



St Patrick's Parish

Gympie and Surrounds

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14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

5 July 2026

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The readings for today engage us in a reflection on the nature of the Trinity, as well as the ways that we are enriched by each of the divine Persons. The gospel acknowledges the sovereignty of God. This is followed immediately by mention of the handing over of all things to Jesus, making him a kind of vice-regent of God. Paul speaks of the Spirit, clearly a divine reality, but different from Jesus and the one called God. According to Paul, this Spirit is the Spirit of Jesus and the Spirit of God, implying that somehow both Jesus and God claim the Spirit. It is this Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead, and it is this same Spirit who dwells in Christians.

The grace of this Triune God touches our lives in some ways that are tangible and other ways that demand faith. The most tangible manifestation of God is Jesus himself. God has been revealed to us through this Jesus. While Jesus was a tangible person, our accepting of him as the manifestation of God requires faith, and this faith is no easier today than it was at the time of Jesus himself.

The overriding disposition of these readings is humility. Jesus, the human manifestation of the divine, is meek and humble, and the true disciple is called to be humble. A second disposition is placed before us – grateful praise. In the psalm we praise and bless God; we extol God's holy name. In Jesus we have known the tender touch of God, and we are grateful.

One Mass/Multicultural Mass Celebration for 2026

Date: Sunday 13th September at 10:00am

No other masses will be held in the Parish on this weekend.

We would like to invite representatives from the country parishes to be involved in the preparation and/or come along with suggestions for this wonderful Parish Celebration. Our next preparation meeting will be on **Monday 20th July at 4.15pm in the Parish Centre**. Anyone who would like to offer suggestions or be involved in helping in any way with this celebration is also invited. We do have many of our parishioners' country of origin flags but if you are new to our Parish and would like to take part, please let us know. We encourage everyone to come in their traditional dress and would also like to encourage story telling about traditional dress or even song and dance after Mass in the Primary School Hall where we have a shared lunch.

If you have feedback from previous celebrations or any suggestions but can't make the meeting, you can contact Narelle Guar on 0417821269 or email: narelled52@gmail.com prior to this next meeting.

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 12/07/2026

Saturday

Sacred Heart - Kandanga - 5:00pm

Sunday

St Therese - Gunalda - 7:00am

Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion

Saturday

St John Vianney - Tin Can Bay 5:00pm

Sunday

St Peter the Fisherman - Rainbow Beach - 6:30am

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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@stopline.com.au

Online: bncatholic.stoplinereport.com

A Vocation View

**Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time -
(National Aboriginal and Torres Strait
Islander Sunday)**

When we follow the Lord, His yoke is easy, and His burden is light. Seek Jesus and the fullness of His call, that you might find rest for your soul.



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**

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."

What's Happening

Date	Event
5 th July	National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Sunday
6 th July	Funeral Service - Denis Twomey St Patrick's @ 10:30am
12 th July	RCIA initiation Mass - Morning Mass
20 th July	One Mass Multicultural Mass Meeting @ 4:15pm Parish Centre
23 rd July	No Mass - Fr Rafal Away
27 th July	1 st Parent meeting for Confirmation 6pm Parish Centre
30 th July	Fr Rafal leaves for Holiday after morning Mass

In God's Care

Let us remember in our prayers those who have died recently, Colin Edwards, Johanna Holand and Denis Twomey and those whose anniversaries fall around this time. May the faithful departed rejoice to see the face of their Saviour.

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.

RCIA Mass

Next weekend, **Sunday 12 July 2026**, we will joyfully welcome **four new Catechumens** into our faith community during the **9:00am Mass** at St Patrick's.

We warmly invite all parishioners to join us in celebrating this special milestone as they begin their journey of faith. Your presence and prayers will be a wonderful source of encouragement and support as we welcome them into our parish family.

Liturgy Roster
15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
12 July 2026
9:00am Morning Mass

Welcomer: M Green

Reader 1: N Gambling

Reader 2: A Calvert

POF: M Ryan

Altar Servers: J Newey, J Anoop, B Manning

Communion Ministers:

1. Cambridge, 2. D Liedel, 3. D Dillon, 4. C Cash

6. I Laherty, 7. I Rodrigues, 8. A Towner

PowerPoint: A Jomy

Piety Store: K Taylor

Morning Tea: Hilltop Ramblers

5:30pm Evening Mass

Welcomer: E Shields

Reader 1: N Gruar

Reader 2: C Allman

POF: T Hallam

Communion Minister: J O'Shea, K Murray, B Doak

PowerPoint: A Hallam

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time Readings

First Reading: Isaiah 55:10-11

Second Reading: Romans 8:18-23

Gospel: Matthew 13:1-23

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 25th July at 3:00pm**. To assist with catering purposes can you please let our parish office know before **19th July** so we can let St Peter's know before the 20th July.



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

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 27th 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.

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

MenAlive - Oceans MAX26

This is Good News for all men and women in our parish. After 22 years touring Australia and NZ, [menALIVE to the MAX](#) returns to QLD for a limited time. Very soon, MAX26 will be on the Sunshine Coast for the first time and the theme is Oceans. This is a weekend faith experience for men. Some call it a Gathering, others call it a modern Retreat, but all call it a memorable experience. You can stay on site, or you can come in the day and sleep in your own bed. The choice is yours, and there are multiple choices of workshops. Many women want this experience for their men/sons'/ nephews'/uncles and pray for the men. Men, be curious. Come along. Bring someone/s too. This is a ticketed event so **register now by scanning the QR code below or go to <https://tinyurl.com/2aanuust>** before 23rd July. Thankyou.



First Reading

Zechariah 9:9-10

A reading from the prophet Zechariah

See how humbly your king comes to you!

The Lord says this:

'Rejoice heart and soul, daughter of Zion!
Shout with gladness, daughter of Jerusalem!
See now, your king comes to you;
he is victorious, he is triumphant,
humble and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
He will banish chariots from Ephraim
and horses from Jerusalem;
the bow of war will be banished.
He will proclaim peace for the nations.
His empire shall stretch from sea to sea,
from the River to the ends of the earth.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 144:1-2, 8-11, 13-14

R. I will praise your name for ever,
my king and my God.

I will give you glory, O God my King,
I will bless your name for ever.
I will bless you day after day
and praise your name for ever. **R.**

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. **R.**

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.
They shall speak of the glory of your reign
and declare your might, O God. **R.**

The Lord is faithful in all his words
and loving in all his deeds.
The Lord supports all who fall
and raises all who are bowed down. **R.**

Second Reading

Romans 8:9, 11-13

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans
If by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body, you will live.

Your interests are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual,
since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact,
unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not
belong to him, and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from
the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the

dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his
Spirit living in you.

So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our
unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in
that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put
an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

cf Matthew 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 11:25-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
I am gentle and humble of heart.

Jesus exclaimed, 'I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of
earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever
and revealing them to mere children. Yes, Father, for that is
what it pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to
me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the
Father, just as no one knows the Father except the Son and
those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

'Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I
will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I
am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your
souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday

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