



St Patrick's Parish

Gympie and Surrounds

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20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

16 August 2026



2026 ANNUAL

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN

Our Church • Our Mission • Our Community

Next weekend, our parish will support the Annual Catholic Campaign. This special campaign brings together all the parishes of the Archdiocese of Brisbane, to provide support for local ministries and care for people in need in our own communities.

Funds raised will directly impact our parish and local communities. The Campaign supports the holistic formation of our future priests, cares for our elderly and retired priests, provides children in need with access to a Catholic education and gives hope to those in our community who are suffering physically and emotionally.

During Mass this week we will watch a short video featuring Dylan from the Holy Spirit Seminary to talk about how the campaign supports the seminary.

Please take a Campaign brochure and giving envelope with you when you go today. You can either pop it in the mail or return it here next week. Of course, if you prefer, you can also fill it in today and place it in the collection or scan the QR code on the envelope or below or visit catholiccampaign.com.au to make your gift online.

Be blessed and bless others with your gift

The Annual Catholic Campaign shows the power of our local Church. When we unite as one Archdiocesan family through our gifts, we support ministries and people within our own neighbourhoods, reaching those in need, nurturing vocations, and participating in God's own work.



2026 ANNUAL CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN
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22-23 August 2026




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St Patrick's Mass Times this week

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

Country Church Mass Times 23/08/2026

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 SUPPORTING GYMPIE PARISH

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

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
19 th August	Mass 5:30pm Reconciliation 4:45pm
21 st August	No Mass
24 th August	Anglican Catholic Prayer get together 5:30pm @ St Peter's Parish Centre.
25 th August	Combined Churches Prayer 10:00am @ Zion Lutheran Church
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:

- **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, Patricia MacDonald, David Okines 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
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
23 August 2026
9:00am Morning Mass

Welcomer: D Liedel

Reader 1: M Rush

Reader 2: Shania Shine

POF: N Gambling

Altar Servers: Amelia, Seb & Anna

Communion Ministers:

1. I Rodrigues, 2. T Hytch, 3. L Newey, 4. C Cash

6. I Laherty, 7. A Towner, 8. D Liedel

PowerPoint: C Binu

Piety Store: A Jomy

Morning Tea: All Stars

5:30pm Evening Mass

Welcomer: T McFarlane

Reader 1: S Hayes

Reader 2: C Allman

POF: T Hallam

Communion Minister: E Shields, B Doak, C Johnston

PowerPoint: N Gruar

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Readings

First Reading: Isaiah 22:19-23

Second Reading: Romans 11:33-36

Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20

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.

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.

Confirmation Meeting Dates

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

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



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 56:1, 6-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah
I will lead the foreigners to my holy mountain.

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice, act with integrity, for soon my salvation will come and my integrity be manifest.

Foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord to serve him and to love his name and be his servants - all who observe the sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to my covenant - these I will bring to my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their holocausts and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 66:2-3, 5-6, 8

R. O God, let all the nations praise you!

O God, be gracious and bless us
and let your face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon earth
and all nations learn your saving help. R.

Let the nations be glad and exult
for you rule the world with justice.
With fairness you rule the peoples,
you guide the nations on earth. R.

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
May God still give us his blessing
till the ends of the earth revere him. R.

Second Reading

Romans 11:13-15, 29-32

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans
The gifts and call of God are irrevocable.

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been sent to the pagans as their apostle, and I am proud of being sent, but the purpose of it is to make my own people envious of you, and in this way save some of them. Since their rejection meant the reconciliation of the world, do you know what their admission will mean? Nothing less than a resurrection from the dead! God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice.

Just as you changed from being disobedient to God, and now enjoy mercy because of their disobedience, so those who are disobedient now - and only because of the mercy shown to you - will also enjoy mercy eventually. God has imprisoned all men in their own disobedience only to show mercy to all mankind.

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Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 4:23

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom
and healed all who were sick.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel

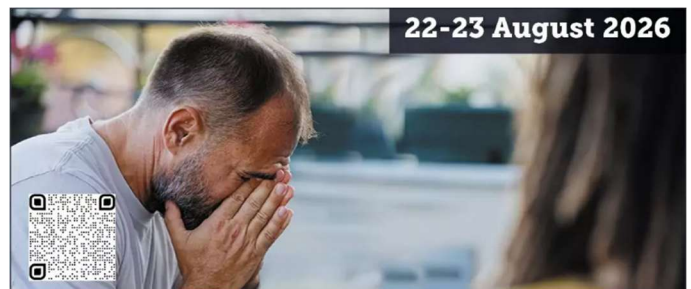
Matthew 15:21-28

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
Woman, you have great faith.

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.' But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. 'Give her what she wants,' they said 'because she is shouting after us.' He said in reply, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.' But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. 'Lord,' she said 'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs.' She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And from that moment her daughter was well again.

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

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Help Rebuild Lives

Your generosity helps to protect some of the most vulnerable people in our community. Through Centacare, you provide safe refuge, practical support and hope to families and individuals at the moment they need our care most.



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