



St Patrick's Parish

Gympie and Surrounds

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4th Sunday of Easter

Year A

26 April 2026

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This is 'Good Shepherd Sunday' and a particular focus taken today is leadership. Which voices do we follow? Why do we follow these voices and not others? Authentic leadership is rooted in authority, and authentic authority is the ability to author or bring life to birth. Genuine

authority cherishes, guards and encourages the best in life; it provides rest and refreshment; it guides our steps; it nourishes us; it leads us to God. Peter is an example of authentic authority: he proclaims the truth, even if others find it hard to hear; he denounces error, even when this places him in jeopardy; he calls for a change of heart, even when it makes great demands.



Authentic leadership is patterned after the leadership of Jesus. It is gentle and familiar, like the true shepherd; it has won the confidence of those who follow, as did the true shepherd; it is committed to the enhancement of the lives of others, as was Jesus. Authentic leadership is willing to forgo its own needs and to deny its own interests in favour of the needs and interests of others.

Heavy demands are placed on those who follow authentic leadership. Those who follow the Good Shepherd must follow him in the dark valleys as well as to the refreshing streams. They must be willing to relinquish some of their own plans and self-determination and entrust themselves to his leadership. They must never forget that they are following a shepherd who has paid the ultimate price on their behalf.

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Dianne Bergant CSA was a Professor of Biblical Studies at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago, where she taught from 1978 to 2014. She holds a BS in Elementary Education from Marian College, Fond du Lac, WI; an MA and PhD in Biblical Languages and Literature from St Louis University. Amongst other things, she served as President of Catholic Biblical Association of America (2000-2001) and has been awarded honorary doctorates from several other universities. She was an active member of the Chicago Catholic/Jewish Scholars Dialogue (1988-2017) and sat on the editorial boards of *The Bible Today* (1979-2005), *Biblical Theology Bulletin* (1990-2014), *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* (1992-2001), *New Theology Review* (1997-2003), *Teaching Theology and Religion* (2003-2005), and *Chicago Studies* (2003-2009). She has taught and lectured in many places in the United States and abroad and has written numerous books, articles and chapters in books.

St Patrick's Mass Times this week

Monday: 7:30am
Tuesday: 9:00am
Thursday: 7:00am
Friday: 5:30pm reconciliation from 4:45pm
Saturday: 9:00am Mass and Anointing
Sunday: 9:00am (Livestreamed)
5:30pm

Country Church Mass Times 02/05/2026

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

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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.

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

Fourth Sunday of Easter - A (World Day of Prayer for Vocations)

This is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. "The harvest is great, but the labourers are few. Pray to the Lord of the harvest to send more labourers into the Harvest."



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
27 th April	Parents Information Session – First Holy Communion – Parish Centre 6:30pm
2 nd May	Mass and Anointing 9:00am
4 th May	Labour Day Public Holiday – Office Closed
15 th May	Gympie Show Holiday – Office Closed

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 01 May
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 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-qld/>

Please arrive 15 minutes prior to Mass beginning

Liturgy Roster
5th Sunday of Easter
2 May 2026
9:00am Morning Mass

Welcomer: P Daunt

Reader 1: M Ryan

Reader 2: F Skinner

POF: P Callaghan

Altar Servers: Alvina, Sherlyn, Alen

Communion Ministers:

1. D Dillon, **2.** I Laherty, **3.** D Liedel, **4.** S Kelly,
6. L Newey, **7.** E Saunders, **8.** M Calvert

PowerPoint: A Jomy

Piety Store: N Carmichael

Morning Tea: All Stars

5:30pm Evening Mass

Welcomer: A Cambridge

Reader 1: S Hayes

Reader 2: T Hayes

POF: C Johnston

Communion Minister: A Cambridge, N Gruar, B Doak

PowerPoint: T Hallam

5th Sunday of Easter Readings

First Reading: Acts 6:1-7

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:4-9

Gospel: John 14:1-12

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>.



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.

Mass and Anointing

Next Saturday 2nd May we will be holding mass and anointing at 9:00am at St Patrick's Church.



ANOINTING MASS

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.

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 2:14, 36-41

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

God has made Jesus both Lord and Christ.

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the eleven and addressed the crowd with a loud voice: 'The whole House of Israel can be certain that God has made this Jesus whom you crucified both Lord and Christ.'

Hearing this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the apostles, 'What must we do, brothers?' 'You must repent,' Peter answered 'and every one of you must be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise that was made is for you and your children, and for all those who are far away, for all those whom the Lord our God will call to himself.' He spoke to them for a long time using many arguments, and he urged them, 'Save yourselves from this perverse generation.' They were convinced by his arguments, and they accepted what he said and were baptised. That very day about three thousand were added to their number.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 22:1-6

R. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. R.

He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort. R.

You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.

My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. R.

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. R.

Second Reading

1 Peter 2:20-25

A reading from the first letter of St Peter
You had gone astray but now you have come back
to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

The merit, in the sight of God, is in bearing
punishment patiently when you are punished after
doing your duty.

This, in fact, is what you were called to do, because
Christ suffered for you and left an example for you
to follow the way he took. He had not done
anything wrong, and there had been no perjury in
his mouth. He was insulted and did not retaliate
with insults; when he was tortured he made no
threats but he put his trust in the righteous judge.
He was bearing our faults in his own body on the
cross, so that we might die to our faults and live
for holiness; through his wounds you have been
healed. You had gone astray like sheep but now
you have come back to the shepherd and guardian
of your souls.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

John 10:14

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine know me.
Alleluia!

Gospel

John 10:1-10

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