



St Patrick's Parish

Gympie and Surrounds

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2nd Sunday of Easter

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The Gospels tell us that Jesus appeared to the disciples on several occasions after they discovered that his tomb was empty. Part of the mystery of Jesus' Resurrection is that he appeared to his disciples not as a spirit but in bodily form. The bodily form was not one that the disciples recognized though. In John's Gospel, Mary of Magdala does not recognize that the figure standing before her is Jesus until he speaks to her. In Luke's Gospel the disciples who meet Jesus on the road to Emmaus do not recognize him until he breaks bread with them. The resurrected Jesus had a physical presence, but the disciples couldn't recognize Jesus unless he allowed them to. His resurrected body, nonetheless, showed the marks of his crucifixion.

From readings such as today's Gospel, we also see that in his resurrected body, Jesus seems to be free of physical constraints. He appears to the disciples despite the fact that the doors were locked. Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace and the gift of the Holy Spirit. In doing so, Jesus commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun: "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." During the meeting, Jesus also shows the integral connection between forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit.

The story of Thomas illustrates our Christian experience today: We are called to believe without seeing. In fact, all Christians after the first witnesses have been called to believe without seeing. Thomas's doubt is hardly surprising; the news of Jesus' appearance was incredible to the disciples who had seen him crucified and buried. Thomas's human nature compelled him to want hard evidence that the Jesus who appeared to the disciples after his death was indeed the same Jesus who had been crucified. Thomas is given the opportunity to act on that desire. He is our witness that Jesus is really risen.

Our faith is based on the witness of the Church that has preceded us, beginning with Thomas and the first disciples. Through Baptism we receive the same Holy Spirit that Jesus brought to the first disciples. We are among those who are "blessed" because we believe without having seen.

New Office Hours

Our Parish office hours will change from Tuesday 7th April.

The new office hours will be
Monday – Friday 9:00am until 1:30pm.

St Patrick's Mass Times this week

Monday: 7:30am
Tuesday: 9:00am
Thursday: 7:00am
Friday: 5:30pm
Sunday: 9:00am (Livestreamed)
5:30pm

Country Church Mass Times 19/04/2026

Saturday
St Vincent de Paul Widgee – 5:00pm
Sunday
St John Vianney Tin Can Bay – 7:00am

Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion

Sunday
St Therese Gunalda – 7:00am

Parish Contact Information

Parish Priest

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Office Hours

Monday - Friday
9:00am to 1:30pm

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Gympie

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St Patrick's College

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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@stoline.com.au

Online: bneatholic.stoplinereport.com

A Vocation View

Second Sunday of Easter - A

It is only through people like you that others will be able to say: "We have seen the Lord." With the resurrection to empower you and with Jesus to lure you, you too can inspire others who have not seen to believe.



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**

Scripture Study Group

You are invited to join the new weekly Scripture Study Group on Tuesday's from 12:30pm until 1:30pm in the Parish Centre. Everyone is welcome to attend.

What's Happening

Date	Event
25 th April	Anzac Day - 7:00am Mass
27 th April	Parents Information Session - First Holy Communion - Parish Centre 6:30pm
23 rd April	Men's Afternoon - 1:00pm in the Parish Centre
2 nd May	Mass and Anointing 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.

First Holy Communion

Has your child been Baptised and Confirmed and wishing to complete the next sacrament of First Holy Communion? We will be holding a parents information session on Monday 27th April at 6:30pm in the Parish Centre.

Divine Mercy Prayers

There will be Prayers for Divine Mercy Sunday in the St Patrick's church on 12th April from 2:00pm until 3:00pm

Come, Rest & Rejuvenate - a Retreat Day for you

You are warmly invited to a retreat day in the beautiful bush of Kilkivan, away from the busyness of life, where you can rest, reflect and be renewed and inspired by God's creation. **Saturday 16 May 2026**, 9am to 3pm, 86 Godber Road, Cinnabar. \$20 including facilitation and retreat materials. More Details and to Register here <https://jisa.org.au/retreat/come-rest-and-rejuvenate-cinnabar-qlld/>

Thank you

During this sacred Easter Triduum, we thank all our volunteers for your generous service and dedication. Your time and care helped make these holy days meaningful and prayerful for our community. We are truly grateful for all that you do. Blessings and thanks to each of you.

