

First Reading:

Malachi 3:19-20

A reading from the prophet Malachi

The sun of righteousness will shine on you.

The day is coming now, burning like a furnace; and all the arrogant and the evil-doers will be like stubble. The day that is coming is going to burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, leaving them neither root nor stalk. But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness will shine out with healing in its rays.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 97:5-9

R. The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp with the sound of music.

With trumpets and the sound of the horn acclaim the King, the Lord. **R.**

Let the sea and all within it, thunder; the world, and all its peoples. Let the rivers clap their hands and the hills ring out their joy at the presence of the Lord. **R.**

For the Lord comes, he comes to rule the earth. He will rule the world with justice and the people with fairness. **R.**

Second Reading:

2 Thessalonians 3:7-12

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

Do not give anyone food who refuses to work.

You know how you are supposed to imitate us: now we were not idle when we were with you, nor did we ever have our meals at anyone's table without paying for them; no, we worked night and day, slaving and straining, so as not to be a burden on any of you. This was not because we had no right to be, but in order to make ourselves an example for you to follow.

We gave you a rule when we were with you; not to let anyone have any food if he refused to do any work. Now we hear that there are some of you who are living in idleness, doing no work themselves but interfering with everyone else's. In the Lord Jesus Christ, we order and call on people of this kind to go on quietly working and

earning the food that they eat.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation:

Luke 21:38

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lift up your heads and see; your redemption is near at hand.

Alleluia!

Gospel:

Luke 21:5-19

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Your endurance will win you your life.

When some were talking about the Temple, remarking how it was adorned with fine stonework and votive offerings, Jesus said, 'All these things you are staring at now - the time will come when not a single stone will be left on another: everything will be destroyed.' And they put to him this question: 'Master,' they said 'when will this happen, then, and what sign will there be that this is about to take place?'

'Take care not to be deceived,' he said 'because many will come using my name and saying, "I am he" and, "The time is near at hand." Refuse to join them. And when you hear of wars and revolutions, do not be frightened, for this is something that must happen but the end is not so soon.' Then he said to them, 'Nation will fight against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes and plagues and famines here and there; there will be fearful sights and great signs from heaven.'

'But before all this happens, men will seize you and persecute you; they will hand you over to the synagogues and to imprisonment, and bring you before kings and governors because of my name - and that will be your opportunity to bear witness. Keep this carefully in mind: you are not to prepare your defence, because I myself shall give you an eloquence and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to resist or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, relations and friends; and some of you will be put to death. You will be hated by all men on account of my name, but not a hair of your head will be lost. Your endurance will win you your lives.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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The Day of the Lord was believed to be the time when God would come in majesty and power to set all things right. We must remember that the descriptions in today's readings are metaphoric or symbolic in nature. As with all metaphors or symbols, we miss something of their profound meaning if we merely understand them literally. It is not helpful to relate elements of the description with particular aspects of the contemporary world. Belief in the Day of the Lord is a way of testifying to our faith in the righteousness of God.

Although the narrative readings for today concentrate on the disruptions that will accompany the coming of God, they also contain hints of the salvation that will finally arrive. Malachi speaks of the sun of justice that comes with healing rays; Luke promises that the faithful disciples will escape without a hair of their heads being destroyed. Just as the descriptions of the upheavals should not be understood literally, neither should these descriptions. It may be that the faithful followers of Jesus will suffer terrible agonies. The point here is that even in the midst of their pain, they will be protected. The healing rays of justice and the rescue of the lives of the upright are references to salvation. God does not come at the end to condemn, but to save. Furthermore, the suffering that precedes the end is intended for purification and refinement, not punishment. Christians are exhorted to live in this endtime with patient endurance of difficulties.

