

## Liturgy of the Word—Second Sunday of Advent

### First Reading:

*Isaiah 11:1-10*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

*He judges the poor with justice.*

A shoot springs from the stock of Jesse,  
a scion thrusts from his roots:  
on him the spirit of the Lord rests,  
a spirit of wisdom and insight,  
a spirit of counsel and power,  
a spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord.  
(The fear of the Lord is his breath.)

He does not judge by appearances,  
he gives no verdict on hearsay,  
but judges the wretched with integrity,  
and with equity gives a verdict for the poor of the land.  
His word is a rod that strikes the ruthless;  
his sentences bring death to the wicked.

Integrity is the loin cloth round his waist,  
faithfulness the belt about his hips.

The wolf lives with the lamb,  
the panther lies down with the kid,  
calf and lion cub feed together with a little boy to lead them.  
The cow and the bear make friends, their young lie down together.  
The lion eats straw like the ox.  
The infant plays over the cobra's hole;  
into the viper's lair the young child puts his hand.  
They do no hurt, no harm, on all my holy mountain,  
for the country is filled with the knowledge of the Lord  
as the waters swell the sea.

That day, the root of Jesse  
shall stand as a signal to the peoples.  
It will be sought out by the nations  
and its home will be glorious.

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Responsorial Psalm:**  
*Ps 71:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17*

*R.* Justice shall flourish in his time,  
and fullness of peace for ever.

O God, give your judgement to the king,  
to a king's son your justice,  
that he may judge your people in justice  
and your poor in right judgement. *R.*

In his days justice shall flourish  
and peace till the moon fails:  
He shall rule from sea to sea,  
from the Great River to earth's bounds. *R.*

For he shall save the poor when they cry  
and the needy who are helpless.  
He will have pity on the weak  
and save the lives of the poor. *R.*

May his name be blessed for ever  
and endure like the sun.  
Every tribe shall be blessed in him,

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all nations bless his name. *R.*

### Second Reading:

*Romans 15:4-9*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

*Christ, the hope of all people.*

Everything that was written long ago in the scriptures was meant to teach us something about hope from the examples scripture gives of how people who did not give up were helped by God. And may he who helps us when we refuse to give up, help you all to be tolerant with each other, following the example of Christ Jesus, so that united in mind and voice you may give glory to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

It can only be to God's glory, then, for you to treat each other in the same friendly way as Christ treated you. The reason Christ became the servant of circumcised Jews was not only so that God could faithfully carry out the promises made to the patriarchs, it was also to get the pagans to give glory to God for his mercy, as scripture says in one place: For this I shall praise you among the pagans and sing your name.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel Acclamation:

*Luke 3:4, 6*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:  
all people shall see the salvation of God.

Alleluia!

### Gospel:

*Matthew 3:1-12*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew  
*Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.*

In due course John the Baptist appeared; he preached in the wilderness of Judaea and this was his message: 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' This was the man the prophet spoke of when he said:

A voice cries in the wilderness:  
Prepare a way for the Lord,  
make his paths straight.

This man John wore a garment made of camel-hair with a leather belt round his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judaea and the whole Jordan district made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. But when he saw a number of Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism he said to them, 'Brood of vipers, who warned you to fly from the retribution that is coming? But if you are repentant, produce the appropriate fruit, and do not presume to tell yourselves, "We have Abraham for our father," because, I tell you, God can raise children for Abraham from these stones. Even now the axe is laid to the roots of the trees, so that any tree which fails to produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown on the fire. I baptise you in water for repentance, but the one who follows me is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to carry his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand; he will clear his threshing-floor and gather his wheat into the barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**



14 Church Street, Gympie

# St Patrick's Parish

## Gympie and Surrounds

Embracing the communities of Gunalda, Gympie, Kandanga,  
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### 2nd Sunday of Advent

Year A

#### REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

#### Inaugurating a New Humanity

John proclaimed that the reign of God was 'at hand' as he immersed and plunged followers into the waters of the Jordan River. (His nickname was John the Immerser, or 'baptiser' in the Greek.) He used flowing water to symbolise the washing away of the past for those who repented so that they could be totally focused on the 'at hand' person who would inaugurate God's kingdom.

In this passage, John does not identify the 'Someone'! But he realised that this 'Someone' would have divine power to affect the future by immersing, baptising, his followers with the Holy Spirit and with fire.

At this stage of Advent, we should be like John's disciples, filled with a sense of anticipation, looking forward to the *coming towards us* ('Advent' in Latin) of the One who can flood our minds and bodies with the Holy Spirit and can immerse our hearts in Divine Fire.

We could pause for a moment to thank God that, even though we are unworthy to carry His sandals, there is One who is coming towards us wanting to transform us with Divine Power.