Please arrive 15 minutes prior to Mass beginning

Liturgy Roster
3rd Sunday of Easter
19 April 2026
9:00am Morning Mass

Welcomer: D Liedel
Reader 1: C Cash
Reader 2: K Cartwright
POF: A Gur
Altar Servers: Jakson, Jonathan, Brayden
Communion Ministers:
Host: M Calvert, S Kelly, D Dillon
Chalice: I Laherty, D Liedel, A Towner, L Newey
PowerPoint: A Jomy
Piety Store: A Williams
Morning Tea: Hilltop Ramblers

5:30pm Evening Mass

Welcomer: A Hallam
Reader 1: T Hallam
Reader 2: T Tierney
POF: L Collins
Communion Minister: E Shields, C Johnston, T McFarlane
PowerPoint: A Osborn

3rd Sunday of Easter Readings

First Reading: Acts 2:14, 22-33
Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:17-21
Gospel: Luke 24:13-35

Kokoda Challenge

A number of our Altar Servers and parishioners from St Patrick's College will be heading over to complete the Kokoda Challenge on the 9th May. They are looking for donations that you can spare. There are 8 groups heading from the College to complete the challenge. Each group must raise their minimum amount in funds to be able to complete the Kokoda Challenge.

To donate please follow the link

<https://www.kokodachallenge.com/sponsor?kw=spartans>.



**PROJECT
COMPASSION**

THANK YOU!

Caritas Australia sincerely thanks you for your generous support of Project Compassion this Lent.

If you still have your Project Compassion box or donation envelope at home, please return it next week at Mass. Every contribution, no matter the size, helps to bring hope and opportunity to people experiencing poverty and injustice.

Together, we are *Uniting Against Poverty* and walking alongside vulnerable communities as they build stronger, more sustainable futures.



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*.



St Patrick's College
Gympie

Open Day

29 April 2026 - 9am

Register your interest now.

<https://www.spcgympie.qld.edu.au/bce-open-week-event>

Further information please contact school office on 07 5482 0600 or pgympie@bne.catholic.edu.au



St Patrick's Catholic Primary School
Gympie

Open Day

30 April 2026 - 9am

Register your interest now.

Further information please contact school office on 07 5489 3200 or pgympie@bne.catholic.edu.au



Parish Mass and Installation

Fr Louie will be installed as Parish Priest of Petrie on Sunday 26th April. Mass will commence at 9:00am followed by brunch in the School Hall. Please RSVP by 17th April to Mrs Angela Smith petrie@bne.catholic.net.au or contact 3285 6759.

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

Acts 2:42-47

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The faithful lived together and owned everything in common.

The whole community remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles, to the brotherhood, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers.

The many miracles and signs worked through the apostles made a deep impression on everyone.

The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common; they sold their goods and possessions and shared out the proceeds among themselves according to what each one needed.

They went as a body to the Temple every day but met in their houses for the breaking of bread; they shared their food gladly and generously; they praised God and were looked up to by everyone. Day by day the Lord added to their community those destined to be saved.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 117:2-4, 13-15, 22-24

R. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
his love is everlasting.

Let the sons of Israel say:

'His love has no end.'

Let the sons of Aaron say:

'His love has no end.'

Let those who fear the Lord say:

'His love has no end.' R.

I was thrust, thrust down and falling
but the Lord was my helper.

The Lord is my strength and my song;
he was my saviour.

There are shouts of joy and victory
in the tents of the just. R.

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes.

This day was made by the Lord;
we rejoice and are glad. R.

Second Reading

1 Peter 1:3-9

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

He has given us a new birth as his children, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead.

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy has given us a new birth as his sons, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead, so that we have a sure hope and the promise of an inheritance that can never be spoilt or soiled and never fade away, because it is being kept for you in the heavens. Through your faith, God's power will guard you until the salvation which had been prepared is revealed at the end of time. This is a cause of great joy for you, even though you may for a short time have to bear being plagued by all sorts of trials; so that, when Jesus Christ is revealed, your faith will have been tested and proved like gold - only it is more precious than gold, which is corruptible even though it bears testing by fire - and then you will have praise and glory and honour. You did not see him, yet you love him; and still without seeing him, you are already filled with a joy so glorious that it cannot be described, because you believe; and you are sure of the end to which your faith looks forward, that is, the salvation of your souls.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

John 20:29

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me,
but still believe!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel

John 20:19-31



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