



St Patrick's Parish

Gympie and Surrounds

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26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

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In every life there is a struggle between obedience and disobedience, and this struggle takes various twists and turns. At times we are willing to conform to regulations set from the outside, and at times we are not. We are invited to choose in favour of the reign of God, or we are free to ignore the invitation. Those who are fundamentally righteous sometimes fall from grace, and people considered evil to the core sometimes reform their lives. What ultimately counts are not the promises made, but the actions taken.

We are called to discipleship, and there may well be urgency in this call, but it is an invitation that is to be accepted freely. As is the case with life itself, options are placed before us all the way along the road. We are invited to choose in favour of the reign of God, or we are free to ignore the invitation. However, the invitation always remains open to us, because God's desire for our acceptance is persistent and enduring.

The real choice set before us today is the imitation of Christ. The specific characteristic of Christ today is his humility. Since demanding one's rights can undermine the loving quality of community, Jesus' humility is offered for our imitation. It is very clear that whichever aspect of discipleship we examine, some aspect of community is also present. To be a disciple of Jesus is to follow him humbly as a member of a believing community.

Help Shape the Future of Our Parish

Are you looking for a meaningful way to serve our parish community? We are inviting parishioners to express interest in joining the Parish Council.

The Parish Council works with the parish priest and community to listen, discern priorities, support parish life and help with plans for all our churches in the coming years. We welcome people of different ages, backgrounds, experiences and perspectives. No previous council experience is required, just a willingness to listen, contribute and work collaboratively.

Interested or want to learn more? Please contact Father Rafal on 0410 887 476 or rucinskir@bne.catholic.net.au or Maureen Rush on 0412 737 380 or maureenrush@bigpond.com

We would be delighted to hear from you.

St Patrick's Mass Times this week

Monday: 7:30am
Tuesday: 9:00am
Thursday: 7:00am
Friday: 5:30pm (Reconciliation from 4.45)
Saturday: 9:00am (Healing Mass)
Sunday: 9:00am (Livestreamed)
5:30pm

Country Church Mass Times 4/10/2026

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 – Gungalda – 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: AOB@stopline.com.au

Online: bncatholic.stoplinereport.com

A Vocation View

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
(World Refugees & Migration Day)

We cannot act overly proud just because we have responded to God's call. Responding is our duty and source of happiness; serving God with perseverance and happiness fulfils us.



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 C 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
29 th September	Police Remembrance Day
3 rd October	Mass & Anointing 9:00am
8 th October	Lions Morning Tea
11 th October	Catholic Mission Sunday

Calling All Young Singers!

Does your child love to sing? Come and join our Youth Choir! It's a wonderful opportunity to make new friends, have fun and share the joy of music at Mass. Rehearsals are held after Sunday morning Mass on the first and third Sundays of each month, with the choir singing at morning Mass on the last Sunday of the month. No experience is needed – just bring your voice and enthusiasm! New members are always welcome!

Bible Scripture Group

Would you like to deepen your understanding of the Bible and make new friends? Come along to our Scripture Study Group on **Tuesdays** from **12:30pm to 1:30pm** in the **Parish Centre**. Everyone is welcome!

Recently Deceased & Anniversaries

Please pray for those who died recently, Loretta Dale and those whose anniversaries occur around this time.

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen.*

Hayden Wiseman Tour

Hayden Wiseman will be holding a concert at the Gympie Wesleyan Methodist Church on the Sunday 11 October at 6:30pm. This is a free event however you will need to book a seat. Please scan the QR code.

