



St Patrick's Parish

Gympie and Surrounds

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21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

23 August 2026

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

What's in a Name?

Jesus had a sense of humour! Simon, son of Jonah, was far from being a rock solid supporter of Jesus. So Jesus gave him the nickname 'Rocky' which in the Greek is Petros.

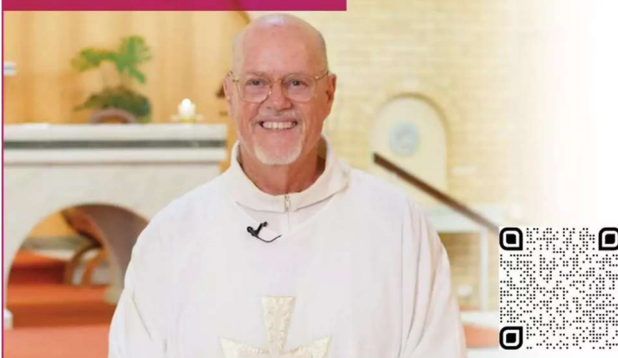
Jesus puns with the nickname: 'You are Rocky and upon this rock I will build *my* church.' The natural personality of shifting sands was being transformed by the blessing just given (the only blessing bestowed upon an apostle by Jesus).

Notice that Jesus only makes promises about '*my* church', not a church shaped by human imagination, e.g. modes of Roman Imperial rule or with a Eurocentric mindset.

We could pause for a moment to pray that the Risen Lord showers the successor of St Peter with every blessing so that the Church of Jesus the Christ continues to prevail over the forces of death which threaten humanity.

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.

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St Patrick's Mass Times this week

Monday: 7:30am
Tuesday: 9:00am
Thursday: 7:00am
5:30pm - Confirmation
Friday: 5:30pm (Reconciliation from 4.45)
Sunday: 9:00am (Livestreamed)
5:30pm

Country Church Mass Times 30/08/2026

Saturday
Sacred Heart - Kandanga - 5:00pm
Sunday
St Therese - Gunalda - 7:00am

Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion

Saturday
St John Vianney - Tin Can Bay - 5:00pm

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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.

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For anyone using hearing aids please turn your hearing loop to T. The hearing loop is situated in the middle of the church.

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A Vocation View

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time -

Many of us fear people in authority, as authority can be used for good or for ill. As Christians, we are called to see power as service. We shall all be judged on love.



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
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 10:00am

Confirmation

We warmly invite you to join us on **Thursday evening, 27th August at 5:30pm** as we celebrate the children who will be making their Confirmation. This is a very special milestone in their faith journey, and we would love for our parish community to come together to support, encourage and celebrate with them and their families. Everyone is welcome! We look forward to sharing this celebration with you.

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.

Liturgy Roster
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
30 August 2026
9:00am Morning Mass

Welcomer: E Saunders

Reader 1: M Ryan

Reader 2: Sherlyn Shine

POF: P Callaghan

Altar Servers: J Anoop, B Manning, A Jomy, R Ponce

Communion Ministers:

1. M Green, 2. M Liyanage, 3. M Calvert, 4. S Kelly

6. A Tadj, 7. J Van Der Lugh, 8. L McGrath

PowerPoint: I Rodrigues

Piety Store: M Rush

Morning Tea: Servant Community

5:30pm Evening Mass

Welcomer: T McFarlane

Reader 1: C Johnston

Reader 2: I Rodrigues

POF: L Collins

Communion Minister: A Cambridge, E Shields, B Doak

PowerPoint: N Gruar

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Readings

First Reading: Jeremiah 20: 7-9

Second Reading: Romans 12: 1-2

Gospel: Matthew 16:21-27



One Mass & Multicultural Celebration

Not long to go now until this year's **One Mass & Multicultural Celebration!** We warmly invite everyone from across our parishes to come together as one community to celebrate this special occasion. **This will be the only Mass offered across the weekend**, so we encourage you all to join us for this wonderful celebration. We invite you to:

