



St Patrick's Parish

Gympie and Surrounds

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Pentecost Sunday

Year A

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The Season of Easter concludes with today's celebration, the Feast of Pentecost. On Pentecost we celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles gathered in the upper room in Jerusalem; this event marks the beginning of the Church. The story of Pentecost is found in the Acts of the Apostles, today's first reading. The account in today's Gospel, John 20:19-23, also recounts how Jesus gave the gift of the Holy Spirit to his disciples. Yet the event in John's Gospel takes place on Easter Sunday. There is no need to try to reconcile these two accounts. It is enough that we know that after his death, Jesus fulfilled his promise to send to his disciples a helper, an advocate, who would enable them to be his witnesses throughout the world.

We already heard today's Gospel proclaimed on the [Second Sunday of Easter](#) this year (Lectionary Cycle A). That Gospel passage, however, also included the description of Jesus' appearance to Thomas. In that context, we were led reflect on belief and unbelief.

In the context of the Feast of Pentecost, John 20:19-23 reminds us about the integral connection between the gifts of peace and forgiveness and the action of the Holy Spirit. Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace. Jesus then commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun, "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." He breathes the Holy Spirit upon the disciples and sends them to continue his work of reconciliation through the forgiveness of sins. Jesus' act of breathing the Holy Spirit mirrors God's act of breathing life into Adam at the time of Creation. In fact, both the Greek and Hebrew words for "spirit" can also be translated as "breath."

This Gospel reminds us that the Church is called to be a reconciling presence in the world. The reconciling presence of Christ is celebrated in the Church's sacramental life. In the Sacrament of Baptism, we are cleansed of sin and become a new creation in Christ. In the Sacrament of Penance, the Church celebrates the mercy of God through the forgiving of sins. This reconciling presence is also to be a way of life for Christians. In situations of conflict, we are to be agents of peace and harmony among people.

We joyfully congratulate Father Rafal as he celebrates the 35th Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood. We thank God for his faithful ministry, dedicated service and spiritual leadership throughout these years. Please join us in praying that God continues to bless Father Rafal with good health, happiness, and strength in his priestly vocation.



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 31/05/2026

Saturday
Sacred Heart Church Kandanga - 5:00pm
Sunday
St Therese Church Gunalda - 7:00am
Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion
Saturday
St John Vianney Tin Can Bay - 5:00pm

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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: AOB@stoline.com.au

Online: bneatholic.stoplinereport.com

A Vocation View

Pentecost Sunday - A

"There are different gifts, but the same Spirit." Each of us has been graced with certain gifts of the Spirit. And they are active if we utilise them for the building up of the Church. Name the way the Lord has gifted you.



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
26 th May	A Big Morning Tea – 9:30am Kandanga Hall
28 th May	Men's Afternoon
29 th May	Parish Office Closed
29 th May	Requiem Mass – Tony Nolan St Patrick's Church 11:00am
14 th June	Celebration of First Holy Communion

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:

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**.

In God's Care

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

Looking for a Lift

We have a parishioner who would love to come to Sunday morning Mass but cannot drive anymore. If you live near Carrington Avenue and might be able to assist even if it is fortnightly or once a month can you please contact the parish office and we can put you in contact with the Parishioner.

Scripture Study Group

If you are interested in discussing the readings of the bible and making new friends come along to the Scripture Study Group on Tuesdays in the Parish Centre from 12:30pm until 1.30pm.

Please arrive 15 minutes prior to Mass beginning

Liturgy Roster
The Most Holy Trinity
31 May 2026
9:00am Morning Mass

Welcomer: P Tobin

Reader 1: A Gur

Reader 2: N Gambling

POF: M Ryan

Altar Servers: Amelia, Seb, Anna

Communion Ministers:

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

PowerPoint: A Jomy

Piety Store: A Williams

Morning Tea: All Stars

5:30pm Evening Mass

Welcomer: E Shields

Reader 1: I Rodrigues

Reader 2: T Hallam

POF: M Norris

Communion Minister: E Shields, B Doak, C Johnston

PowerPoint: A Hallam

The Most Holy Trinity Readings

First Reading: Exodus 34:4-6, 8-9

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Gospel: John 3:16-18

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.

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

If you are unable to attend but would still like to donate you can go to their website and click on donate.

<https://christianri.org.au/donate/>

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

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

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).

Communion Minister training

If you would like to assist with ministering communion at Mass but unsure how to minister it Fr Rafal will be holding training after morning mass on the 7th June. Please stay behind after mass to learn.

A Big Morning Tea

Kandanga are holding A Big Morning Tea for Little Haven Palliative Care on Tuesday 26th May at 9:30am at the Kandanga Hall. If you would like further information please see Trish Gabbana.



First Reading

Acts 2:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak different languages.

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome - Jews and proselytes alike - Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 103:1, 24, 29-31, 34

R. Lord, send out your Spirit
and renew the face of the earth.

Bless the Lord, my soul!
Lord God, how great you are,
How many are your works, O Lord!
The earth is full of your riches. R.

You take back your spirit, they die,
returning to the dust from which they came.
You send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the earth. R.

May the glory of the Lord last for ever!
May the Lord rejoice in his works!
May my thoughts be pleasing to him.
I find my joy in the Lord. R.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13 (Year A)

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians
In the one Spirit we were all baptised, making one body.

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit.

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose.

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Sequence

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Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel

John 20:19-23

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
As the Father sent me, so I send you: Receive the Holy Spirit.

In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.

'As the Father sent me,
so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.

For those whose sins you forgive,
they are forgiven;

for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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