



St Patrick's Parish

Gympie and Surrounds

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5th Sunday of Lent

Year A

22 March 2026

Reflection by Project Compassion

It must be difficult for somebody who has never experienced love to understand the Gospels. They are so full of different emotions, many of them tender. Just think of the beautiful reconciliation between Jesus and Peter after the resurrection. Jesus allows Peter to say that he loves him on no less than three occasions. Thankfully, most of us can write down a long list of people we have loved and who have loved us. Many names would appear on both lists! We keep a special place in our hearts and prayers for the people we know who have died. Even after a long time, their memory will still bring a tear to our eyes. That sorrow comes from a place of deep gratitude. God changes the world one heart at a time.

When we encounter today's Gospel, the story of the raising of Lazarus, we are in a world of emotion. Martha and Mary are grieving for their brother. Jesus loves these two women. Thomas, the twin, is full of bravado and bluster, just as he was later when he wanted proof of the resurrection. Both Martha and Mary are disappointed, even angry, that Jesus has not come sooner. Jesus weeps at the grave of his friend. The mourners who have come to comfort the family must also have been sensitive to the situation. When Jesus says, 'I am the resurrection and the life', he is not explaining an idea. He is responding to the deepest longings of our hearts, as he always does. Today's Psalm reminds us, 'My soul is longing for the Lord more than the watcher for daybreak.'

Over the last few weeks, we have shared some of the stories presented to us by Caritas Australia to make us more aware of the inspirational work we can support through Project Compassion. They call us to *Unite Against Poverty*.

This week Project Compassion asks us to learn more about the work of Caritas Australia in humanitarian emergencies. There are so many situations around the world that require a timely response. Caritas is active in the aftermath of earthquakes, floods, storms, plagues, drought and failed harvests. Of course, there will be time to enquire about the causes and to ask if climate change may have been a factor or if poor building standards caused problems. But first, people and communities need to survive, and Caritas has a lot of experience in this area. Your generosity to Project Compassion makes a wonderful difference to people in need. Thank you for helping to bring light to dark places.

Jesus says about Lazarus, 'unbind him, let him go free.' We too can set people free.

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St Patrick's Mass Times this week

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

Country Church Mass Times 29/03/2026

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

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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:



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

Direct Debit: 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.

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

Palm Sunday -

29 March 2026

9:00am Morning Mass

Welcomer: A Cambridge

Reader 1: B Lipke

Reader 2: M Teakle

Narrator: M Rush

Other: F Skinner

Crowd: Choir

POF: I Rodrigues

Alter Server: Jakson, Anna, Amelia, Seb, Alvina, Alen, Jonathan, Sherlyn, Chris, Christed, Christetta, Chisty

Communion Ministers:

Host: L Newey, D Liedel, C Cash

Chalice: M Green, A Cambridge, M Calvert, M Cahanding

PowerPoint: A Jomy

Piety Store: M Rush

Morning Tea: Hollow Log

5:30pm Evening Mass

Welcomer: E Shields & A Hallam

Reader 1: C Johnston

Reader 2: A Goldie

Narrator: K Murray

Other: T Hallam

Crowd: K Murray

POF: S Pereira

Communion Minister:

E Shields, B Doak, **VOLUNTEER**

PowerPoint: N Gruar

Palm Sunday Readings

1st Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

2nd Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel: Matthew 26:14- 27:66

Hearing Loop in St Pats

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A Vocation View

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Seeing physically dead people return to life is not a common event. But Christians, serious about their vocation, are eager to help the "down and out" find new meaning in Christ and live a full life.



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**

Men's Afternoon

Men's Afternoon has a new time of 1:00pm until 2:30pm in the Parish Centre. All are welcome to come along for a chat, a beer, a coffee and a few games. Next meeting will be

Thursday 26th March 2026.

Candle Prayer Vigil

Cherish Life will be holding a Candle Prayer Vigil for “International Day of the Unborn Child” on **Wednesday 25th March** at 6:30pm at the Band Rotunda, Memorial Park, River Road. Everyone is welcome to join in the prayer.

Annunciation of the Lord

We will be holding Mass on **Wednesday 25th March 2026** at 5:30pm for the Annunciation of the Lord.

Craft Group

If you knit, sew, draw, do any craft or just enjoy company. Please join us at the Parish Centre at 10am April 7. Tea and Coffee supplied. All are welcome, For further information please contact Marea Teakle 0402 493 038 or Maureen Rush 0412 737 380.