## 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

**Parish Secretary:** Mrs Brianna Bridges

**Youth Group Co-Ordinator:** Mrs Elizabeth Taylor

**Safeguarding Officer:** Mr Ian Laherty [lsr.gympie@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:lsr.gympie@bne.catholic.net.au) 0460 573 349

**Parish Office Hours:** Monday to Friday 8:30am to 1:00pm

**Parish Website:** [stpatsgympie.net.au](http://stpatsgympie.net.au)

**Parish Associate:** Mr Tom Bushell

**Facebook:** St Patrick's Catholic Parish Gympie

**Community Council:** Maureen Rush

**Finance Council:** Ken Garner

**St Patrick's School Details:**

**St Patrick's College** Mr Mark Newton 5482 0600

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**St Vincent de Paul Family Assistance:**

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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

## Liturgy Roster for 3rd Sunday of Advent

**14 December 2025**

**9:00am Morning Mass**

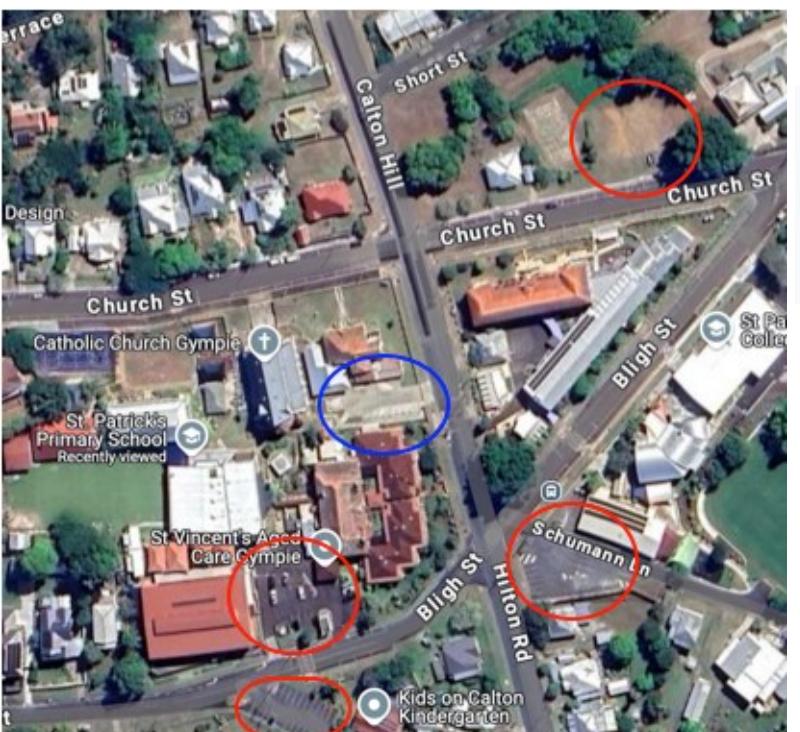
**Welcomer:** Volunteer  
**Reader 1:** M Rush  
**Reader 2:** Shania Shine  
**POF:** Sister Di  
**Altar Servers:** Amelia & Seb  
**Communion Ministers:**  
**Bread:** E Saunders, D Dillon, I Laherty  
**Wine:** M Calvert, D Liedel, A Towner, L Newey  
**Power Point:** C Binu  
**Piety Store:** A Williams  
**Morning Tea:** All Stars  
**5:30pm Evening Mass**

**Welcomer:** E Shields  
**Reader 1:** T Hallam  
**Reader 2:** M Newton  
**POF:** C Johnston  
**Communion Ministers:** N Gruar, E Shields, B Doak  
**Power Point:** A Hallam

**Please arrive 15 minutes prior to Mass beginning.**

## The Deceased

Let us remember in our prayers those loved ones who have died recently, David Connors and Atonio Osing 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.



## Lions International

Community Morning Tea. The second Thursday of the month from 10.00am to 11.30am at Senior Citizens Centre. \$5.00 includes morning tea and lucky door prize. Next months meeting will be held on **11 December 2025**.

## Carparking

Please see a map of additional parking around the St Patrick's Church circled in **red**. We kindly ask that you leave the parking circled in the **blue** for those who require greater accessibility to the church. These parking areas are also available on our general Sunday masses as well.

## Country Church Mass Times 14/12/2025

### 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

### Sunday

St Peter the Fisherman – Rainbow Beach 6:30am

## 3rd Sunday of Advent

**1st Reading:** Isaiah 35:1-6, 10

**2nd Reading:** James 5:7-10

**Gospel:** Matthew 11:2-11

## Youth Group

If you are in year 6 to year 10 and are interested in joining in the free afternoon fun activities of our youth group on Friday afternoons please come along. Afternoon tea is provided.

**12th December** – No Youth Group

**19th December** 3:00pm till 5:00pm - Play Rehearsal

## Christmas Party

Our Christmas party will be held on

Friday 19th December

after the 5:30pm Mass

Parish Centre.

Please join us to celebrate and bring a small dinner plate to share.

## 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
11 December	Lions Morning Tea @ Senior Citizen Centre
15th December – 12th January	Brianna on Holidays
19th December	Christmas Party after the 5:30pm Mass in the Parish Centre. Bring a small dinner plate to share.
24th December – 5th January	Parish Office Closed
24th December	Mass – Rainbow Beach 4:00pm Mass – Gympie 6:30pm Youth Play – Gympie 6:00pm
25th December	Mass – Kandanga 7:00pm Mass – Gympie 9:00am
26th December	Fr Rafal Away – <b>NO MASS</b>
28th December	BBQ after morning Mass in the Parish Centre – Fr Rafal's Birthday

## 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.



**St Vincent de Paul Society**  
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## 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