



St Patrick's Parish

Gympie and Surrounds

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28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

11th October 2026

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Wedding Garments at Baptisms!

The servants of the king went out and gathered in 'all whom they found, good and evil alike'. They respond, drawn by the attractive prospect of sharing in the life of the Lord of the Feast, and they are welcomed, whether good or evil.

What about the king's (God's) question to the wedding guest? 'My friend, how come you are here without a wedding garment?' The guest might have replied: 'Because of dire poverty', or 'Lack of time', but the story goes on, 'But the guest was silent'. The guest was tongue-tied because he was caught out having decided not to enter into the spirit of the occasion.

That is why, at every baptism, we look for a signal of commitment to respond to the spirit of the occasion, by the wearing of a white garment. This anticipates the later receiving of Holy Communion which is a foretaste of the Feast of Heaven.

We could pause for a moment at this Mass to enter into the Spirit of the occasion wearing the garment of our baptismal commitment.

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: **NO MASS or adoration**
Thursday: 7:00am
Friday: 5:30pm (Reconciliation from 4.45)
Sunday: 9:00am (Livestreamed)
5:30pm

Country Church Mass Times 18/10/2026

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 Church - Gunalda - 7:00am

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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

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Once we have been captured by the beauty of God's promised reward, we want to go out into our world and invite others into the heavenly banquet. Who will tell the Good News? Now is a good time to begin.



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 October	No Mass
25 October	Baptism during 9:00am Mass
25 October	Youth Group Bake Sale
2 November	All Souls Day 7:30am & 5:30pm Gympie
28 November	Working Bee @ St Patrick's Church

Visit Our Piety Store

2027 Columban Calendars and 2027 God's Word Reflection books now available. **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 John Molloy, 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.

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.

Youth Group Bake Sale

Illumin8 will be holding a Bake sale on the 25th October after the 9:00am Mass to raise funds for their Christmas breakup. Baking starting from \$3.00. Cash (please make sure you have correct amount as we only have limited change) or EFTPOS is available. Please support our Youth.

Reminder that they still collect the cans and bottles to support their activities during the year as well. When taking the container to the recycle plant please quote the Parish's number **C11306796**.

Bake Sale



Liturgy Roster
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
18 October 2026
9:00am Morning Mass

Welcomer: M Green

Reader 1: C Cash

Reader 2: Shania Shine

POF: N Gambling

Altar Servers: Alvina, Sherlyn, Alen, Braden

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

PowerPoint: A Jomy

Piety Store: Y McCarthy

Morning Tea: All Stars

5:30pm Evening Mass

Welcomer: A Osborn

Reader 1: P Hass

Reader 2: M Norris

POF: C Johnston

Communion Ministers: L Collins, A Cambridge, E Shields

PowerPoint: N Gruar

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time Readings

First Reading: Isaiah 45: 1, 4-6

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1: 1-5

Gospel: Matthew 22:15-21

Catholic Mission

This week, you are invited to partner with Catholic Mission and the Church in Malawi as we support families rebuilding after devastating floods and help children access education close to home.

Through projects like St Peter's Nyamikuta Primary School, the Church is creating a place where children can learn,

be nourished, and grow with dignity, regardless of their background or beliefs.

As we celebrate 100 years of World Mission Day, we are reminded by Pope Leo XIV that we are 'One in Christ, United in Mission'.



Freecall: 1800 257 296
catholicmission.org.au/united



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.



St Vincent de Paul Society
QUEENSLAND
good works

FIND HAPPINESS IN HELPING.

St Patrick's Conference of St Vincent de Paul currently has between 20 and 25 active members. We work in teams of 3 to interview and provide for the needs of Gympie families experiencing hardship. We do this each Mon, Wed and Fri between 12 noon and 3.00 pm. We also meet fortnightly to support each other in this work.

Vinnies shop has a paid Manager, a paid truck driver and around 80 volunteers who give between 2 hours and 20+ hours per week in various roles.

We would like to invite more people from our parish to join us in this very satisfying work.

Our invitation to you is to find a satisfying and meaningful way to put your faith into action. **FIND HAPPINESS IN HELPING.**

Please consider ways in which you can become part of St Vincent de Paul in Gympie. Perhaps you would like to join our conference and help with interviewing or putting together the food parcels we regularly give to people in need. We have had members leave Gympie this year, and so we are now short on numbers for filling our roster.

Perhaps, you would like to help with Christmas hampers in early December or assist with selling raffle tickets for our Christmas raffle. Perhaps you would like to volunteer at the shop, sorting donations, displaying wares or serving, repairing and renovating furniture or off-siding on the truck or serving in the food division.

Alternatively, you may be able to donate money or produce or tinned goods to help us meet the ever-increasing needs of our community.

Vinnies shop - Chelsea (Manager) 54822737 or call into 2 John St. St Pat's Conference of SVdP Mary (President) 0428822754 or approach any member.

Bank details: 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 25: 6-10

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The Lord will prepare a feast and will wipe away the tears from every cheek.

On this mountain,
the Lord of hosts will prepare for all people
a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines,
of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines.
On this mountain he will remove
the mourning veil covering all peoples,
and the shroud enwrapping all nations,
he will destroy Death for ever.
The Lord will wipe away
the tears from every cheek;
he will take away his people's shame
everywhere on earth,
for the Lord has said so.
That day, it will be said: See, this is our God
in whom we hoped for salvation;
the Lord is the one in whom we hoped.
We exult and we rejoice
that he has saved us;
for the hand of the Lord
rests on this mountain.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 22

**R. I shall live in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life.**

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. (R.)

2. He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort. (R.)

3. You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. (R.)

4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. (R.)

Second Reading

Philippians 4: 12-14, 19-20

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

I am able to do all things in him who strengthens me.

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I have
been through my initiation and now I am ready for anything
anywhere: full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty.
There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who
gives me strength. All the same, it was good of you to share with
me in my hardships. In return my God will fulfil all your needs,
in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our
Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of our heart
that we might see how great is the hope
to which we are called.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 22: 1-14

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Whomsoever you find invite to the wedding.

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: 'The
kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast
for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had
been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more
servants. "Tell those who have been invited" he said "that I have
my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been
slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding." But
they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his
business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and
killed them. The king was furious. He dispatched his troops,
destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to
his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as those who were
invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town
and invite everyone you can find to the wedding." So these
servants went out onto the roads and collected together everyone
they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was
filled with guests. When the king came in to look at the guests he
noticed one man who was not wearing a wedding garment, and
said to him, "How did you get in here, my friend, without a
wedding garment?" And the man was silent. Then the king said
to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot and throw him out
into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of
teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'

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

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