



St Patrick's Parish

Gympie and Surrounds

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3rd Sunday of Easter

Year A

19 April 2026

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Pope Leo XIV reminds us that 'those who met Jesus along the roads of Palestine experienced his humanity, his eyes, his hands, the sound of his voice.'

'Those who decided to follow him', the Pope suggests, 'were moved precisely by the experience of his welcoming gaze, the touch of his blessing hands, his words of liberation and healing.' Christ's being with us, the Pope makes clear, is integral to his mission.

Through this dynamic, the Pope says, 'the disciples opened themselves to an encounter with God. Indeed, Christ's flesh, his face, his gestures and his words visibly manifest the invisible God.'

This mystery illuminates our calling. As the Pope says, 'when we look at [the Church] closely, we discover a human dimension made up of real people, who sometimes manifest the beauty of the Gospel and other times struggle and make mistakes like everyone else. However,' the Pope continues, 'it is precisely through her members and her limited earthly aspects that Christ's presence and his saving action are manifested.'

Therefore, whatever our shortcomings, we are part of this mystery. There is no 'pure Church, separated from the earth', as the Pope puts it, but rather 'one Church of Christ, embodied in history', in which we all have a part to play.

[Quotes from General Audience, 4 March 2026:

<https://www.vatican.va/content/leoxiv/en/audiences/2026/documents/20260304-udienza-generale.html>]

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New Office Hours

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 reconciliation from 4:45pm
Saturday: 7:00am ANZAC Day
Sunday: 9:00am (Livestreamed)
5:30pm

Country Church Mass Times 26/04/2026

Saturday
St John Vianney Tin Can Bay – 5:00pm
Sunday
St Peter the Fisherman Rainbow Beach – 6:30pm

Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion
Sunday
St Therese Gunalda – 7:00am

Parish Contact Information

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Office Hours

Monday - Friday
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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@stopline.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 9:30am until 11:30am. 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.

Youth Group

We will be recommencing Youth Group again this term. If you are Year 6 – Year 10 come along and bring a friend. Afternoon tea will be provided.

Friday 24th April

Parish Centre

3:30pm until 5:00pm

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 busy-ness 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-qld/>

Please arrive 15 minutes prior to Mass beginning

Liturgy Roster
4th Sunday of Easter
26 April 2026
9:00am Morning Mass

Welcomer: P Tobin

Reader 1: Shania Shine

Reader 2: B Lipke

POF: M Ryan

Altar Servers: Amelia, Seb & Anna

Communion Ministers:

1. S Kelly, 2. M Calvert, 3. I Laherty, 4. D Liedel,
6. Volunteer, 7. L Newey, 8. M Green

PowerPoint: C Binu

Piety Store: K Taylor

Morning Tea: Hollow Log

5:30pm Evening Mass

Welcomer: A Osborn

Reader 1: P Hass

Reader 2: L Murray

POF: S Skuse

Communion Minister: E Shields, C Johnston, B Doak

PowerPoint: N Gruar

3rd Sunday of Easter Readings

First Reading: Acts 2:14, 36-41

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:20-25

Gospel: John 10:1-10

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>.

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



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



In Lord's Care

Let us remember in our prayers those loved ones who have died recently, Bibeau Osing and those whose anniversaries fall around this time, Fr Pat Cassidy and Warner Liedel. May the faithful departed rejoice to see the face of their Saviour.

ANZAC Day Mass

Next Saturday 26th April we will be holding a mass at 7:00am in remembrance of ANZAC Day.

Annual Mass Count

It is that time of year again, during May we will be conducting the Annual Mass Count. These figures help the Archdiocese Of Brisbane to understand how many people are being reached in local communities and across the whole Archdiocese. Also every 5 years, to coincide with the Australian National Census, the ACBC asks for data on parish Mass attendance. This year the Parish Leadership team within Archdiocesan Ministries will coordinate with the ACBC.

First Reading

Acts 2:14, 22-33 (JB)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

It was impossible for him to be held by the power of Hades.

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: 'Men of Israel, listen to what I am going to say: Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God by the miracles and portents and signs that God worked through him when he was among you, as you all know. This man, who was put into your power by the deliberate intention and foreknowledge of God, you took and had crucified by men outside the Law. You killed him, but God raised him to life, freeing him from the pangs of Hades; for it was impossible for him to be held in its power since, as David says of him:

I saw the Lord before me always,
for with him at my right hand nothing can shake me.
So my heart was glad
and my tongue cried out with joy:
my body, too, will rest in the hope
that you will not abandon my soul to Hades
nor allow your holy one to experience corruption.
You have made known the way of life to me,
you will fill me with gladness through your presence.'

'Brothers, no one can deny that the patriarch David himself is dead and buried: his tomb is still with us. But since he was a prophet, and knew that God had sworn him an oath to make one of his descendants succeed him on the throne, what he foresaw and spoke about was the resurrection of the Christ: he is the one who was not abandoned to Hades, and whose body did not experience corruption. God raised this man Jesus to life, and all of us are witness to that. Now raised to the heights by God's right hand, he has received from the Father the Holy Spirit, who was promised, and what you see and hear is the outpouring of that Spirit.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 15:1-2, 5, 7-11

R. Lord, you will show us the path of life.

Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.

I say to the Lord: 'You are my God.

O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;

it is you yourself who are my prize.' R.

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel,
who even at night directs my heart.

I keep the Lord ever in my sight:

since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. R.

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;
even my body shall rest in safety.

For you will not leave my soul among the dead,
nor let your beloved know decay. R.

You will show me the path of life,
and the fullness of joy in your presence,
at your right hand happiness for ever. R.

Second Reading

1 Peter 1:17-21

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

The ransom that was paid to free you was the blood of the Lamb, Jesus Christ.

If you are acknowledging as your Father one who has no favourites and judges everyone according to what he has done, you must be scrupulously careful as long as you are living away from your home. Remember, the ransom that was paid to free you from the useless way of life your ancestors handed down was not paid in anything corruptible, neither in silver nor gold, but in the precious blood of a lamb without spot or stain, namely Christ; who, though known since before the world was made, has been revealed only in our time, the end of the ages, for your sake. Through him you now have faith in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory for that very reason - so that you would have faith and hope in God.

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Gospel Acclamation

cf Luke 24:32 (JB)

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us:

make our hearts burn with love when you speak.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 24:13-35