



# St Patrick's Parish

## Gympie and Surrounds

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**Palm Sunday**

**Year A**

**29 March 2026**

### Reflection by Project Compassion

It is only once in every three years that we publicly share together Matthew's full account of the arrest, trial and death of Jesus. Today is that day. Matthew's passion is rich in every sense of the word. It is the longest account of what Jesus endured, and it also has the most diverse cast of characters. Only Matthew devotes attention, not only to the tragic fate of Judas who was filled with remorse, but also to the thirty pieces of silver which were used to buy a cemetery for foreigners called the Field of Blood. Only Matthew tells us about the dream of Pilate's wife which leads her to send a message to her husband that he should have nothing to do with Jesus. Matthew's Gospel features several dreams. Joseph is told in a dream to take Mary as his wife, to flee with his family to Egypt and later to return from Egypt. Dreams are one of the many links between Matthew's Gospel and the Hebrew scriptures.

This is by no means to say that Matthew's Gospel is merely an interesting piece of literature. It is only to suggest that, in Holy Week, Matthew's Passion is a wonderful encounter to enter slowly as we spend time with the Lord, allowing the mystery of the cross to deepen within us. One commitment we might make is to take a section each day this week and stay with it for ten minutes.

Monday Mt 26: 14-35

Tuesday Mt 26: 36-56

Wed Mt 26: 57-75

Thursday Mt 27: 1-26

Friday Mt 27: 27-56

Saturday: Mt 27: 57-66

The trial and death of Jesus reminds us of the tragedy of injustice that continues to this day in so many places around the world.

Throughout Lent, Caritas Australia, through Project Compassion, has attempted to draw our attention to many important issues in our world. We have been invited to take up the cross and follow Jesus in our own time as we unite against poverty.

We can pray, with Jesus, 'Let it be as you, not I, would have it.' God's desire is for peace, healing and unity in the face of all the challenges facing humanity. Let us help Jesus carry the cross in our time.



**this Lent**



Closes 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026

#### St Patrick's Mass Times this week

<b>Monday:</b>	7:30am
<b>Tuesday:</b>	9:00am
<b>Thursday:</b>	7:00pm
<b>Friday:</b>	3:00pm
<b>Saturday:</b>	7:00pm
<b>Sunday:</b>	9:00am (Livestreamed)
	<b>No Evening Mass</b>
<b>Monday:</b>	9:00am – <b>EASTER MONDAY</b>

#### Country Church Mass Times 05/04/2026

**Sunday**

St Peter the Fisherman – 6:30am



## Parish Contact Information

### Parish Priest

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### Office Hours

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### Parish Website

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### Finance Council

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## THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING 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:



**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.

### 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: [A0B@stopleveline.com.au](mailto:A0B@stopleveline.com.au)

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### A Vocation View

#### **Palm Sunday - (Passion of the Lord)**

Today's world is so filled with suffering, injustice, anger, depression, and loneliness that it cries for people waving palm branches of hope and resurrection, proclaiming new 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**

### What's Happening

Date	Event
2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Holy Thursday – Gympie 7:00pm followed by adoration until 9:00am
3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Passions of the Lord Gympie and Tin Can Bay 3:00pm
4 <sup>th</sup> April	Holy Saturday – Gympie 7:00pm
5 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Sunday – Rainbow Beach 6:30am Gympie 9:00am – No Evening
6 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Monday - Gympie 9:00am

### 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 on 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 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

### Office Hours Update

After Easter our Parish Office hours will change to Monday to Friday 9:00am until 1:30pm.

### Lenten Reflection Group

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

Please arrive 15 minutes prior to Mass beginning

**Liturgy Roster**  
**Thursday of the Lord's Supper**  
**2 April 2026 - 7:00pm**

**Welcomer:** E Shields  
**Reader 1:** B Lipke  
**Reader 2:** C Cash  
**POF:** I Laherty  
**Alter Server:** Jakson, Anna, Amelia, Seb, Alvina, Alen, Chris, Christes, Chrisetta, Chisty  
**Communion Ministers:**  
**Host:** E Shields, L Newey, I Rodrigues  
**Chalice:** M Calvert, E Saunders, A Towner, C Johnston  
**PowerPoint:** N Guar  
**Feet washed:** A Calvert, L Newey, B Lipke, F Skinner, M Cahanding, P Silva-Chanding, K Murray, K Garner, Shaila, Mayolla, R & M Liyanage.

