



# St Patrick's Parish

## Gympie and Surrounds

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**12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Year A**

**21 June 2026**

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'The Church,' Pope Leo explains, 'journeys through this earthly history always looking towards her final destination, which is the heavenly homeland.' This is the measure of who we are and what we do as Christians. Sometimes we can become 'too focused on what is immediately visible', the Pope says, worrying about how the Church looks rather than what it does. At such times, the Pope intimates, we need reminding that the Church exists as 'God's people journeying through history, which has the Kingdom of God as the purpose of all her action.'

The Church, the Pope explains, 'lives in history in the service of the coming of the Kingdom of God in the world.'

This means that the Church is called to be 'the sign and instrument of that fullness of life and peace promoted by God.' We walk through time as 'guardian of a hope that enlightens the path', the Pope says. We are 'invested with the mission of speaking clearly to reject everything that mortifies life and prevents its development.'

Therefore, we must always 'take a position in favour of the poor, the exploited, the victims of violence and war, and all those who suffer in body and in spirit,' the Pope declares. The Church, he reminds us, 'does not proclaim herself.' Rather, 'everything within her must point to salvation in Christ.'

### Confirmation

Children aged **9 years and over (year 3)** are warmly invited to begin preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Confirmation is a special step in the Catholic faith journey, where young people deepen their relationship with God and receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Parents and guardians who would like their child to participate are asked to attend our Parents Information night on **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> July at 6:30pm** in the Parish Centre. Further information regarding preparation sessions, dates, and requirements will be provided upon registration. We look forward to accompanying our young people as they prepare to receive this important sacrament.



Congratulations to Cornelia D on her

*Confirmation and  
First Holy Communion*

As you take this important step in your faith journey, may you always feel the warmth of God's love in your heart.

### 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 28/06/2026

**Saturday**  
St John Vianney Tin Can Bay - 5:00pm  
**Sunday**  
St Peter the Fisherman - Rainbow Beach - 6:30am  
**Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion**  
**Sunday**  
St Therese Gunalda - 7:00am

## Parish Contact Information

### Parish Priest

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### Parish Secretary

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### Parish Associate

Mr Tom Bushell

### Safeguarding Officer

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### Office Hours

Monday – Friday  
9:00am to 1:30pm

### Parish Website

Stpatrygympie.net.au

### Facebook

St Patrick's Catholic Parish  
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### Finance Council

Ken Garner

### Community Council

Maureen Rush

### St Vincent de Paul

### Family Assistance

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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: [AOB@stopline.com.au](mailto:AOB@stopline.com.au)

Online: [bneatholic.stoplinereport.com](http://bneatholic.stoplinereport.com)

### A Vocation View

#### **Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Have you discovered yet that there is more to life than what only material things have to offer? We live in the Spirit. Only in the Lord can we find lasting peace. Speak the Good News.



### 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**

### Youth Group

Our next Youth Group will be the **26<sup>th</sup> June 2026**. This week's youth group will be a movie night. Bring a blanket and some pillows.

6:00pm – 8:00pm  
Parish Centre

### What's Happening

Date	Event
25 <sup>th</sup> June	Men's Afternoon, Parish Centre 1:00pm – 2:30pm
26 <sup>th</sup> June	Youth Group – Movie Night 6:00pm – 8:00pm
27/28 <sup>th</sup> June	Peter's Pence Collection
4 <sup>th</sup> July	Oriana Choir – St Patrick's Church 1:00pm – 3:00pm
20 <sup>th</sup> July	Liturgy Meeting 4:15pm Parish Centre
27 <sup>th</sup> July	1 <sup>st</sup> Parent meeting for Confirmation 6pm Parish Centre

### Men's Afternoon

Men's Afternoon will be on **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June** from 1:00pm until 2:30pm in the Parish Centre. Come along for a few games, have a chat and a hot or cold beverage.

### In God's Care

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

### Peter's Pence Collection

The Peter's Pence Collection is an annual collection of the Catholic Church around the world. This year, the Archdiocese of Brisbane will take up the collection on the **27/28 June**.

The collection allows the Holy Father to respond to the most needy throughout the world to offer timely, effective emergency assistance to our suffering brothers and sisters.

### Name Tags

To help elderly parishioners feel more comfortable and confident we ask you wear a name tag. Name tags make it easier for people to know who they are speaking with and help build trust and familiarity. If you do not have a name tag please contact the parish office so we can arrange one for you.

**Liturgy Roster**  
**13<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**28 June 2026**  
**9:00am Morning Mass**

**Welcomer:** P Tobin  
**Reader 1:** F Skinner  
**Reader 2:** J Van Der Lugt  
**POF:** A Gur  
**Altar Servers:** Amelia, Seb & Anna

**Communion Ministers:**  
1. M Liyanage, 2. D Liedel, 3. A Towner, 4. L Newey  
6. A Tadj, 7. M Green, 8. D Dillon  
**PowerPoint:** A Jomy  
**Piety Store:** M Rush  
**Morning Tea:** All Stars

**5:30pm Evening Mass**

**Welcomer:** A Hallam  
**Reader 1:** T Hallam  
**Reader 2:** C Johnston  
**POF:** I Rodrigues  
**Communion Minister:** C Johnston, E Shields, L Collins  
**PowerPoint:** N Gruar

**13<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Readings**

**First Reading:** 2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16  
**Second Reading:** Romans 6:3-4, 8-11  
**Gospel:** Matthew 10:37-42

**St Peter's Anglican Church, Gympie**

You are warmly invited to the official opening and blessing of the new Parish Centre for the St Peter's Anglican Church, the corner of Amy Street and Lady Mary Terrace on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> July at 3:00pm. To assist with catering purposes can you please let our parish office know before 19<sup>th</sup> July so we can let St Peter's know before the 20<sup>th</sup> July.