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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

Country Church Mass Times 23/11/2025

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

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
Reference: Name/collections

Account Number: 1000 17636

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 Christ is King

23 November 2025

9:00am Morning Mass

Welcomer: D Liedel

Reader 1: B Lipke

Reader 2: M Ryan

POF: A Calvert

Altar Servers: Chris, Christes, Christetta

Communion Ministers:

Bread: A Towner, L Newey, E Saunders

Wine: D Dillon, I Laherty, M Calvert, D Liedel

Power Point: J Newey

Piety Store: A Jomy

Morning Tea: Servant Community

5:30pm Evening Mass

Welcomer: A Osborn

Reader 1: T Hallam

Reader 2: I Rodrigues

POF: M Newton

Communion Ministers: E Shields, B Doak, C Johnston

Power Point: N Gruar

Please arrive 15 minutes prior to Mass beginning.

Christ is King Readings

1st Reading: 2 Samuel 5:1-3

2nd Reading: Colossians 1:12-20

Gospel: Luke 23:35-43

The Deceased

Let us remember in our prayers those loved ones who have died recently, Raymond Auer, Bill Garlick and Lucia Pangrazzi and those whose anniversaries fall around this time, Elija Claude Walker. May the faithful departed rejoice to see the face of their Saviour. Please write names in Remembrance book at the front door.

Safeguarding

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

Information can be provided to STOPline anonymously.

Phone: [1300 304 550](tel:1300304550) Email: AOB@stopline.com.au

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Scam Email Alert

We have been advised there has been an email requesting you to purchase gift cards for Fr Rafal. Please **DO NOT** as this is a **SCAM**.

Parish Office Closed

The Parish Office will be closed next Friday 21st November 2025 and will reopen on Monday 24th November at 8:30am.

Brianna will also be taking holidays from the 15th December until the 12th January. Tom will be in the office on Tuesdays after 10:30am and Thursdays from 8:30am if you require anything during this time.

The Parish Office will be closed for Christmas from the **24th December until the 5th December**.

If an emergency during this time please call Fr Rafal on his mobile 0410 887 476.

November Masses 2025

November is traditionally a month when we remember and pray for those who have gone before us, marked by the sign of faith. The Church has always practised praying for the souls of the departed. This meaningful tradition of praying for our departed love ones is cherished through both public and private prayers, especially by offering the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass for their repose. Yellow envelopes are available at the front of the church for November Masses. Feel free to take one, **write the name of your departed loved ones in BLOCK letters ON THE BACK OF THE ENVELOPE**, and if you'd like to include a donation. You can place your envelope on the collection plate or hand it to Father.

Piety Store

The Piety Store now has the Advent reflection books available for purchase for \$6.00. There are still some Calendars for 2026 from Columban and Church art for \$10.00 as well as God's word for 2026 for \$20.00. Please visit our store and have a look for some Christmas Gifts as well. EFTPOS is available.

A vocation view:

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - C/1

Patient endurance will see you through to the end. God will give you the wisdom and the words to speak. Don't let anything hold you back from a wholehearted "yes." (Luke 21:5-19)

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<u>What's happening</u>	
<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
20th November	Confirmation Celebration
21st November	Parish Office Closed
27th November	Men's Afternoon 12:30pm till 2:00pm Parish Centre
29th November	Working Bee @ St Patrick's Church 9:00am
6th December	Anointing of the Sick and Mass St Patrick's Church 9:00am
15th December – 12th January	Brianna on Holidays
24th December – 5th January	Parish Office Closed
26th December	Fr Rafal Away – No MASS

Youth Group

Youth Group will be on Friday 21 November 2025 at 3:30pm until 5:00pm for youth in Year 6 to Year 10 in the Parish Centre. Afternoon tea provided. Come and meet our new Youth Coordinator – Mrs Libby Taylor.

Working Bee

Our annual working bee will be happening on Saturday **29th November at 9:00am** at St Patrick's Church in preparation for Advent. Would love if you can lend a hand as many hands make light work. Please bring Ladders, Buckets, Brooms, Rags, Pressure Washers



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