



St Patrick's Parish

Gympie and Surrounds

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15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

12 July 2026

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

Here is Jesus telling another story about nature, in this case about soil good enough to bear a crop. Is he just a keen observer of the farmers of his time? No.

Throughout the Gospels there is a harmony between Jesus and the natural creation of a profound kind.

But St Paul intuited that link at a profound level in the case of the Risen Lord. This led him to make the most amazing claim that:

'The creation itself would be set free from its slavery to decay in order to share the freedom associated with the glory of the children of God.'

We, and the whole cosmos, share the legacy of a common destiny brought about by the powerful victory of Christ over the final instance of decay, destruction and every type of death.

We could pause a moment to pray with the angels as we do at every Mass:

'Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.'

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 19/07/2026

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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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

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - (Apostleship of the Sea)

The seed of a vocation seeks fertile surroundings. Sometimes it gets stepped on, sometimes it gets choked, and sometimes it lacks depth. But other times, it is nourished by loving and caring friends.



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 worship 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
19 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

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 19 July 2026**, we will joyfully welcome **one 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.

Combined Church Prayer

Combined Churches will be meeting at the **Uniting Churn on Tuesday 21st July at 8:30am**. Everyone is welcome to attend please enter the church on the right hand side for the prayer meeting.

Liturgy Roster
16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
19 July 2026
9:00am Morning Mass

Welcomer: D Liedel

Reader 1: B Lipke

Reader 2: Shania Shine

POF: F Skinner

Altar Servers: Alvina, Sherlyn & Alen

Communion Ministers:

1. E Saunders, 2. M Calvert, 3. S Kelly, 4. **Volunteer**

6. M Liyanage, 7. M Green, 8. S Siliamona

PowerPoint: A Calvert

Piety Store: N Carmichael

Morning Tea: Hollow Log

5:30pm Evening Mass

Welcomer: S & H Skuse

Reader 1: P Hass

Reader 2: K Murray

POF: S Skuse

Communion Minister: N Gruar, L Collins, C Johnston

PowerPoint: A Osborn

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time Readings

First Reading: Wisdom 12:13, 16-19

Second Reading: Romans 8:26-27

Gospel: Matthew 13:24-30

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.



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

After 22 years of inspiring men across Australia and New Zealand, menALIVE MAX is coming to the Sunshine Coast for the first time. Join men from across the country for a memorable weekend of faith, friendship and renewal as we explore the theme OCEANS. Whether you're looking to reconnect with God, strengthen your faith, or simply take time away from the busyness of life, MAX2026 offers an experience that will encourage and inspire. Choose to stay on site for the full weekend or attend during the day and return home each evening. A range of practical and engaging workshops allows you to tailor the weekend to your own interests. If you're a wife, mother, sister or friend, why not encourage the men in your life to come? If you're a man, consider inviting a son, brother, mate or parishioner to share the journey with you. **Friday 7 - Sunday 9 August 2026 - Luther Heights, Sunshine Coast.** Registrations close **23 July 2026**. Scan the QR code or visit



https://app.tickets.org.au/MA/MAX2026Sunshine_Coast

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

Isaiah 55:10-11

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The rain makes the earth fruitful.

Thus says the Lord: 'As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 64:10-14

R. The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

You care for the earth, give it water,
you fill it with riches.
Your river in heaven brims over
to provide its grain. **R.**

And thus you provide for the earth;
you drench its furrows,
you level it, soften it with showers,
you bless its growth. **R.**

You crown the year with your goodness.
Abundance flows in your steps,
in the pastures of the wilderness it flows. **R.**

The hills are girded with joy,
the meadows covered with flocks,
the valleys are decked with wheat,
They shout for joy, yes, they sing. **R.**

Second Reading

Romans 8:18-23

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans
All creation is waiting for the revelation of the children of God.

I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us. The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons. It was not for any fault on the part of creation that it was made unable to attain its

purpose, it was made so by God; but creation still retains the hope of being freed, like us, from its slavery to decadence, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God. From the beginning till now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only creation, but all of us who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

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Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower;
all who come to him will live for ever.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 13:1-9

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
A sower went out to sow.

Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables.

He said, 'Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundred-fold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.