



St Patrick's Parish

Gympie and Surrounds

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16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

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In today's Gospel, Jesus offers three parables to describe the Kingdom of Heaven. He also explains why he speaks to the crowds in parables and interprets the parable of the sower for the disciples. This reading is a continuation of Jesus' discourse that we began reading last Sunday.

All three parables use commonplace experiences to describe aspects of the Kingdom of Heaven. The first parable is longer and more detailed than the next two, and it alerts us to the two-fold reality of the Kingdom of Heaven. The beginnings of the Kingdom of Heaven can be found in this world. The fruition of the Kingdom of Heaven, however, will not be realized until the final judgment. In the meantime, as Jesus' explanation to the disciples cautions, any effort to judge the progress of the Kingdom of Heaven is premature. Only God, in the final judgment, will distinguish the fruit of the Kingdom of Heaven and offer its reward.

The second and third parables call to our attention the abundance that will result from the small beginnings of the Kingdom of Heaven. Just as a mustard seed – the smallest of all seeds – will become a large bush, so too God will bring his Kingdom to full bloom. As a small amount of yeast will leaven the entire batch of bread, so too God will bring about the expansion of his Kingdom. In each case the image is of the superabundance that God brings out of even the smallest of signs of the Kingdom.

Contained within these parables are words of caution as well as words of consolation. In the parable of the sower we are warned against judging others. To judge and uproot the "weeds" prematurely will harm the wheat; final judgment rests with God. In the parables of the mustard seed and the yeast, we are consoled by the message that God can work wonders and produce abundance from even the smallest beginnings of the Kingdom of Heaven.

One Mass/Multicultural Mass Meeting

Date: Monday 20th July 2026 @ 4:15pm

Parish Centre

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. Anyone who would like to offer suggestions or be involved in helping in any way with this celebration is also invited.

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: NO MASS
Friday: 5:30pm Reconciliation from 4:45pm
Sunday: 9:00am (Livestreamed)
5:30pm

Country Church Mass Times 26/07/2026

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

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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: A0B@stopline.com.au

Online: bncatholic.stoplinereport.com

A Vocation View

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

There are many weeds growing with the wheat in our lives. Sometimes the weeds strangle our growth or prevent us from hearing God's voice clearly. We need time to reflect on the garden of our lives.



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
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
13 th August	No Mass
19 th August	Mass 5:30pm Reconciliation 4:45pm
21 st August	No Mass

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.

August Mass Changes

As Fr Rafal begins his annual leave from **30 July through the month of August**, we warmly welcome **Fr Adrian**, who will be our supply priest during this time.

Please note the following changes to the Mass schedule during August:

- **Thursday 13 August - No Mass**
- **Wednesday 19 August - Mass at 5:30 pm with Reconciliation from 4:45 pm**
- **Friday 21 August - No Mass**

We apologise for any inconvenience these changes may cause and are very grateful to Fr Adrian for generously providing priestly ministry to our parish while Fr Rafal is away.

Thank you for your understanding, and we wish Fr Rafal a safe, restful, and blessed holiday.

Liturgy Roster
17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
26 July 2026
9:00am Morning Mass

Welcomer: E Saunders

Reader 1: P Callaghan

Reader 2: J Newey

POF: I Laherty

Altar Servers: Amelia, Seb & Anna

Communion Ministers:

1. D Dillon, 2. C Cash, 3. I Laherty, 4. D Liedel

6. A Towner, 7. T Hytch, 8. L Newey

PowerPoint: C Binu

Piety Store: A Jomy

Morning Tea: All Stars

5:30pm Evening Mass

Welcomer: A Cambridge

Reader 1: L Murray

Reader 2: S Hayes

POF: C Johnston

Communion Minister: A Cambridge, E Shields, B Doak

PowerPoint: N Gruar

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time Readings

First Reading: 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12

Second Reading: Romans 8:28-30

Gospel: Matthew 13:44-52

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.

Children's Choir - Expressions of Interest

We are excited to begin a **Children's Choir** at our parish! We warmly invite children who enjoy singing and would like to share their gifts in the celebration of Mass to become involved. The choir will provide a wonderful opportunity for children to grow in confidence, make new friends, and actively participate in the life of our parish through music. If your child is interested in joining, or if you would like to find out more, please contact the parish office. We look forward to welcoming our young singers and sharing this exciting new ministry with our parish community.

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

Thank you to everyone who has donated to our Winter Appeal thus far. We have been overwhelmed by the donations of women's clothing & now have plenty to distribute. Our Centre at 2 John St. will happily accept donations. Please know that the money raised by the shops goes to the Conferences so that they may continue their good works. Still required by Family Assistance are the following items:

CHILDREN'S CLOTHING MEN'S CLOTHING
TOWELS & BATHMATS *Urgent
TINNED SOUP *Urgent

These items may be left in the baskets in the church. No Summer clothing please!! 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

Good News for our Parish Community

After 22 years of reaching men across Australia and New Zealand, *menALIVE to the MAX* is returning to Queensland for a limited time — and for the very first time, coming to the Sunshine Coast!

MAX26 – OCEANS is a powerful weekend faith experience for men.

Some describe it as a gathering, others as a modern retreat — but all agree it is a memorable and life-giving experience.

Men can choose to stay on site for the full weekend or attend during the day and return home in the evening. With a range of engaging and practical workshops, there is something for everyone.

Many women already pray for and encourage the men in their lives — husbands, sons, nephews, and friends — to take up opportunities like this. If you're a man, why not be curious? Come along... and bring a mate or two. This is a ticketed event.

Registrations are open now and will close 23 July.

Register by scanning the QR code or visiting:

<https://menalive.org.au/events/national-max-2026>

Thank you.



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

Wisdom 12:13, 16-19

A reading from the book of Wisdom
In the place of sin, you give repentance.

There is no god, other than you, who cares for everything, to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly. Your justice has its source in strength, your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all. You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned and you expose the insolence of those who know it; but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement, you govern us with great lenience, for you have only to will, and your power is there. By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men, and you have given your sons the good hope that after sin you will grant repentance.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 85:5-6, 9-10, 15-16

R. Lord, you are good and forgiving.

O Lord, you are good and forgiving,
full of love to all who call.
Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer
and attend to the sound of my voice. **R.**

All the nations shall come to adore you
and glorify your name, O Lord:
for you are great and do marvellous deeds,
you who alone are God. **R.**

But you, God of mercy and compassion,
slow to anger, O Lord,
abounding in love and truth,
turn and take pity on me. **R.**

Second Reading

Romans 8:26-27

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans
The Spirit himself pleads for us in a way that could never be put into words.

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the

Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

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 13:24-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
Let them grow together until the harvest.

Jesus put a parable before the crowds, "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and said, "Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?" "Some enemy has done this" he answered. And the servants said, "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn."

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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