**The Lord's Supper Readings**

**1st Reading:** Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14  
**2nd Reading:** 1 Corinthians 11:23-26  
**Gospel:** John 13:1-15

**Friday Passions of the Lord**  
**3 April 2026 - 3:00pm**

**Welcomer:** A Cambridge  
**Reader 1:** C Johnston  
**Reader 2:** M Ryan  
**Narrator:** K Garner  
**Other:** T Hallam  
**Crowd:** Choir  
**Solemn Intercessions:** M Rush  
**Communion Host Minister:**  
L Newey, A Cambridge, I Rodrigues  
**PowerPoint:** A Jomy  
**Alter Server:** Jakson, Anna, Amelia, Seb, Alvina, Alen, Chris, Christes, Chrisetta, Chisty, Jonathan

**Friday Passions of the Lord Readings**

**1st Reading:** Isaiah 52:13 - 53:12  
**2nd Reading:** Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9  
**Gospel:** John 18:1 - 19:42

Please arrive 15 minutes prior to Mass beginning

**Saturday Easter Vigil**  
**4 April 2026 - 7:00pm**

**Welcomer:** E Shields  
**Reader 1:** T Hallam      **Reader 2:** M Rish  
**Reader 3:** A Gur      **Reader 4:** K Murray  
**Reader 5:** I Laherty  
**POF:** Shawn  
**Alter Server:** Jakson, Jonathan  
**Communion Ministers:**  
**Host:** E Shields, L Newey, I Rodrigues  
**Chalice:** A Towner, I Laherty, E Saunders, Volunteer  
**PowerPoint:** N Guar

**Saturday Easter Vigil Readings**

**1st Reading:** Genesis 1:1 - 2:2  
**2nd Reading:** Exodus 14:15-1  
**3rd Reading:** Isaiah 54:5-14  
**4th Reading:** Ezekiel 36:16-18  
**5th Reading:** Epistle  
**Gospel:** Matthew 28:1-10

**Easter Sunday**  
**5 April 2026 - 9:00am**

**Welcomer:** E Saunders & A Cambridge  
**Reader 1:** B Lipke  
**Reader 2:** M Teakle  
**POF:** I Rodrigues  
**Communion Minister:**  
**Host:** L Newey, D Liedel, I Rodrigues  
**Chalice:** E Saunders, M Green, C Cash, A Cambridge  
**PowerPoint:** A Jomy  
**Alter Server:** Jakson, Alvina, Alen, Chris, Christes, Chrisetta, Chisty, Jonathan, Sherlyn, Bryden

**Easter Sunday Readings**

**1st Reading:** Acts 10:34, 37-43  
**2nd Reading:** Colossians 3:1-4  
**Gospel:** John 20:1-9

## Holy Week Schedule

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

3<sup>rd</sup> 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

3<sup>rd</sup> April – **Friday of the Passion of the Lord** – St Patrick's Gympie 3:00pm  
– St John Vianney Tin Can Bay 3:00pm

4<sup>th</sup> April – **Holy Saturday – The Easter Vigil** – St Patrick's Gympie 7:00pm

5<sup>th</sup> April – **Sunday of the Resurrection** – St Peter the Fisherman Rainbow Beach 6:30am  
– St Patrick's Gympie 9:00am – No Evening Mass

6<sup>th</sup> April – **Easter Monday** – St Patrick's Gympie 9:00am

## First Reading

Isaiah 50:4-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

*I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will not be ashamed.*

The Lord has given me

a disciple's tongue.

So that I may know how to reply to the wearied

he provides me with speech.

Each morning he wakes me to hear,

to listen like a disciple.

The Lord has opened my ear.

For my part, I made no resistance,

neither did I turn away.

I offered my back to those who struck me,

my cheeks to those who tore at my beard;

I did not cover my face

against insult and spittle.

The Lord comes to my help,

so that I am untouched by the insults.

So, too, I set my face like flint;

I know I shall not be shamed.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Responsorial Psalm

Ps 21:8-9, 17-20, 23-24

**R.** My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

All who see me deride me.

They curl their lips, they toss their heads.

'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him;

let him release him if this is his friend.' **R.**

Many dogs have surrounded me,

a band of the wicked beset me.

They tear holes in my hands and my feet.

I can count every one of my bones. **R.**

They divide my clothing among them.

They cast lots for my robe.

O Lord, do not leave me alone,

my strength, make haste to help me! **R.**

I will tell of your name to my brethren

and praise you where they are assembled.

'You who fear the Lord give him praise;

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all sons of Jacob, give him glory.

Revere him, Israel's sons.' **R.**

## Second Reading

Philippians 2:6-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

*He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high.*

His state was divine,

yet Christ Jesus did not cling

to his equality with God

but emptied himself

to assume the condition of a slave,

and became as men are,

and being as all men are,

he was humbler yet,

even to accepting death,

death on a cross.

But God raised him high

and gave him the name

which is above all other names

so that all beings

in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld,

should bend the knee at the name of Jesus

and that every tongue should acclaim

Jesus Christ as Lord,

to the glory of God the Father.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation

Philippians 2:8-9

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Christ became obedient for us even to death,

dying on the cross. Therefore God raised him on high

and gave him a name above all other names.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

## Gospel

Matthew 26:14 — 27:66



**St Patrick's Catholic Primary School**  
Gympie

# Open Day

## 30 April 2006 - 9am

Register your interest now.

Further information please contact school office on

07 5489 3200 or [pgympie@bne.catholic.edu.au](mailto:pgympie@bne.catholic.edu.au)



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