

Liturgy of the Word—Christ is King

First Reading:

2 Samuel 5:1-3

A reading from the second book of Samuel

They anointed David king of Israel.

All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron. 'Look' they said 'we are your own flesh and blood. In days past when Saul was our king, it was you who led Israel in all their exploits; and the Lord said to you, "You are the man who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you shall be the leader of Israel." So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David made a pact with them at Hebron in the presence of the Lord, and they anointed David king of Israel.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 121:1-5

R. Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

I rejoiced when I heard them say:

'Let us go to God's house.'

And now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem. *R.*

Jerusalem is built as a city
strongly compact.

It is there that the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord. *R.*

For Israel's law it is,
there to praise the Lord's name.
There were set the thrones of judgment
of the house of David. *R.*

Second Reading:

Colossians 1:12-20

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

He has taken us into the kingdom of his beloved Son.

We give thanks to the Father who has made it possible for you
to join the saints and with them to inherit the light.

Because that is what he has done: he has taken us out of the
power of darkness and created a place for us in the kingdom of
the Son that he loves, and in him, we gain our freedom, the
forgiveness of our sins.

He is the image of the unseen God
and the first-born of all creation;
for in him were created
all things in heaven and on earth:
everything visible and everything invisible,
Thrones, Dominions, Sovereignties, Powers -
all things were created through him and for him.
Before anything was created, he existed,
and he holds all things in unity.
Now the Church is his body,

he is its head.

As he is the Beginning,
he was first to be born from the dead,
so that he should be first in every way;
because God wanted all perfection
to be found in him
and all things to be reconciled through him and for him,
everything in heaven and everything on earth,
when he made peace
by his death on the cross.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation:

Mark 11:9, 10

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our Father;
blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Alleluia!

Gospel:

Luke 23:35-43

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
Lord remember me when you come into your kingdom.

The people stayed before the cross watching Jesus. As for the leaders, they jeered at him. 'He saved others,' they said 'let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One.' The soldiers mocked him too, and when they approached to offer him vinegar they said, 'If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.' Above him there was an inscription: 'This is the King of the Jews.'

One of the criminals hanging there abused him. 'Are you not the Christ?' he said. 'Save yourself and us as well.' But the other spoke up and rebuked him. 'Have you no fear of God at all?' he said, 'You got the same sentence as he did, but in our case we deserved it: we are paying for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong. Jesus,' he said 'remember me when you come into your kingdom.' 'Indeed, I promise you,' he replied 'today you will be with me in paradise.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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St Patrick's Parish

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23 November 2025

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KING OF THE UNIVERSE

On the last Sunday of the liturgical year (23rd November this year) the Church celebrates the solemnity of Christ the King, or "Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe", as it is now called. The feast was instituted by Pius IX in 1925 as a way of countering the increasing atheism and secularisation of society.

Some people might have problems with the language and imagery used in the texts for this celebration, believing that words like 'king' and 'kingdom' carry patriarchal and authoritarian connotations that are incompatible with Christianity and would prefer an image that speaks less of power and authority. The kingship of Christ is not about the power or splendour often associated with royalty. The Preface for the Feast describes Christ's Kingdom as "a kingdom of truth and life, a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love and peace".

With so much conflict across the world at present, the Prayer over the Offerings is very appropriate: "As we offer you, O Lord, the sacrifice by which the human race is reconciled to you, we humbly pray that your Son himself may bestow on all nations the gifts of unity and peace".

In the Prayer after Communion we look forward to eternal life with Christ our King: "Having received the food of immortality, we ask, O Lord, that glorying in obedience to the commands of Christ, the King of the universe, we may live with him eternally in his heavenly Kingdom".

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.

Contact Information

Parish Priest: Fr Rafal Rucinski 0410 887 476

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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 30/11/2025

Saturday
Sacred Heart Church – Kandanga 5:00pm
Sunday
St Therese Church – Gunalda 7:00am
Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion
Saturday
St John Vianney – Tin Can Bay 5:00pm

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

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 1st Sunday of Advent

30 November 2025

9:00am Morning Mass

Welcomer: E Saunders

Reader 1: P Callaghan

Reader 2: I Laherty

POF: F Skinner

Altar Servers: J Newey, A Calvert, B Manning

Communion Ministers:

Bread: D Dillon, I Laherty, M Calvert

Wine: D Liedel, A Towner, L Newey, E Saunders

Power Point: A Jomy

Piety Store: Y McCarthy

Morning Tea: Hilltop Ramblers

5:30pm Evening Mass

Welcomer: T McFarlane

Reader 1: S Skuse

Reader 2: L Collins

POF: M Norris

Communion Ministers: E Shields, B Doak, C Johnston

Power Point: N Gruar

Please arrive 15 minutes prior to Mass beginning.

1st Sunday of Advent

1st Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5

2nd Reading: Romans 13:11-14

Gospel: Matthew 24:37-44

The Deceased

Let us remember in our prayers those loved ones who have died recently, Jeffrey Carlson and those whose anniversaries fall around this time, Raymond Charles Collins. 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

Online: bnecatholic.stoplinereport.com

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



Parish Office Closed

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 until 1:00pm and Thursdays from 8:30am until 1:00pm. 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.

Christmas in Sacred Heart Church Kandanga

We would love for you to join us at the Sacred Heart Church in Kandanga on Christmas morning at 7:00am.

The Parishioners of Kandanga have put together a wonderful Christmas display in preparation for the Mass.

Please show your support around our country churches.



What's happening

Date	Event
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



St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal

This Christmas, St. Vincent de Paul will again be preparing both grocery & toy hampers for all those doing it tough. All donations to help with this much needed project will be very much appreciated. Donations of non perishable food, Christmas treats such as shortbread, nuts, candy canes, cans of soft drinks & toiletries such as soap & toothpaste would all be very handy. All donations can be placed in the baskets at the Church doors up to & including **Sunday 14th December**.

If you would prefer to give a monetary donation, envelopes are available from the table at the front door. Alternatively, you can make a direct deposit into our bank account:

Account - SVDP St. Patrick's

BSB - 064 786

Account No. - 100027023

Merry Christmas & May God Bless.
SVDP Gympie.



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