



St Patrick's Parish

Gympie and Surrounds

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6th Sunday of Easter

Year A

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We live in hope because we have been blessed with the opportunity of participating in the exaltation of Jesus. This hope is based on promises: the promise that we will not be left orphaned when Jesus returns to his Father; the promise that we will be comforted by the Spirit whom Jesus will send. It is trust in God that enables us to live in this world as if the promises have already been fulfilled, for in fact, it is precisely such living that fulfils them.

We have not celebrated the Ascension, and yet all three readings speak of the Spirit. The same Spirit, who quickened the resurrected life of Jesus, enlivens us. This Spirit strengthens, comforts, guides and inspires us. Life in the Spirit requires that we conform our lives to the commandments of God, not in a legalistic or constraining way but out of love. The love that comes to us through the Spirit will then overflow into the lives of others, and we will be agents of God's love in the world.

The Spirit given by Christ is mediated through the laying on of hands. This still happens in our day in the gentle touch of friends, in the loving touch of parents, in the healing touch of those who cure both the body and the spirit. The liturgical year is preparing us for the Ascension of Jesus into heaven, and Jesus is preparing us for life in the Spirit here on earth. This is the reason for our hope.

Mother's Day Blessing

Almighty God, we ask Your blessing on each mother today. Fill their hearts with laughter and joy, Surround them with love from family and friends. Grant them health, peace and fulfillment as they pursue their calling. Let them know their value and worth in Your eyes and ours. In Jesus' name, Amen



HAPPY
Mother's Day
 WITH LOVE

St Patrick's Mass Times this week

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

Country Church Mass Times 17/05/2026

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

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St Patrick's Parish
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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: bncatholic.stoplinereport.com

A Vocation View

Sixth Sunday of Easter – A

That Jesus rose from the dead is our Faith. That we can be reborn in the Spirit is our Hope. That we can do God's work is our Love. Follow God's Call.



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
11 th May	Liturgy Meeting @ 4:15pm
15 th May	Gympie Show Holiday – Office Closed
14 th May	Lion's Morning Tea
28 th May	Men's Afternoon

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? Our meeting dates are as follows:

2nd Meeting – 10th May

3rd Meeting – 24th May

4th Meeting – 31st May

Celebration – 14th June

Youth Group

There will be no youth Groups for the next two week. Our next Youth Group afternoon will be the **29th May 2026**.

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/>

In God's Care

Let us remember in our prayers those loved ones who have died recently, Sylvia Reibel and those whose anniversaries, Terry Hore fall around this time. May the faithful departed rejoice to see the face of their Saviour.

Please arrive 15 minutes prior to Mass beginning

**Liturgy Roster
The Ascension of the Lord
17 May 2026
9:00am Morning Mass**

Welcomer: D Liedel

Reader 1: Sister Di

Reader 2: Amelia Calvert

POF: C Cash

Altar Servers: Jakson, Jonathan, Brayden

Communion Ministers:

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

PowerPoint: C Binu

Piety Store: M Rush

Morning Tea: Hilltop Ramblers

5:30pm Evening Mass

Welcomer: T McFarlane

Reader 1: P Hass

Reader 2: N Gruar

POF: K Murray

Communion Minister: E Shields, C Johnston, N Gruar

PowerPoint: A Osborn

The Ascension of the Lord Readings

First Reading: Acts 1:1-11

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:17-23

Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20

Annual Fundraising Dinner

The Christian Religious Instruction Area Subcommittee is encouraged to see the work of Christian RI expanding across our region. One of the reasons for this is the generous support of God's people to enable some paid RI workers to take up more classes in our region. On June 1 at 6:00pm, we're running our annual fundraising dinner, this time at the Gympie Wesleyan-Methodist church's community place.

RSVP by the 18th May 2026.

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/acre-gympie-fundraising-dinner-tickets-1986183706934?aff=oddtcreator>

Gympie Winter Shelter

Gympie Winter Shelter is looking for volunteers for cooking, evening or morning shifts. If you would like to assist please scan the QR code to register by the 10th May. For more information contact Kate Clues on 0422 151 969.



Aged Care Conversations Gympie

ADAAustralia are inviting seniors, carers, families, and service providers to join us for a free and informative event all about navigating aged care. With recent changes to the Aged Care Act, this is a great opportunity to ensure seniors have access to the right resources and support. **Wednesday 27 May 2026** at the Pavillion, 77 Exhibition Road, Southside. From 10:00am. A complimentary light lunch will be provided. Please remember that **RSVP is required!** RSVP by emailing events@adaustralia.com.au or calling 1800 818 338.

Marriage Encounter

Marriage Encounter are hosting a couple of retreats.

"The Vow" Mini Retreat

30th May 2026

9:30am to 12:30pm

St Oliver Plunkett Church Hall, Cannon Hill

RSVP: Cathy or Vince Agius –

vinceandcathywwme@gmail.com

"Live Out" Retreat

4th – 5th July 2026

Our Lady of The Southern Cross Parish,
Springfield Lakes.

Bookings or Enquires: Joseph and Lisha Deseam 0481 307

821 or qldbookings@wwme.org.au

www.wwme.org.au

Domestic & Family Violence Prevention Month

Each May, Queensland marks Domestic and Family Violence (DFV) Prevention Month. This annual initiative aims to raise awareness of domestic and family violence and coercive control, highlight the support services available and send a clear message that violence in our communities will not be tolerated. If you are or know someone that is in a life threatening situation please call 000 and ask for police. If you do not want to speak to the police you can call DV Connect 1800 811 811 or 1800 737 732 (24 hours a day 7 days a week).

HymnFest

Our next HymnFest is on Sunday 17th May @ 2.30 pm at Uniting 4570, Red Hill Road, Gympie. This is a very enjoyable time of singing some old favourite hymns/choruses. We sing for about an hour then enjoy fellowship over a cuppa afterwards. The afternoon finishes around 4pm. Please bring a small plate of afternoon tea to share. All are welcome. Inquiries Phone: Narelle Towner 0418 729 268.

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 8:5-8, 14-17

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

They laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town.

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 65:1-7, 16, 20

R. Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Cry out with joy to God all the earth,

O sing to the glory of his name.

O render him glorious praise.

Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds! R.

'Before you all the earth shall bow;
shall sing to you, sing to your name!
Come and see the works of God,
tremendous his deeds among men. R.

He turned the sea into dry land,
they passed through the river dry-shod.

Let our joy then be in him;

he rules for ever by his might. R.

Come and hear, all who fear God.

I will tell what he did for my soul:

Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer
nor withhold his love from me. R.

Second Reading

1 Peter 3:15-18

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong.

Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

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Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

John 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

Alleluia!

Gospel

John 14:15-21

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