Liturgy Roster
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
4 October 2026
9:00am Morning Mass

Welcomer: L McGrath

Reader 1: M Teakle

Reader 2: S Calvert

POF: G Fogarty

Altar Servers: Chris, Christes, Chrisetta & Christy

Communion Ministers: 1. S Siliamao, 2 L McGrath, 3. S Kelly,
4. A Tadj, 6. M Liyanage, 7. M Calvert, 8. M Green

PowerPoint: A Calvert

Piety Store: N Carmichael

Morning Tea: Hilltop Ramblers

5:30pm Evening Mass

Welcomer: A Hallam

Reader 1: S Hayes

Reader 2: C Allman

POF: I Rodrigues

Communion Ministers: E Shields, N Gruar, C Johnston

PowerPoint: T Hallam

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Readings

First Reading: Isaiah 5: 1-7
Second Reading: Philippians 4: 6-9
Gospel: Matthew 21: 33-43

Break open the word for readers

The Liturgy Council and Fr Rafal have decided that the parish will not purchase *Break Open the Word* books for readers next year. If you would like your own copy, the parish office can order one for you at a cost of \$50.00. Please let the office know if you would like to place an order. Alternatively, you can purchase a copy through Christian Supplies or download “**The Missal**” App to your phone for \$5.00.



Equipes Notre-Dame

Members of Equipes Notre-Dame (Teams of Our Lady), an international Catholic movement for married couples, will be visiting Fr Rafal on Sunday 4 October. If you would like to learn more, please join them for a chat at morning tea.

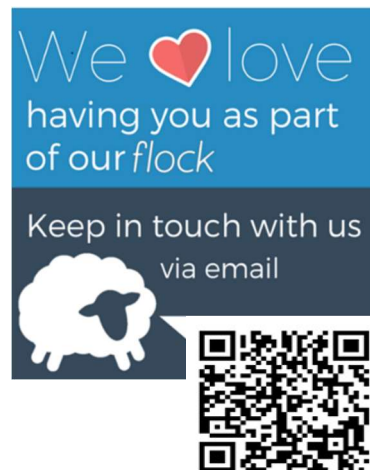
Help Us Stay Connected Through Flocknote

As many of you are aware, our parish now uses Flocknote to distribute our weekly newsletters. Flocknote also serves as our secure parish database, allowing us to keep your contact details up to date.

We would appreciate it if you could complete the Flocknote Registration Form and return it to the blue boxes at the entrances to the Church at your earliest convenience. Alternatively, you can scan the QR code and update your details online.

Please be assured that your personal information will be kept private and secure.

Thank you for helping us stay connected with you and our wider parish community.



Positive 91Five

Volunteers are required for several events during October, November and December to support the Positive 91Five Team. These include Gold Rush, Bunnings BBQ, Christmas on Mary and New Years Eve in the Park. Please contact them if you can help even if only for a couple of hours.



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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

Ezekiel 18: 25-28

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

The sinner who decides to turn against sinfulness deserves to live.

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) Remember your mercies, O Lord.

1. Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour. (R.)

2. Remember your mercy, Lord,
and the love you have shown from of old.
Do not remember the sins of my youth.
In your love remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord. (R.)

3. The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor. (R.)

Second Reading

Philippians 2: 1-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus.

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus:

His state was divine,
yet he did not cling
to his equality with God
but emptied himself
to assume the condition of a slave,

and became as men are;
and being as all men are,
he was humbler yet,
even to accepting death,
death on a cross.
But God raised him high
and gave him the name
which is above all other names
so that all beings
in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld,
should bend the knee at the name of Jesus
and that every tongue should acclaim
Jesus Christ as Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 21: 28-32

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

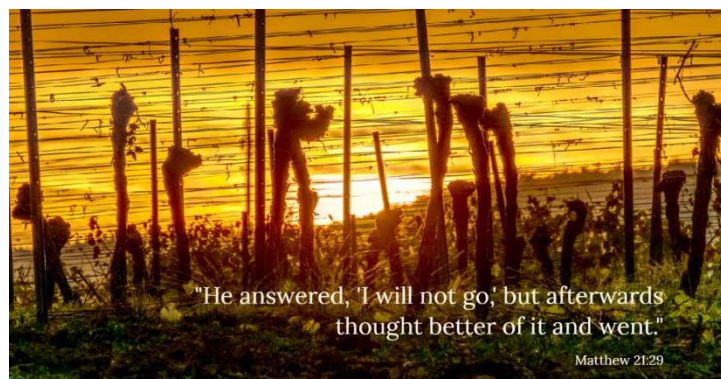
He went out moved by regret. The tax collectors and prostitutes will precede you into the kingdom of God.

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go," but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir," but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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