St Patrick's Parish
Gympie and Surrounds

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30th Sunday in Ordinary Time **Year A** **25th October 2026**

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

True Perspectives

Did you notice that Jesus does not command us to love 'God'? No, we are to love 'the *Lord* your God', the One who rescued the Jewish people from slavery. The resurrection of Jesus Christ reveals the Lord God as the liberator from the apparent final dominance of death. Loving such a liberator is the natural response. So, 'Love *the Lord* your God'.

Then Jesus does not command us to love our neighbour! Rather, 'Love your neighbour as *yourself*.' But who is 'yourself'? In the wonderful story-telling of Genesis, we are told that Adam, an earthen statue, had Divine Breath breathed into the nostrils, creating him as a human being. We earthlings are conceived with the Divine Breath at the core of our being.

The challenge for you and for me is to see 'yourself' in that way, and thereafter every human being whose lives we can affect: the neighbour. And in today's global world, the neighbour can be a person in a society geographically or culturally distant.

We could pause for a moment to see the true dimensions of God, self and the other, to more easily fulfil the dual command.

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.



Daily Reflections for Advent

The Way of the Heart Daily Reflections for Advent **($6.00)** and *Presence: Advent & Christmas Daily Reflections 2026* **($7.00)** booklets have arrived and can be purchased from the Piety Stall. EFTPOS is available.



Illuminate

College students would like to invite you to support their creative efforts by attending their Creative Arts Showcase from 27 October to 14 November at ART POST, 22 Channon Street.

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 1/11/2026

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 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: AOB@stopline.com.au
Online: bnecatholic.stoplinereport.com

A Vocation View

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In pursuing and living our vocation, we must seek to live these two commandments: to love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your mind, and to love your neighbour as yourself.

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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
25 October	Youth Group Bake Sale after Mass today
26 October	Liturgy Meeting 4.15pm – Parish Centre
2 November	All Souls Day 7:30am & 5:30pm Gympie
28 November	Working Bee @ St Patrick's Church
30 November	Anglican & Catholic Evening Prayer 5.30pm @ St Patrick's

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!

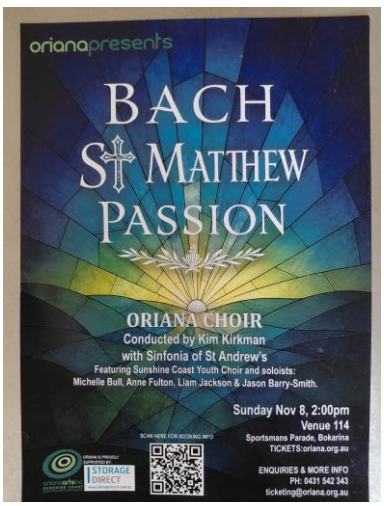
Recently Deceased & Anniversaries

Please pray for those who died recently, Jack Cole 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.



Liturgy Roster
All Saints
1 November 2026
9:00am Morning Mass

Welcomer: E Saunders
Reader 1: S O'Brien
Reader 2: J Newey
POF: M Rush
Altar Servers: Chris, Christes, Chrisetta, Christy
Communion Ministers: 1. M Calvert, 2. M Green, 3. S Kelly, 4. A Tadj, 6. J Van der Lugt, 7. L McGrath, 8. E Saunders
PowerPoint: A Calvert
Piety Store: K Taylor
Morning Tea: Hilltop Ramblers

5:30pm Evening Mass

Welcomer: S & H Skuse
Reader 1: A Goldie
Reader 2: S Hayes
POF: I Rodrigues
Communion Ministers: E Shields, N Gruar, C Johnston
PowerPoint: T Hallam

All Saints Readings

First Reading: Revelation 7: 2-4, 9-14
Second Reading: 1 John 3: 1-3
Gospel: Matthew 5: 1-12

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.

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.

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
Exodus 22: 20-26

A reading from the book of Exodus

If you are harsh with the widow or the orphan, my anger will rage against you.

The Lord said to Moses, 'Tell the sons of Israel this, "You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans.

"If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him.

"If you take another's cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity."

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm
Ps 17: 2-4, 47, 51

R. I love you, Lord, my strength
I love you, Lord, my strength,
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.
My God is the rock where I take refuge;
my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.
The Lord is worthy of all praise:
when I call I am saved from my foes**. R.**

Long life to the Lord, my rock!
Praised be the God who saves me.
He has given great victories to his king
and shown his love for his anointed. **R.**



After Mass Today in the Parish Centre

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Second Reading
1 Thessalonians 1: 5-10

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians
You turned away from idols to serve God and await his Son.

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread - and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

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Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel
Matthew 22: 34-40

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
You shall love the Lord your God and your neighbour as yourself.

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the Law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: You must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'

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

We acknowledge the Gubbi Gubbi People, the traditional custodians on whose land we worship.