



St Patrick's Parish

Gympie and Surrounds

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2nd Sunday of Lent

Year A

01 March 2026

Reflection by Project Compassion

We all need a vision. Long ago, the Book of Proverbs told us that 'where there is no vision, the people perish.' When we look at the world around us, with so many wars, so much violence, such widespread hardship and numerous groups of people putting up walls against each other, we might wonder where the real leaders are to be found. On the world stage, Pope Leo XIV often seems like a lone voice for peace, justice and sanity. He points a direction based on his deep encounter with God.

Perhaps we find vision in the less well-known stories of ordinary people, some of whom we may know. This week, Project Compassion shares with us the story of young Sisilia who lives in a remote part of northern Tanzania. Her father died when she was young, and her family has faced enormous difficulty. 'Life is hard,' she says as an understatement. Your help has enabled her village to gain access to a reliable supply of safe water. What has this got to do with education? The time that Sisilia spent walking three times a day for water was having a major impact on her schooling. She now has a vision for life, one she shares with her community.

In today's readings, we hear about vision. In the book of Genesis, Abram leaves his country, his family and his father's house. He may not know quite what will happen, but he puts his faith in a call that will lead to life and abundance. He does not have a map, but he does have a vision.

We hear in the Gospel that Jesus took his closest friends to the top of a high mountain. His face shone like the sun and became 'as white as the light.' A voice from heaven said, 'this is my beloved son; listen to him.' Peter said how wonderful it was to be there, and he wanted to build a tent so they could stay. But vision is always on the move and Jesus knew that he and his friends had a hard road ahead. The transfiguration may have only lasted a few minutes, but it was clear that Jesus' friends never forgot it. Every year, we hear this story near the start of Lent because we, too, need to be inspired.

During Lent, we are also called to transfigure the world, to make a difference by uniting against poverty.

UNITE  AGAINST POVERTY
this Lent

St Patrick's Mass Times this week

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

Country Church Mass Times 08/03/2026

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| Saturday |
| Sacred Heart Church – Kandanga 5:00pm |
| Sunday |
| St Therese Church – Gunalda 7:00am |
| <u>Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion</u> |
| 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
3rd Sunday in Lent -
8 March 2026
9:00am Morning Mass

Welcomer: D Liedel
Reader 1: N Gambling
Reader 2: S Shine
POF: J Van Der Lugt
Altar Servers: Amelia, Seb, Anna
Communion Ministers:
Host: D Liedel, A Towner, L Newey
Chalice: E Saunders, M Calvert, I Laherty, S Kelly
PowerPoint: C Binu
Piety Store: A Jomy
Morning Tea: All Stars

5:30pm Evening Mass

Welcomer: S & H Skuse
Reader 1: L Collins
Reader 2: K Murray
POF: S Skuse
Communion Minister:
B Doak, N Gruar, J O'Shea
PowerPoint: A Hallam

3rd Sunday in Lent Readings

1st Reading: Exodus 17:3-7
2nd Reading: Romans 5:1-2, 5-8
Gospel: John 4:5-42

Lion's Morning Tea

Lions International Community Morning Tea. The Second Thursday of the month from 10:00am to 11:30am at the Senior Citizens Centre. \$5.00 includes morning tea and a lucky door prize. Next meeting will be **Thursday 12th March.**

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

<https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/safeguarding>
Information can be provided at STOPLine anonymously.

Ph: 1300 304 550

email: AOB@stopline.com.au

Online: bncatholic.stoplinereport.com

A Vocation View

Second Sunday of Lent - A

The Lord called Abraham to go forth to a new land and begin a new nation. There is no telling what we can become by responding to the Lord's invitation to us.



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**

Parent's Information Session

We will be holding a Parents Information Session for Sacrament of First Penance on **Sunday 8th March 2026** after the morning 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.



The Missal
Masso Foundation

[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.

[Mass and Anointing of the Sick](#)

On **Saturday 7th March at 9:00am** will be Mass and Anointing of the Sick in St Patrick's Church.

[Holy Week Roster](#)

There is a roster in the front of the Church if you can assist over the Holy Week Masses please write your name down.

[Project Compassion Envelopes](#)

This Lent, like we did in 2025, there is a single Project Compassion donation envelope – rather than the six weekly envelopes used in previous years. This change was made to reduce waste and support our shared commitment to caring for our common home.

You can still give weekly by taking several envelopes at once or simply make your offering when you're ready. Thank you for Uniting Against Poverty with us this Lent.



**PROJECT
COMPASSION**

Second Sunday of Lent 28 February – 1 March 2026

Sisilia is a 13-year-old girl living in remote Tanzania, who had to walk long distances to collect water every day. Thanks to Project Compassion, Sisilia's school and village now have safe clean water close by and she can spend more time studying so she can fulfil her dream of one day becoming a pilot.

Please donate today. You can support Project Compassion 2026 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code. **Or online at:** www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate
Or by calling: 1800 024 413

Thank you for standing with us, as we *Unite Against Poverty this Lent.*



[What's Happening](#)

| Date | Event |
|------------------------|--|
| 2 nd March | Liturgy Meeting 4:15pm |
| 5 th March | Community Council Meeting 5:00pm |
| 7 th March | Mass and Anointing St Patricks 9:00am |
| 8 th March | Parent's Information Session First Penance after morning Mass. |
| 10 th March | Finance Council Meeting 5:30pm |
| 17 th March | St Patrick's Solemnity |
| 26 th March | Annual Chrism Mass @ St Stephens Cathedral |
| 29 th March | Palm Sunday |

[Stations of the Cross](#)

During Lent we will be holding Stations of the Cross at St Patrick's Church every Friday evening after the 5:30pm Mass. St John Vianney will be holding Stations of the cross on Friday's at 10:00am except for the 6th March.

[Lenten Reflection Group](#)

Lenten Reflection Group will be meeting in the Parish Centre on **Tuesday's during Lent** at 11:00am.

[World day of Pray](#)

This years World Day of Prayer will be held on **Friday 6th March** at the following venues with Morning Tea to follow:

10:00am St Peter's Church Gympie

10:00am Good Shepherd Church, Rainbow Beach.

9:30am 81 Main Street, Kandanga

[St Vincent de Paul](#)

On behalf of the St Vincent de Paul Gympie Conference I would like to thank Fr Rafal for his amazing support in assisting us receiving so much financial assistance with last year's Christmas Appeal. We provided 142 hampers to needy people and the assistance given to us by Father and all parishioners is so much appreciated. Thank you all for such amazing support.

[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

Genesis 12:1-4

A reading from the book of Genesis
The call of Abraham, the father of God's people.

The Lord said to Abram, 'Leave your country, your family and your father's house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing.

'I will bless those who bless you:
I will curse those who slight you.
All the tribes of the earth
shall bless themselves by you.'
So Abram went as the Lord told him.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 32:4-5, 18-20, 22

R. Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.

The word of the Lord is faithful
and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right
and fills the earth with his love. **R.**

The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine. **R.**

Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
The Lord is our help and our shield.
May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you. **R.**

Second Reading

2 Timothy 1:8-10

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy
God has saved us, and called us to be holy.

With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy - not because of anything we

ourselves have done but for his own purpose and by his own grace. This grace had already been granted to us, in Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time, but it has only been revealed by the Appearing of our saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 17:5

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:
this is my beloved Son, hear him.
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel

Matthew 17:1-9

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
His face shone like the sun.

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him'. When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus. As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order. 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

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

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