**Cooloola Christian Radio**

Positive 91.5 Christian Radio will be holding their EOFY Appeal. Due to the recent telephone upgrades to 5G in the area the station is now required to install a cavity filter. This expense is coming with a cost of \$10,000.00. Donations towards this expense is greatly appreciated. Please scan the QR code to donate today, alternatively you can drop into the radio station on Parsons Road, Gympie.



**Oriana Choir**

The Sunshine Coast's premier vocal group, Oriana Choir, presents An Oriana Songbook. A celebration of Oriana at their finest: stunning a cappella, rich harmonies, and beautifully crafted choral music that will lift the spirits, feed the soul, and fill the heart with hope and joy. Oriana Choir will be performing in the St Patrick's Church on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2026 at 1:00pm – 3:00pm. Tickets are available for purchase via <https://www.eventfinda.com.au/2026/an-origana-songbook/gympie/tickets>

**Musician Wanted for Parish Choir**

Our parish choir is seeking a talented pianist, guitarist or multi-instrumentalist to accompany Catholic hymns and sacred music during liturgical worships on Sunday Masses. If you play the piano, guitar or other suitable instruments and would like to share your musical gifts in the service of God and our parish community, please contact Frances Skinner on 0431 286 796.

Psalm 96:1

*"Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth."*

**St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal**

It's that time of year again to help the less fortunate. St Vincent de Paul are looking for donations such as sleeping bags, blankets, grocery items or cash donations. **Urgently required** are men's jackets/pullovers & Children's winter clothing. If you can assist please clearly label the items as "FOR FAMILY ASSISTANCE" and deliver them to St Vincent de Paul in Mellor Street (opposite the Civic Centre) on Monday, Wednesday and Friday between 12:00pm and 3:00pm or place in the baskets at the doors of the church. If you would prefer to make a money donation please use the following details or envelopes can be found on the table at the back of the church.

Account Name: SVDP St. Patrick's  
BSB: 064 786  
Account Number: 100027023

**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

*Jeremiah 20:10-13*

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah  
*He has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of those who are evil.*

Jeremiah said:

I hear so many disparaging me,  
"Terror from every side!"  
Denounce him! Let us denounce him!  
All those who used to be my friends  
watched for my downfall,  
'Perhaps he will be seduced into error.  
Then we will master him and take our revenge!  
But the Lord is at my side, a mighty hero;  
my opponents will stumble, mastered,  
confounded by their failure;  
everlasting, unforgettable disgrace will be theirs.  
But you, Lord of Hosts, you who probe with justice,  
who scrutinise the loins and heart,  
let me see the vengeance you will take on them,  
for I have committed my cause to you.  
Sing to the Lord,  
praise the Lord,  
for he has delivered the soul of the needy  
from the hands of evil men.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Responsorial Psalm

*Ps 68:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35*

R. Lord, in your great love, answer me.

It is for you that I suffer taunts,  
that shame covers my face,  
that I have become a stranger to my brothers,  
an alien to my own mother's sons.  
I burn with zeal for your house  
and taunts against you fall on me. R.

This is my prayer to you,  
my prayer for your favour.  
In your great love, answer me, O God,  
with your help that never fails:  
Lord, answer, for your love is kind;  
in your compassion, turn towards me. R.

The poor when they see it will be glad  
and God-seeking hearts will revive;  
for the Lord listens to the needs  
and does not spurn servants in their chains.  
Let the heavens and the earth give him praise,  
the sea and all its living creatures. R.

## Second Reading

*Romans 5:12-15*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans  
*God's gift to us is nothing like our sin against him.*  
Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death,  
and thus death has spread through the whole human race  
because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long  
before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one  
could be accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet death reigned  
over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that  
of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law.  
Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself  
considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one  
man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine  
grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so  
many as an abundant free gift.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation

*John 15:26, 27*

Alleluia, alleluia!  
The Spirit of Truth will bear witness to me, says the Lord,  
and you also will be my witnesses.  
Alleluia!

## Gospel

*Matthew 10:26-33*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew  
*Do not fear those who can kill the body.*

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Do not be afraid. For  
everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and  
everything now hidden will be made clear. What I say to you  
in the dark, tell in the daylight; what you hear in whispers,  
proclaim from the house-tops.

'Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill  
the soul; fear him rather who can destroy both body and soul  
in hell. Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny? And yet  
not one falls to the ground without your Father knowing.  
Why, every hair on your head has been counted. So there is  
no need to be afraid; you are worth more than hundreds of  
sparrows.

'So if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of men, I  
will declare myself for him in the presence of my Father in  
heaven. But the one who disowns me in the presence of men,  
I will disown in the presence of my Father in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

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