Holy Land Collection

In keeping with tradition, the Holy Land collection will be n Good Friday. Proceeds from this collection provide support for the shrines and holy places in the Holy Land. Envelopes available in church for your use.

Additional Reconciliation Times

Monday 23 March – 5:30pm – 6:30pm
Tuesday 24 March – 8:00am – 8:45am
Thursday 26 March – 7:30am – 8:30am
Friday 27 March – 4:45pm – 5:15pm
Saturday 28 March – 9:00am – 10:00am
Monday 30 March – 8:00am – 9:00am & 5:30pm – 6:30pm
Tuesday 31 March – 8:00am – 8:45am & 5:30pm – 6:30pm
Thursday 02 April – 8:00am – 9:30am



Since October 2023, Caritas Jerusalem staff in Gaza have endured displacement, personal loss, and danger alongside the communities they serve. Despite unimaginable challenges, they remain committed to providing lifesaving support, standing in solidarity with families enduring this conflict.

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
25 th March	Candle Prayer Vigil “International Day of the Unborn Child”
25 th March	Annunciation of the Lord Mass 5:30pm St Patricks
26 th March	Annual Chrism Mass @ St Stephens Cathedral
26 th March	Men’s Afternoon
29 th March	Palm Sunday
2 nd April	Holy Thursday – Gympie 7:00pm followed by adoration until 9:00am
3 rd April	Passions of the Lord Gympie and Tin Can Bay 3:00pm
4 th April	Holy Saturday – Gympie 7:00pm
5 th April	Easter Sunday – Rainbow Beach 6:30am Gympie 9:00am

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.

Lenten Reflection Group

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

Sacrament of Baptism

This weekend through the Sacrament of Baptism at St Vincent de Paul Widgee we welcome Joseph McIntosh. Son of Robert & Natasha McIntosh. And in St Patrick’s Gympie we welcome Grace Murray. Daughter of Lachlan & Kim Murray.

Fifth Sunday of Lent 22-23 March 2026

Holy Week Schedule

2nd April - **Thursday of the Lords Supper** – St Patrick’s 7:00pm followed by adoration in Parish Centre until 9:00pm

3rd April – **Stations of the Cross** -St Vincent de Paul Widgee 9:00am
– Sacred Heart Kandanga 9:30am
– St Patrick’s Gympie 10:00am
– St John Vianney Tin Can Bay 10:00am
– St Therese Gunalda 10:00am
– St Peter the Fisherman Rainbow Beach 10:00am

3rd April – **Friday of the Passion of the Lord** – St Patrick’s Gympie 3:00pm
– St John Vianney Tin Can Bay 3:00pm

4th April – **Holy Saturday – The Easter Vigil** – St Patrick’s Gympie 7:00pm

5th April – **Sunday of the Resurrection** – St Peter the Fisherman Rainbow Beach 6:30am
– St Patrick’s Gympie 9:00am

First Reading

Ezekiel 37:12-14

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel
I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live.

The Lord says this: I am going to open your graves; I mean to raise you from your graves, my people, and lead you back to the soil of Israel. And you will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and raise you from your graves, my people. And I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live, and I shall resettle you on your own soil; and you will know that I, the Lord, have said and done this - it is the Lord who speaks.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 129

R. With the Lord there is mercy
and fullness of redemption.

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord,
Lord, hear my voice!
O let your ear be attentive
to the voice of my pleading. R.

If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt,
Lord, who would survive?
But with you is found forgiveness:
for this we revere you. R.

My soul is waiting for the Lord,
I count on his word.
My soul is longing for the Lord
more than watchman for daybreak.
(Let the watchman count on daybreak
and Israel on the Lord.) R.

Because with the Lord there is mercy
and fullness of redemption,
Israel indeed he will redeem
from all its iniquity. R.

Second Reading

Romans 8:8-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans
*If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living
in you, then he will give life to your own mortal bodies.*

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

John 11:25, 26

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord;
whoever believes in me will not die for ever.
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel

John 11:1-45

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Archbishop Shane Mackinlay
invites you to the annual
CHRISM MASS
Cathedral of St Stephen
Thursday 26th March 2026
7:00pm
A celebration for the entire Archdiocese
All Welcome
The undercover carpark will be available
from 6:00pm



We acknowledge the Gubbi Gubbi People, the traditional custodians on whose land we worship.