

Liturgy of the Word—First Sunday of Advent

First Reading:

Isaiah 2:1-5

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The Lord will gather all nations in eternal peace in the kingdom of God.

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In the days to come
the mountain of the Temple of the Lord
shall tower above the mountains
and be lifted higher than the hills.

All the nations will stream to it,
peoples without number will come to it; and they will say:

'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
to the Temple of the God of Jacob
that he may teach us his ways
so that we may walk in his paths;
since the Law will go out from Zion,
and the oracle of the Lord from Jerusalem.'

He will wield authority over the nations
and adjudicate between many peoples;
these will hammer their swords into ploughshares,
their spears into sickles.
Nation will not lift sword against nation,
there will be no more training for war
O House of Jacob, come,
let us walk in the light of the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 121:1-2, 4-5, 6-9

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.**

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

For Israel's law it is,
there to praise the Lord's name.

There were set the thrones of judgement
of the house of David. **R.**

For the peace of Jerusalem pray:
'Peace be to your homes!'

May peace reign in your walls,
in your palaces, peace! **R.**

For love of my brethren and friends
I say: 'Peace upon you!'
For love of the house of the Lord
I will ask for your good. **R.**

Second Reading:

Romans 13:11-14

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

The time has come, our salvation is near.

You know 'the time' has come: you must wake up now: our salvation is even nearer than it was when we were converted. The night is almost over, it will be daylight soon - let us give up all the things we prefer to do under cover of the dark; let us arm ourselves and appear in the light. Let us live decently as people do in the daytime: no drunken orgies, no promiscuity or licentiousness, and no wrangling or jealousy. Let your armour be the Lord Jesus Christ.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation:

Ps 84:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.

Alleluia!

Gospel:

Matthew 24:37-44

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
Stay awake, you must be ready.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As it was in Noah's day, so will it be when the Son of Man comes. For in those days before the Flood people were eating, drinking, taking wives, taking husbands, right up to the day Noah went into the ark, and they suspected nothing till the Flood came and swept all away. It will be like this when the Son of Man comes. Then of two men in the fields one is taken, one left; of two women at the millstone grinding, one is taken, one left.'

'So stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming. You may be quite sure of this that if the householder had known at what time of the night the burglar would come, he would have stayed awake and would not have allowed anyone to break through the wall of his house. Therefore, you too must stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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30 November 2025

1st Sunday of Advent

Year A

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We may be accustomed to think of Advent as the time when we prepare for the coming of God, but the readings also train our attention on our own journey to God. We see this most clearly in this first Sunday with readings that tell us the identity of the pilgrims, the destination toward which they travel, and the way of life that is required of them on their journey. As the Vatican Council has proclaimed: We are a pilgrim people.

Both the reading from Isaiah and the psalm response speak of the pilgrimage to the mountain of the Lord, the place where God can be found. Although the psalm speaks about Jerusalem and refers to the temple there, the broader theological significance of the mountain, the city and the temple is one and the same. They represent the presence of God in our midst, and this presence is the goal of our striving. There are clear directions about how we are to live while we are on this pilgrimage to God. In Isaiah we learn that we must put away our instruments of violence and hatred, our swords and our spears. Lest we pick them up again, we are told to convert them into life-producing implements, into ploughs and pruning hooks. Paul exhorts us to put away our deeds of darkness and self-indulgence and to clothe ourselves instead in the deeds of Jesus Christ. Matthew points out the need for alertness, attentiveness, a disposition that is open to a change of heart.

Christmas Mass Schedule

Wednesday 24th December 2025 Vigil

4:00pm St Peter the Fisherman – Rainbow Beach

6:30pm St Patrick's – Gympie

Youth Play from 6:00pm

Thursday 25th December 2025

7:00am Sacred Heart Church – Kandanga

9:00am St Patrick's – Gympie

Carols will be played 30 minutes
prior to Mass.

No Mass 26th December 2025

Contact Information

Parish Priest: Fr Rafal Rucinski 0410 887 476

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Parish Website: stpatsgympie.net.au

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St Patrick's School Details:

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Community Council: Maureen Rush

St Patrick's Primary Mrs Petrea Hass 5489 3200

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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 7/12/2025

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

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 2nd Sunday of Advent

7 December 2025

9:00am Morning Mass

Welcomer: P Tobin

Reader 1: S Vale

Reader 2: Shania Shine

POF: C Cash

Altar Servers: Alvina, Sherlyn, Chisty

Communion Ministers:

Bread: D Liedel, A Towner, L Newey

Wine: E Saunders, D Dillon, I Laherty, M Green

Power Point: J Newey

Piety Store: A Jomy

Morning Tea: Hollow Log

5:30pm Evening Mass

Welcomer: A Hallam

Reader 1: T Tierney

Reader 2: **Volunteer**

POF: N Gruar

Communion Ministers: E Shields, B Doak, C Johnston

Power Point: T Hallam

Please arrive 15 minutes prior to Mass beginning.

2nd Sunday of Advent

1st Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10

2nd Reading: Romans 15:4-9

Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12

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. 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

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 January**.

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

Reconciliation Times

Monday 15th December 6:30am—7:30am
Tuesday 16th December 8:00am—9:00am
Thursday 18th December 7:30am—8:30am
5:30pm—6:30pm
Friday 15th December 4:30pm—5:30pm
Saturday 20th December 9:00am—10:00am
Monday 22nd December 6:30am—7:30am
5:30pm—6:30pm
Tuesday 23rd December 8:00am—9:00am

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
6th December	Anointing of the Sick and Mass St Patrick's Church 9:00am
11 December	Lions Morning Tea @ Senior Citizen Centre
15th December – 12th January	Brianna on Holidays
24th December – 5th January	Parish Office Closed
26th December	Fr Rafal Away – No MASS

Mass & Anointing of the Sick

Our last Mass with the Anointing of the Sick for the year will be on Saturday 6th December at 9:00am.



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