



St Patrick's Parish

Gympie and Surrounds

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4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

01 February 2025

Reflection

It is hard to be a peacemaker in an age of conflict and division, but this is just what we are all called to be. One of the best ways for us Christians to be peacemakers is, as Pope Leo says, 'to love and nurture fraternity'. 'Fraternity', the Pope points out, 'stems from something deeply human.' As he suggests, 'it is certain that our humanity is best fulfilled when we exist and live together.' Fraternity is a calling, written in our being by our Maker.

Jesus shows us how to fulfil that calling. As the Pope says, 'to overcome the shadows that threaten it, we need to go to the source, and above all to draw light and strength from Him who alone frees us from the poison of enmity.'

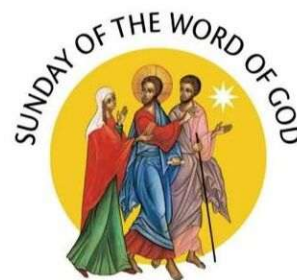
Following his predecessor, Pope Francis, Pope Leo also encourages us to look to the witness of St Francis of Assisi whose approach to others was 'the inclusive way'. St Francis of Assisi 'placed all human beings on the same level, precisely because he recognised them in their common destiny of dignity, dialogue, welcome and salvation.'

As the Pope affirms, the welcoming of others signifies 'a universal fraternity', and thereby 'expresses an essential feature of Christianity'.

Jesus' call to his followers is to become a blessing for others, proclaimers 'of the Good News destined for the salvation of all.'

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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 08/02/2026

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

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Support the Gympie Parish

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
5th Sunday in Ordinary Time –
08 February 2026
9:00am Morning Mass

Welcomer: M Green

Reader 1: B Lipke

Reader 2: M Ryan

POF: P Callaghan

Altar Servers: Alvina, Sherlyn, Chisty

Communion Ministers:

Host: D Liedel, A Towner, M Calvert

Chalice: L Newey, M Green, S Kelly,
D Dillon

PowerPoint: A Jomy

Piety Store: N Carmichael

Morning Tea: All Stars

5:30pm Evening Mass

Welcomer: J O'Shea

Reader 1: K Murray

Reader 2: S Skuse

POF: K Reeves

Communion Minister:

J O'Shea, N Gruar, C Johnston

PowerPoint: A Hallam

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Readings

1st Reading: Isaiah 58:7-10

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

Gospel: Matthew 5:13-16

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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Information can be provided at STOPline anonymously.
Ph: 1300 304 550
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Online: bncatholic.stoplinereport.com

A Vocation View

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time – A

We are called to be happy in all seasons and share it with others. A small act of kindness will surprise the lonely heart. Who will bring joy and kindness today?



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**

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.

Blessing of the candles

On Monday 2nd February we celebrate the Presentation of the Lord. If you would like to have your candles blessed please bring them to the Monday 7:30am Mass.

The Catholic Guy

Lent is a time when we can grow closer to God and prepare our hearts for the true meaning of Easter. Be inspired. Be refreshed. Be renewed!
For 40 days you will receive a short, practical and inspiring video in your inbox every morning to help you make this Lenten journey more powerful and prayerful. This program is **FREE** and you can sign up here:
<https://brucedownes.org/lent-2026-sign-up/>
Go to BruceDownes.org for more information.

Mary Poppins Jr Musical

Tickets are now on sale for this years St Patrick's College school musical – Mary Poppins Jr. Friday 27th February and Saturday 28th February. Tickets can be purchased for \$30.00 each via
<https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1523183>
or scanning the QR code.



What's Happening

Date	Event
2 nd February	Liturgy Meeting 4:15pm Parish Centre
7 th February	Mass and anointing of the sick 9:00am @ St Patrick's Church
14 th February	Peter Shurley in Concert Gympie Wesleyan Church
20 th February	Community Prayer Breakfast – Memorial Park 6:30am Free Event
27 th & 28 th February	Mary Poppins JR – St Patrick's College Musical

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 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**.

The Missal Phone App

To help reduce waste of paper and printing costs we are going to be removing the readings from the back of the newsletters. If you would like to continue reading you can purchase an app on your phone **The Missal** for \$5.00 through your app store, alternatively you can bring your copy of the missal or purchase one through the piety store.



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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

Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13

A reading from the prophet Zephaniah

In your midst I will leave a humble and a lowly people.

Seek the Lord

all you, the humble of the earth,

who obey his commands.

Seek integrity,

seek humility:

you may perhaps find shelter

on the day of the anger of the Lord.

In your midst I will leave

a humble and lowly people,

and those who are left in Israel will seek refuge in the name of the Lord.

They will do no wrong,

will tell no lies;

and the perjured tongue will no longer

be found in their mouths.

But they will be able to graze and rest

with no one to disturb them.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 145:7-10

R. Happy the poor in spirit;

the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,
who is just to those who are oppressed.

It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord, who sets prisoners free. R.

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bowed down,
the Lord, who protects the stranger
and upholds the widow and orphan. R.

It is the Lord who loves the just
but thwarts the path of the wicked.

The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age. R.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:26-31

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

God has chosen what is weak by human reckoning.

Take yourselves, brothers, at the time when you were called: how many of you were wise in the ordinary

sense of the word, how many were influential people, or came from noble families? No, it was to shame the wise that God chose what is foolish by human reckoning, and to shame what is strong that he chose what is weak by human reckoning; those whom the world thinks common and contemptible are the ones that God has chosen - those who are nothing at all to show those who are everything. The human race has nothing to boast about to God, but you, God has made members of Christ Jesus and by God's doing he has become our wisdom, and our virtue, and our holiness, and our freedom. As scripture says: if anyone wants to boast, let him boast about the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 5:12

Alleluia, alleluia!

Rejoice and be glad;

Your reward will be great in heaven.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 5:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
Happy are the poor in spirit.

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

'How happy are the poor in spirit;
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Happy the gentle:

they shall have the earth for their heritage.

Happy those who mourn:

they shall be comforted.

Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right:
they shall be satisfied.

Happy the merciful:

they shall have mercy shown them.

Happy the pure in heart:

they shall see God.

Happy the peacemakers:

they shall be called sons of God.

Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right:
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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