



St Patrick's Parish

Gympie and Surrounds

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17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

26 July 2026

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Two themes seem to weave through the readings for this Sunday: treasure and delight. The treasure is the extraordinary gift that comes from God; the delight is the joy that we experience when we realise that the treasure is ours. A third theme, which is found in the first reading, picks up a theme that we have considered several times during this period of Ordinary Time, namely, service of others.

The treasure is the kingdom of heaven. It is the prize that gives meaning to the present, and its fullest delight draws us into the future. The reign of God is the fulfilment of our deepest desires and our fondest hopes. Nothing in the world can compare with it, and that is why we are willing to sacrifice everything to attain it. The treasure that we find is really a gift that is given. We need not work to attain the kingdom, nor can we earn it in any way. It is given to us by God. All we have to do is accept it.

Solomon chose to be of service to others. In this he is a model for disciples to follow. We have discovered the treasure in the field; we have found the pearl of great price. What we have been given, we must now give to others. In giving we will lose nothing. In fact, we gain an abundance of blessings. All things work for good, and God is glorified in all. Such is the character of the kingdom of God.

Sacrament of Confirmation

Parents Information Night

Monday 27th July 2026

in the Parish Centre at 6:30pm.

Preparation starts

**Sunday 2nd August 2026 after
morning Mass.**

**Confirmation will be celebrated
27th August 2026.**



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St Patrick's Mass Times this week

Monday: 7:30am
Tuesday: 9:00am
Thursday: 7:00am
Friday: 5:30pm Reconciliation from 4:45pm
Saturday: 9:00am Mass & Anointing
Sunday: 9:00am (Livestreamed)
5:30pm

Country Church Mass Times 2/08/2026

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

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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

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**

What's Happening

Date	Event
27 th July	1 st Parent meeting for Confirmation 6pm Parish Centre
30 th July	Fr Rafal leaves for Holiday after morning Mass
1 st August	Mass and Anointing
13 th August	No Mass
19 th August	Mass 5:30pm Reconciliation 4:45pm
21 st August	No Mass
27 th August	Confirmation Celebration
31 st August	Fr Rafal back

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:

- **Saturday 8th August – 9:00am**
- **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 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.

In God's Care

Let us remember in our prayers those who have died recently, Dawn Langton and those whose anniversaries fall around this time, Margot Goldberg and Noel Nash. May the faithful departed rejoice to see the face of their Saviour.

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."

Liturgy Roster
18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
2 August 2026
9:00am Morning Mass

Welcomer: P Tobin

Reader 1: D Griffin

Reader 2: Sherlyn Shine

POF: Sister Di

Altar Servers: Chris, Chistes, Chrisetta & Chisty

Communion Ministers:

1. M Green, 2. A Tadj, 3. S Siliamona, 4. E Saunders

6. S Kelly, 7. L McGrath, 8. M Calvert

PowerPoint: J Newey

Piety Store: A Williams

Morning Tea: Servant Community

5:30pm Evening Mass

Welcomer: A Hallam

Reader 1: I Rodrigues

Reader 2: L Collins

POF: M Norris

Communion Minister: E Shields, B Doak, C Johnston

PowerPoint: T Hallam

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time Readings

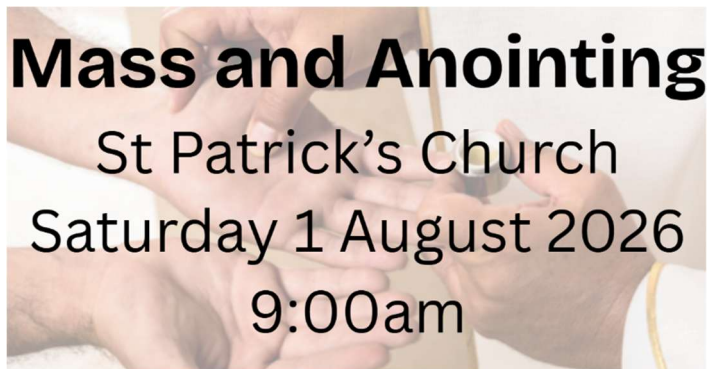
First Reading: Isaiah 55:1-3

Second Reading: Romans 8:35, 37-39

Gospel: Matthew 14:13-21

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 Meeting Dates

Children aged **9 years and over (year 3)** are warmly invited to begin preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

27th July 2026 – Parents Information Night

2nd August 2026 – First Meeting

9th August 2026 – Second Meeting

16th August 2026 – Third Meeting

23rd August 2026 – Rehearsal

27th August 2026 – Celebration of Confirmation

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

**Solemnity of St Mary MacKillop &
Fr Adrian's 53rd Anniversary**

Please join us for Mass on **Saturday, 8th August at 9:00am** as we celebrate the **Solemnity of St Mary MacKillop**.

Following Mass, everyone is warmly invited to the Parish Centre for **cake, tea and coffee** as we also celebrate **Fr Adrian's 53rd anniversary of priestly ordination**. We look forward to celebrating these special occasions together as a parish community.



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

1 Kings 3:5, 7-12

A reading from the first book of the Kings

You have asked for wisdom.

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, 'Ask what you would like me to give you.' Solomon replied, 'Lord, my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its numbers cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. 'Since you have asked for this' the Lord said 'and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 118:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130

R. Lord, I love your commands.

My part, I have resolved, O Lord,
is to obey your word.

The law from your mouth means more to me
than silver and gold. **R.**

Let your love be ready to console me
by your promise to your servant.
Let your love come to me and I shall live
for your law is my delight. **R.**

That is why I love your commands
more than finest gold.

That is why I rule my life by your precepts:
I hate false ways. **R.**

Your will is wonderful indeed;
therefore I obey it.
The unfolding of your word gives light
and teaches the simple. **R.**

Second Reading

Romans 8:28-30

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

He predestined us to become true images of his Son.

We know that by turning everything to their good God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those that he has called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images

of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.

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 13:44-52

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

He sells everything he owns and buys the field.

Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea that brings in a haul of all kinds. When it is full, the fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting down, they collect the good ones in a basket and throw away those that are no use. This is how it will be at the end of time: the angels will appear and separate the wicked from the just to throw them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.

'Have you understood all this?' They said 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Well then, every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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