in the manure of life.

It takes courage and humility to admit to God exactly where we stand. We can do so in Confession, or less formally simply praying: 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner'.

We could pause for a moment to humbly pray so that we may hope to hear Our Lord say: 'This woman, this man, this boy, this girl, went home at rights with God.'

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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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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
Saturday:	9:00am (All Saint Day not anointing)
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 All Souls Day
02 November 2025
9:00am Morning Mass

Welcomer: P Tobin
Reader 1: I Laherty
Reader 2: M Ryan
POF: M Rush
Altar Servers: J Newey, A Calvert
Communion Ministers:
Bread: M Calvert, D Liedel, A Towner
Wine: L Newey, E Saunders, D Dillon, I Laherty
Power Point: A Jomy
Piety Store: K Taylor
Morning Tea: Hilltop Ramblers
5:30pm Evening Mass
Welcomer: A Hallam
Reader 1: M Norris
Reader 2: A Osborn
POF: B Doak
Communion Ministers: E Shields, C Johnston, N Gruar
Power Point: T Hallam
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 02/11/2025

Saturday
St John Vianney – Tin Can Bay 5:00pm
Sunday
St Peter the Fisherman – Rainbow Beach 6:30am

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:

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 31 October 2025 at 3:30pm until 5:00pm for youth in Year 6 to Year 10 in the Parish Centre. Afternoon tea provided.

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—Thank You

We would like to thank you for your generosity supporting the Church in Zambia and missionaries like Sr Jane and Kayula.

Thanks to your kindness, women like Sharon will have the skills to provide for their families, and mothers like Grace can give birth with dignity. Your gift will also support a variety of Church programs around the world.

To learn more about the impact your support is making, please visit catholicmission.org.au/our-work. Here, you can also sign up to our regular newsletter to keep up to date with the latest news.

If you haven’t had the opportunity to give, please do so at catholicmission.org.au/mission. Your action will make profound change on people’s lives.



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.

A vocation view:

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time –
Be humble and allow God to do great things through you.
(Luke 18:9-14)

Scan the QR code
to find out more, or call 1300 133 544
www.vocationbrisbane.com



What’s happening

Date	Event
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

Sacristans Required

Fr Rafal is looking for Sacristans that can come and help open, close and setup the church on days that we have Weddings, Funerals, Baptisms etc. You may be required to assist during the week as well. If you can assist please see Fr Rafal or contact the Parish Office. Fr Rafal will train you in what you are required to know and Brianna can assist you with obtaining all the correct documents for safeguarding.

Rosters

With only a couple of weeks until we are in December can you please advise the office if you will be going away over December and January so we can arrange the Sunday Rosters.

The Christmas Roster will be available in the front of the church shortly to put your name down if you will be available to assist over the Christmas Masses.



Christmas Mass Schedule

Wednesday 24th December 2025 Vigil

4:00pm St Peter the Fisherman – Rainbow Beach
6:30pm St Patrick’s – Gympie

Thursday 25th December 2025

7:00am Sacred Heart Church – Kandanga
9:00am St Patrick’s – Gympie

Carols will be played 30minutes prior to Mass.

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