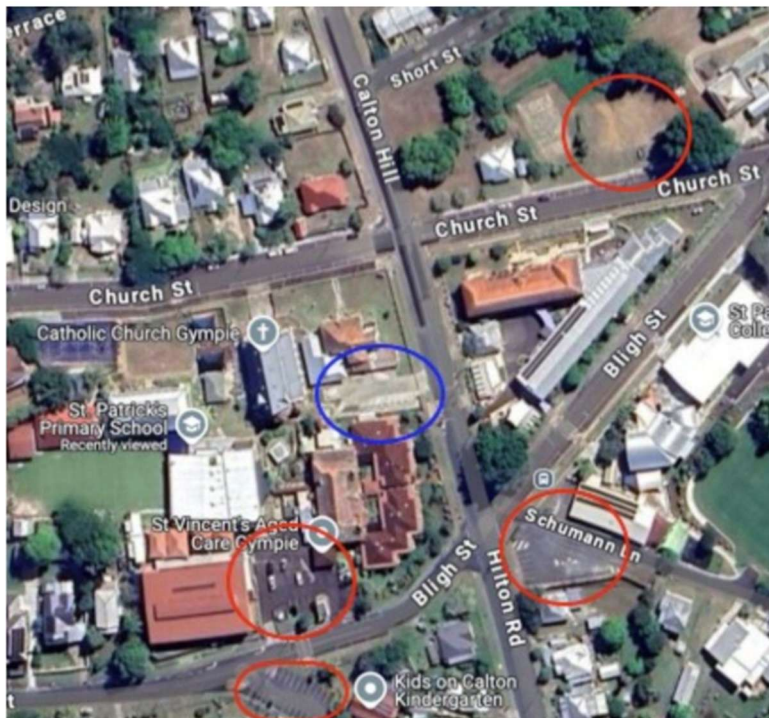
- Bring a **small plate to share** for our multicultural gathering.
- Come dressed in your **traditional clothing** and share the richness of our different cultures and traditions.

Parking Reminder

There are additional parking areas available on the streets surrounding the church. We kindly ask that you be mindful of those with limited mobility and **leave the car park behind the Presbytery available for parishioners who require easier access to the church.**

We look forward to coming together as one parish community and celebrating our wonderful diversity!

Everyone is welcome!



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 22:19-23

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

I place the key of the House of David upon his shoulder.

Thus says the Lord of hosts to Shebna, the master of the palace:

I dismiss you from your office,

I remove you from your post,

and the same day I call on my servant

Eliakim son of Hilkiyah.

I invest him with your robe,

gird him with your sash,

entrust him with your authority;

and he shall be a father

to the inhabitants of Jerusalem

and to the House of Judah.

I place the key of the House of David

on his shoulder;

should he open, no one shall close,

should he close, no one shall open.

I drive him like a peg

into a firm place;

he will become a throne of glory

for his father's house.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 137:1-3, 6, 8

R. Lord, your love is eternal;

do not forsake the work of your hands.

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,

you have heard the words of my mouth.

Before the angels I will bless you.

I will adore before your holy temple. (R.)

I thank you for your faithfulness and love
which excel all we ever knew of you.

On the day I called, you answered;

you increased the strength of my soul. (R.)

The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly

and the haughty he knows from afar.

Your love, O Lord, is eternal,

discard not the work of your hands. (R.)

Second Reading

Romans 11:33-36

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

From him, through him, and in him are all things.

How rich are the depths of God – how deep his wisdom and knowledge – and how impossible to penetrate his motives or understand his methods! Who could ever know the mind of the Lord? Who could ever be his counsellor? Who could ever

give him anything or lend him anything? All that exists comes from him; all is by him and for him. To him be glory for ever! Amen.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 16:18

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church;
the gates of hell will not hold out against it.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 16:13-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

You are Peter, to you I will give the keys of the kingdom of heaven.

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.' Then he gave the disciples strict orders not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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