

First Reading:

Isaiah 49:3, 5-6

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.

The Lord said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I shall be glorified';
I was honoured in the eyes of the Lord,
my God was my strength.
And now the Lord has spoken,
he who formed me in the womb to be his servant,
to bring Jacob back to him,
to gather Israel to him:
'It is not enough for you to be my servant,
to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back the survivors
of Israel;
I will make you the light of the nations
so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.'

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm:
Ps 39:2, 4, 7-10

R. Here I am, Lord;
I come to do your will.

I waited, I waited for the Lord
and he stooped down to me;
he heard my cry.
He put a new song into my mouth,
praise of our God. **R.**

You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings,
but an open ear.
You do not ask for holocaust and victim.
Instead, here am I. **R.**

In the scroll of the book it stands written
that I should do your will.
My God, I delight in your law
in the depth of my heart. **R.**

Your justice I have proclaimed
in the great assembly.
My lips I have not sealed;
you know it, O Lord. **R.**

Second Reading:

1 Corinthians 1:1-3

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the
Corinthians

*The grace and peace of God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ
be with you.*

I, Paul, appointed by God to be an apostle, together with
brother Sosthenes, send greetings to the church of God in
Corinth, to the holy people of Jesus Christ, who are called
to take their place among all the saints everywhere who
pray to our Lord Jesus Christ; for he is their Lord no less
than ours. May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ
send you grace and peace.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation:
John 1:14, 12

Alleluia, alleluia!
The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us.
He enabled those who accepted him
to become the children of God.
Alleluia!

Gospel:
John 1:29-34

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

Seeing Jesus coming towards him, John said, 'Look, there
is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world.
This is the one I spoke of when I said: A man is coming
after me who ranks before me because he existed before
me. I did not know him myself, and yet it was to reveal
him to Israel that I came baptising with water.' John also
declared, 'I saw the Spirit coming down on him from
heaven like a dove and resting on him. I did not know
him myself, but he who sent me to baptise with water
had said to me, "The man on whom you see the Spirit
come down and rest is the one who is going to baptise
with the Holy Spirit." Yes, I have seen and I am the
witness that he is the Chosen One of God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



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2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

18 January 2026

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This Sunday we break from our reading of Matthew's Gospel (the primary Gospel for our current liturgical cycle, Cycle A) to read from John's Gospel. We heard Matthew's account of Jesus' baptism last Sunday, on the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Today, we hear John the Baptist's testimony about Jesus as found in John's Gospel. John's Gospel differs from the other Gospels because John does not describe Jesus' baptism by John the Baptist. Instead, John the Baptist announces that he knows that Jesus is the Son of God.

In today's reading, John the Baptist sees Jesus approaching and cries out, giving witness about who Jesus is. In John's testimony he says that he saw the Spirit descend upon Jesus. By this sign, John the Baptist knew that Jesus was the one who is to come after him.

John the Baptist uses two titles for Jesus that are familiar to us. John calls Jesus the "Lamb of God" and the "Son of God." By using these titles, John the Baptist identifies Jesus' ultimate purpose: to redeem sinful humanity.

John the Baptist's testimony about Jesus clearly distinguishes John's baptism from the Baptism that Jesus will inaugurate. John baptizes with water; Jesus will baptize with the Holy Spirit. John also puts his practice of baptism in the context of Jesus' ministry. The purpose of John's baptism was to make Jesus known to Israel.

John the Baptist's sense of purpose is clearly identified in this reading: he baptized in order to prepare for and make known the ministry of the One who was to follow. John's witness is an excellent example of what it means to be a disciple. By our Baptism, we are called to make Jesus known to all the world by our words and by the witness of our lives.

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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 every Friday from 4:45pm
or by appointment

Please arrive 15 minutes prior to Mass beginning.

Liturgy Roster for The 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

25 January 2026

9:00am Morning Mass

Welcomer: M Green
Reader 1: J Newey
Reader 2: Sister Di
POF: Sherlyn Shine
Altar Servers: J Newey, A Calvert, B Manning
Communion Ministers:
Host: D Liedel, A Towner, L Newey
Chalice: M Green, D Dillon, I Laherty, M Calvert
Power Point: C Binu
Piety Store: A Williams
Morning Tea: Hilltop Ramblers

5:30pm Evening Mass

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

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Readings

1st Reading: Isaiah 8:23 - 9:3
2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17
Gospel: Matthew 4:12-17

Safeguarding

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

Information can be provided to STOPline anonymously.

Phone: **1300 304 550** Email: A0B@stopline.com.au

Online: bnecatholic.stoplinereport.com

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.

The Deceased

Let us remember in our prayers those loved ones who have died recently and those whose anniversaries fall around this time, Johnny Van Der Berg. 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 25/01/2026

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

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.

Flocknote

Want to receive our newsletters online or stay up to date with information from the Parish? Sign up to our Flocknote. By signing up and filling in your details you are also updating the Parish Office with your current telephone numbers and addresses.



Facebook



You can also stay up to date with any notices from the Parish by visiting our and Liking our Facebook Page **St Patrick's Catholic Parish Gympie**.

Paddy's Playgroup

If you have a child/children under the age of 5 and are looking for a place to meet new people you are invited to come along to Paddy's Playgroup in the Parish Centre on Friday's from 9:00am until 10:30am during the school term. Enjoy a range of fun activities to promote building positive connections. Playgroup will resume from **Friday 6th February 2026**.

Illumin8

If you are in year 6 to year 10 and are interested in joining in the free afternoon fun activities of our youth group please come along. Afternoon tea is provided. We would like to grow our numbers, please invite any family or friends to join us and see what it's all about.

When: 6th February 2026

Where: Parish Centre

Time: 3:30pm to 5:30pm

Alcoholics Anonymous

Do you know anyone that is struggling? AA meetings are held every Saturday in the Parish Centre: 4:30pm to 6:30pm

Men's Afternoon

The men's social gathering takes place on the 4th Thursday of every month from 12.30 pm - 2.30 pm in the Parish Centre. All welcome to come along for a chat, a beer, a coffee, a few jokes and a quiz. Next month's gathering will be on **Thursday, 22 January 2026**.

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.

A vocation view:

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - A

Isaiah's vocation was to be a light to the nations. Nations and neighbourhoods need missionaries - lay, clergy and religious. Listen to the call!

Scan the QR code

to find out more, or call 1300 133 544

www.vocationbrisbane.com



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

What's happening

Date	Event
20th January	Combined Church Prayer Church of Christ @ 6:00pm
26th January	Australia Day Parish Office Closed
27th January 28th January	Public Schools Return St Patrick's Schools return
14th February	Peter Shurley in Concert Gympie Wesleyan Church
20th February	Community Prayer Breakfast 6:30am Memorial Park – Free Event

Sacrament of Baptism

This weekend through the Sacrament of Baptism at St Patrick's we welcome

Finn Higgins

Son of Shaun Higgins and Amanda Higgins



Community Prayer Breakfast

The 2026 Community Prayer Breakfast will be held on Friday **20th February from 6:30am** in the Memorial Park. This is a Free event thanks to the generosity of local businesses and the Gympie Regional Council.

Peter Shurley in Concert

The Gympie Wesleyan Church at 70 Exhibition Road Southside is holding a Family Free concert on Saturday **14th February at 7:00pm**. For further information please contact the Wesleyan Church on 0412 688 353. If you would like some information about Peter please scan the QR Code.



RCIA Program

Are you interested in learning about the Catholic faith? Are you an adult who would like to participate in the Sacramental life? If this is you or you know someone that would like to receive the Sacraments please contact the Parish Office as we will be looking to start the preparation shortly.