



St Patrick's Parish

Gympie and Surrounds

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19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

9 August 2026

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Keep Rowing!

The disciples had started off from the Jewish side of the Sea of Galilee, familiar territory. Jesus guided them through the stormy situation to 'the other side', the pagan side, unfamiliar territory where they would not have felt at home.

Buffeted by storms, the Church is in the midst of a journey from familiar to unfamiliar territory.

Some of the storms include a new attitude to authority, to gender roles. There is anger and suspicion at sexual abuse and its cover up. Many of our contemporaries are openly hostile or contentedly indifferent.

In all these situations and many more, Our Lord will not allow us the indulgence of nostalgic yearning for the safety of the past country inhabited by the Church. We are not to throw Tradition with a capital 'T' overboard. To jettison the spirit-led experience of the Church over two millennia will not help us. Discerning tradition from nostalgia, we must make our way to the other shore.

We could pause for a moment, resolving to row with courage because we know we are in the same boat as Peter whom our Risen Lord assures:

'Do not be afraid.'

©Rev Prof Michael Tate graduated in Law from the University of Tasmania in 1968, and in Theology from Oxford University in 1971. He lectured at the University of Tasmania from 1972-78, being Dean of the Faculty of Law in 1977-78. He was a Senator for Tasmania from 1978-93, being Federal Minister for Justice from 1987-93. He served as Ambassador to The Hague and the Holy See from 1993-96. He then returned to Australia, was ordained in May 2000, and was a parish priest in the Archdiocese of Hobart until his death in June 2026.



St Patrick's Mass Times this week

Monday: 7:30am
Tuesday: 9:00am
Thursday: No Mass
Friday: 5:30pm Reconciliation from 4:45pm
Saturday: 9:00am
Sunday: 9:00am (Livestreamed)
5:30pm

Country Church Mass Times 16/08/2026

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 - Gungalda - 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.

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Online: bncatholic.stoplinereport.com

A Vocation View

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time -

Why is it that we lack real trust when the Lord calls us? We think we may drown, or must give up too much, or fear failure. These attitudes can help to strengthen our faith in the Lord.



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
13 th August	No Mass
15 th August	9:00am Mass - Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary
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
13 th September	One Mass / Multicultural Mass



August Mass Changes

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

- **Thursday 13 August - No Mass**
- **Saturday 15 August - 9:00am Mass**
- **Wednesday 19 August - Mass at 5:30 pm with Reconciliation from 4:45 pm**
- **Friday 21 August - No Mass**

In God's Care

Let us remember in our prayers those who have died recently, William Cousins, Maureen Hillcoat, Margaret Barker, Doug Hampton and those whose anniversaries fall around this time. 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
20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
16 August 2026
9:00am Morning Mass

Welcomer: M Green

Reader 1: M Teakle

Reader 2: Anna Calvert

POF: K Cartwright

Altar Servers: Alvina, Sherlyn & Alen

Communion Ministers:

1. S Kelly, 2. L McGrath, 3. E Saunders, 4. M Liyanage

6. L Newey 7. S Siliamao, 8. M Green

PowerPoint: M Calvert

Piety Store: N Carmichael

Morning Tea: Hollow Log

5:30pm Evening Mass

Welcomer: J O'Shea

Reader 1: K Murray

Reader 2: S Skuse

POF: A Goldie

Communion Minister: J O'Shea, L Collins, N Gruar

PowerPoint: A Osborn

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time Readings

First Reading: Isaiah 56:1, 6-7

Second Reading: Romans 11:13-15, 29-32

Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28

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.

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary



As the **Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary** falls on **Saturday 15th August** we will celebrate this Holy Day with **Mass at 9:00am**. All parishioners are warmly invited to join us as we honour Our Blessed Mother on this special feast day.

Confirmation Meeting Dates

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

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

Anglican Catholic Prayer get together

You are invited to join us for evening prayer and reflection on Monday 24th August at 5:30pm at St Peter's Parish Centre next to the church on Amy Street. We shall share wine and cheese after the prayer. BYO Wine and Cheese.

Combined Churches Prayer

This month's combined churches prayer will be held on Tuesday 25th August at 10:00am at the Zion Lutheran Church, 6 O'Connell Street, Gympie.

53rd Ordination Anniversary

Congratulations to Fr Adrian on celebrating the 53rd anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood. We thank him for his many years of faithful service and for his continued support of our parish. May God bless him with good health, joy, and abundant blessings.

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 19:9, 11-13

A reading from the first book of the Kings
Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord God.

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 84:9-14

R. Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.

I will hear what the Lord God has to say,
a voice that speaks of peace.
His help is near for those who fear him
and his glory will dwell in our land. **R.**

Mercy and faithfulness have met;
justice and peace have embraced.
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth
and justice look down from heaven. **R.**

The Lord will make us prosper
and our earth shall yield its fruit.
Justice shall march before him
and peace shall follow his steps. **R.**

Second Reading

Romans 9:1-5

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans
I would willingly be condemned if it could help my people.

What I want to say is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ - it is the truth - my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

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Gospel Acclamation

Ps 129:5

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
I hope in the Lord,
I trust in his word.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 14:22-33

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
Command me to come to you over the water.

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered. 'Lord', he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'

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

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