



St Patrick's Parish

Gympie and Surrounds

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3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

25 January 2025

Reflection: Fr Michael Tate The Voice of Jesus

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Two sets of two brothers were running successful family businesses. But once Jesus passed by and *called* them, the Gospel says, at *once* they left their boats and followed him. I think because, hearing his voice, they realised that Jesus was the true vocalist of God.

Irish author and mystic, John O'Donohue, once wrote, 'Something in us senses and knows how perfectly the contours of the soul fit the divine embrace.' *

Maybe Simon Peter, Andrew, James and John sensed that, in this Jesus, there was a Soul whose contours perfectly fitted the divine embrace. They were prepared to risk everything for the chance to have *their* souls contoured along the same lines.

The call: 'Follow me ...', was not to an isolated individual promising to save his soul, but to two brothers and then another two brothers. Immediately, a community was being formed and its task was to bring others into that Jesus-following community.

We could pause for a moment to hear the brothers beckoning us to follow the call of that voice sounded by Our Lord Jesus Christ.

*John O'Donohue, *Divine Beauty: The Invisible Embrace*, Bantam Press, 246.



St Patrick's Mass Times this week

Monday: 7:30am
Tuesday: 9:00am
Thursday: 7:00am
Friday: 5:30pm Reconciliation from 4:45pm
or by appointment
Sunday: 9:00am (Livestreamed)
5:30pm

Country Church Mass Times

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

Parish Contact Information

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Thank you for your continued financial support of the 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

Envelopes: If you wish to use envelopes, please contact the parish office to arrange a box and then place on the collection plate on either collection.

Cash: If you prefer to use cash please place on the collections plate.

Containers for Change: Simply return your containers to any of the containers for change refund points and quote our number C11306796. Donations collected through this method will be used for Youth Group Activities.

Please arrive 15 minutes prior to Mass beginning

Liturgy Roster
4th Sunday in Ordinary Time –
01 February 2026
9:00am Morning Mass

Welcomer: D Liedel

Reader 1: A Gur

Reader 2: K Cartwright

POF: N Gambling

Altar Servers: Amelia & Seb

Communion Ministers:

Host: S Kelly, D Dillon, I Laherty

Chalice: D Liedel, A Towner,

L Newey, E Saunders

PowerPoint: J Newey

Piety Store: K Taylor

Morning Tea: Hollow Log

5:30pm Evening Mass

Welcomer: A Hallam

Reader1: M Norris

Reader 2: T Tierney

POF: P Hass

Communion Minister:

A Cambridge, B Doak, E Shields

PowerPoint: T Hallam

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time Readings

1st Reading: Zephaniah 2:3, 3:12-13

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:26-31

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

Hearing Loop in St Pats

For anyone using hearing aids please turn your hearing loop to T. The hearing loop is situated in the middle of the church.

Safeguarding

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Ph: 1300 304 550
email: AOB@stopline.com.au
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A Vocation View

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - A

Jesus said, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." Today, He could say: "I will make you mechanics of souls; doctors of wounded hearts, counsellors of broken families; clowns in a joyless society." But regardless, Come.



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 phone numbers and addresses.



Facebook

You can also stay up to date with any notices from the parish by visiting and liking our Facebook page. **St Patrick's catholic Parish Gympie**

In God's Care

Let us remember in our prayers those loved ones who have died recently, Joan Marie Gracie and those whose anniversaries fall around this time. May the faithful departed rejoice to see the face of their Saviour,

Parish Office Closed

Reminder that the Parish Office will be closed on Monday 26th January for Australia Day. The office will reopen at 8:30am on Tuesday Morning.

School Resumes

We would like to wish all the students and school staff all the best as they commence this new school year.

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.

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 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.

What's Happening

Date	Event
26 th January	Parish Office Closed Australia Day
27 th January	Public School Resumes
28 th January	Private Schools Resume
4 th February	Liturgy Meeting 4:15pm Parish Centre
14 th February	Peter Shurley in Concert Gympie Wesleyan Church
20 th February	Community Prayer Breakfast – Memorial Park 6:30am Free Event

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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 is all about.

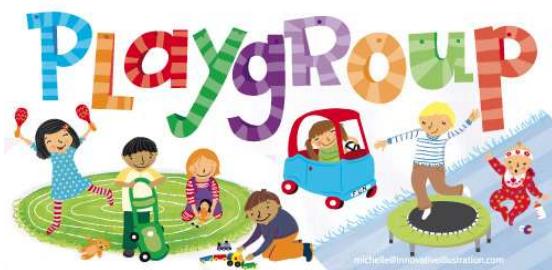
When: 6th February

Where: Parish Centre

Time: 3:30pm to 5:30pm

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**.



Country Churches

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

First Reading

Isaiah 8:23 - 9:3

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

In the Galilean country, the people have seen a great light.

In days past the Lord humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in days to come he will confer glory on the Way of the Sea on the far side of Jordan, province of the nations.

The people that walked in darkness has seen a great light; on those who live in a land of deep shadow a light has shone.

You have made their gladness greater, you have made their joy increase; they rejoice in your presence as men rejoice at harvest time, as men are happy when they are dividing the spoils. For the yoke that was weighing on him, the bar across his shoulders, the rod of his oppressor, these you break as on the day of Midian.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 26:1, 4, 13-14

R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.

The Lord is my light and my help; whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life; before whom shall I shrink? **R.**

There is one thing I ask of the Lord, for this I long, to live in the house of the Lord, all the days of my life, to savour the sweetness of the Lord, to behold his temple. **R.**

I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living.

Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.

Hope in the Lord! **R.**

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17

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

I appeal to you, my brothers and sisters, make up the differences between you.

I appeal to you, brothers, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, to make up the differences between you, and instead of disagreeing among yourselves, to be united again in your belief and practice. From what Chloe's people have been telling me, my dear brothers, it is clear that there are serious differences among you.

What I mean are all these slogans that you have, like: 'I am for Paul', 'I am for Apollo', 'I am for Cephas', 'I am for Christ'. Has Christ been parcelled out? Was it Paul that was crucified for you? Were you baptised in the name of Paul?

For Christ did not send me to baptise, but to preach the Good News, and not to preach that in the terms of philosophy in which the crucifixion of Christ cannot be expressed.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 4:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 4:12-17

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
He went to Capernaum, that the prophecy of Isaiah be fulfilled.

Hearing that John had been arrested Jesus went back to Galilee, and leaving Nazareth he went and settled in Capernaum, a lakeside town on the borders of Zebulun and Naphtali. In this way the prophecy of Isaiah was to be fulfilled:

Land of Zebulun! Land of Naphtali!
Way of the sea on the far side of Jordan,
Galilee of the nations!
The people that lived in darkness
has seen a great light;
on those who dwell in the land and shadow of
death
a light has dawned.

From that moment Jesus began his preaching with the message, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand'.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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