



St Patrick's Parish

Gympie and Surrounds

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27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

4th October 2026

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Good Wine requires Hard Work

In the Hebrew scripture, Israel is spoken of as the Vineyard of God. We can say that now the Church is the vineyard of God. God is the Landlord, we are the tenants. It is our job to faithfully tend it and make sure it bears good fruit. If we are unfaithful, then God will find other people to carry on his plan, other tenants to tend his vineyard.

Certainly, we see that within the Universal Church. With the decline of the Eurocentric church, who has God turned to as new tenants for his vineyard? Look at the surging numbers of Catholics in sub-Saharan Africa, Nigeria, the Philippines, Korea. The persecuted Church in Vietnam and China is surviving and growing despite the severity of oppression.

I think we may agree that the vineyard of the Church in Australia is not as fruitful as it could be. This is a challenge for us. It is wonderful to see the energetic work of the new immigrants and refugees in our parishes (including the Bishop of Parramatta!).

We could pause for a moment to commit to taking up the privilege and duty to work in the vineyard of the Church.

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.

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)
Sunday: 9:00am (Livestreamed)
5:30pm

Country Church Mass Times 11/10/2026

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
Sunday
St Peter the Fisherman – Rainbow Beach 6:30am

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

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

An employer would likely fire any employee who consistently fails to perform the job properly. God's plan calls us to live our vocation daily in the best way we can.



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
5 th October	Parish Office Closed
6 th October	School Resumes
8 th October	Lions Morning Tea
11 th October	Catholic Mission Sunday – Guest Speaker

Visit Our Piety Store

We warmly invite you to browse our parish Piety Store. Whether you're looking for a meaningful gift or something to enrich your own faith journey, come in and have a look.

2027 Columban Calendars and 2027 God's Word Reflection books now available. If we haven't got what you are looking for please ask and we might be able to get it in for you.

EFTPOS is now available in the store, making purchases even easier. Thank you for supporting our parish!

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.

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.

Rosary for October

Pope Leo has requested that the Holy Rosary be said especially during the month of October for peace in the world. We would love for you to join us in saying the Rosary before Sunday morning mass at 8:15am or 45 minutes before mass on the weekday mornings.

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
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11 October 2026
9:00am Morning Mass

Welcomer: P Daunt

Reader 1: A Gur

Reader 2: A Calvert

POF: K Cartwright

Altar Servers: Jakson, Jo, Alvina, Sherlyn

Communion Ministers: 1. C Cash, 2. I Laherty, 3. E Saunders,
4. L Newey, 6. A Towner, 7. D Liedel, 8. T Hytch

PowerPoint: S Calvert

Piety Store: M Rush

Morning Tea: Hollow Log

5:30pm Evening Mass

Welcomer: J O'Shea

Reader 1: K Murray

Reader 2: T Hallam

POF: L Collins

Communion Ministers: N Gruar, E Shields, B Doak

PowerPoint: A Hallam

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Readings

First Reading: Isaiah 25:6-10

Second Reading: Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

Gospel: Matthew 22:1-10

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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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.



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.

Thank you to the parishioners who have returned the forms. We would love for you to keep sending them in. If you did not receive the form there are some available at the back table of the church or you can see the parish office.

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.

Catholic Mission 10th & 11th October

For Yamikani*, getting to school means walking long distances in pain, often without enough food or strength to make the journey.

For many families in vulnerable and remote areas like rural Malawi, education has become an impossible choice.

But there is hope. Led by Fr Matthew Semba, a new primary school is being built, offering children a safe place to learn, grow, and look ahead with renewed possibility.

This World Mission Month, you are invited to share this mission, standing with families as they rebuild their lives and create a brighter future for their children.

To learn more about Catholic Mission and our work, please go to <https://www.catholicmission.org.au/united>



Country Churches

St Therese Church – Gungalda, 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 5:1-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah
The vineyard of the Lord God of hosts is the House of Israel.

Let me sing to my friend
the song of his love for his vineyard.
My friend has a vineyard
on a fertile hillside.
He dug the soil, cleared it of stones,
and planted choice vines in it.
In the middle he built a tower,
he dug a press there too.
He expected it to yield grapes,
but sour grapes were all that it gave.
And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem
and men of Judah,
I ask you to judge
between my vineyard and me.
What could I have done for my vineyard
that I have not done?
I expected it to yield grapes.
Why did it yield sour grapes instead?
Very well, I will tell you
what I am going to do to my vineyard:
I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on,
and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on.
I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug;
overgrown by the briar and the thorn.
I will command the clouds
to rain no rain on it.
Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of hosts
is the House of Israel,
and the men of Judah
that chosen plant.
He expected justice, but found bloodshed,
integrity, but only a cry of distress.
The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 79:9, 12-16, 19-20

R. The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

You brought a vine out of Egypt;
to plant it you drove out the nations.
It stretched out its branches to the sea,
to the Great River it stretched out its shoots. R.

Then why have you broken down its walls?
It is plucked by all who pass by.
It is ravaged by the boar of the forest,
devoured by the beasts of the field. R.

God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted. R.

And we shall never forsake you again:
give us life that we may call upon your name.
God of hosts, bring us back;
let your face shine on us and we shall be saved. R.

Second Reading

Philippians 4:6-9

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians
Do these things and the God of peace will be with you.

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
I call you friends, says the Lord,
because I have made known to you
everything I have learnt from my Father.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 21:33-43

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
He leased his vineyard to other farmers.

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people: 'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son," he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance." So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They answered, 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures:

It was the stone rejected by the builders
that became the keystone.

This was the Lord's doing
and it is wonderful to see?

'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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