St Patrick's Parish
Gympie and Surrounds

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All Saints **Year A** **1st November 2026**

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Leo's Lens

Reflecting on the Solemnity of All Saints, Pope Leo says that 'the mystery of the communion of saints, which we breathe in deeply today, reminds us of the final destiny of humanity.' And what does that 'final destiny' look like? The Pope speaks of 'a great celebration in which we rejoice together in the love of God, present in all, recognising and admiring the multifaceted beauty of faces, all different and all resembling the face of Christ.'

How wonderful! Unity in diversity. Christ in all and all in Christ. It is a bit of a head scratcher, but a magnificent one. Besides this call to contemplation, we are also called to act. 'As we anticipate this future reality,' the Pope continues, 'we feel even more strongly and painfully how this contrasts with the tragedies that the human family is suffering because of injustice and war.' Our present divisions should inspire us to work for peace. 'We urgently feel the duty to be builders of fraternity', the Pope says. 'Let us entrust our prayer and our commitment to the intercession of the Virgin Mary and all the Saints!' This All Saints Day, let us renew our calling to be saintly in our own time as committed builders of fraternity.

[Quotes from Angelus for All Saints, 1 November 2025: https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/angelus/2025/documents/20251101-angelus.html]



All Saints

This feast began in the East to commemorate all martyrs and was progressively adopted in the West. Celebrated on this day in the eighth century and soon widely observed. Honoured today are all holy men and women in glory with Christ: known or unknown, mighty or lowly, all whose lives were modelled on the Beatitudes and on the great commandment of love.

Temporary Closure of Rainbow Beach Church

Unfortunately, an accident during the removal of a tree at Rainbow Beach has left the church requiring repairs. Masses at Rainbow Beach are suspended until the repairs have been completed. We will advise you when Mass can resume.

For everyone's safety, please DO NOT enter the church area until advised that it is safe to do so.

St Patrick's Mass Times this week

Monday:	7:30am & 5:30pm
Tuesday:	9:00am
Thursday:	7:00am
Friday:	5:30pm (Reconciliation from 4:45)
Saturday:	**9:00am (Mass and Anointing)**
Sunday:	9:00am (Livestreamed)
	5:30pm

Country Church Mass Times 8/11/2026

Saturday

Sacred Heart – Kandanga – 5:00pm

Sunday

St Therese Church – Gunalda – 7:00am

Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion

Saturday

St John Vianney Church – Tin Can Bay – 5:00pm

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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

All Saints

Our Vocation is to be a Saint, imitating Christ with our lives as an example to others. Whose intercession will you ask for today in pursuing this goal?

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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
2 November	All Souls Day 7:30am & 5:30pm Gympie
8 November	Bach St Matthew Passion – Oriana Choir – 2pm @ Venue 114, Sportsman Parade, Bokarina
To 14th November	College Creative Arts Showcase @ ART POST, 22 Channon Street
16th November	Liturgy Meeting @ 4.15pm
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, 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

Gympie Community Hymn Fest

Gympie Community Hymn Fest will be held on Sunday 15th November at 2:30pm at the Uniting Church, Red Hill Road. This is a very enjoyable time of singing some old favourite hymns/choruses, so please encourage your congregation, family, friends, neighbours to come along. We sing for about an hour then enjoy fellowship over a cuppa afterwards finishing around 4pm. Please bring a small plate of afternoon tea to share. All are welcome.

Anglican–Catholic Prayer Evening

Monday, 30 November 2026 | 5:30pm
St Patrick's Catholic Church, Gympie

You are warmly invited to join us for a special evening of prayer and fellowship as we come together in Christian unity.

Following the prayer service, everyone is invited to stay and enjoy **wine and cheese**, with an opportunity to share friendship and conversation.

All are welcome!

Sunday Ministry Rosters – Important Notice

Due to privacy and confidentiality requirements, we will no longer be including the Sunday Ministry Rosters in our weekly parish newsletters.

A copy of the roster will be available in the Sacristy for anyone wishing to check when they are rostered on. Printed copies will also be available for those who prefer a paper copy, and the rosters have been emailed to those involved.

We thank all our wonderful volunteers for their continued dedication and service to our parish and appreciate your understanding and cooperation with this change.

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Readings

First Reading:	Wisdom 6: 12-16
Second Reading:	1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18
Gospel:	Matthew 25: 1-13

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.

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 the parish office at gympie@bne.catholic.net.au.

We would be delighted to hear from you.



Illuminate

Let Your Light Shine

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

Display includes work from

- Selected Year 7, 8, 9 Art students
- All Year 10, 11 and 12 Art students represented
- Selected Manual Arts works
- Selected items from Psychology and Early Childhood
- Some dance, drama and music
- Selected work by students in Art Club

St Vincent de Paul Society QUEENSLAND

good works

FIND HAPPINESS IN HELPING.

St Patrick's Conference of St Vincent de Paul Gympie would like to invite more people from our parish to join them in their very satisfying work.

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 are now short on numbers for filling our roster.

Perhaps you would like to help with Christmas hampers 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) 5482 2737 - 2 John St.

St Pat's Conference of SVdP - Mary (President) 0428 822 754 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
Revelation 7:2-4. 9-14

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse
I saw an immense crowd, beyond hope of counting, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language.

I, John, saw another angel rising where the sun rises, carrying the seal of the living God; he called in a powerful voice to the four angels whose duty was to devastate land and sea, 'Wait before you do any damage on land or at sea or to the trees, until we have put the seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God.' Then I heard how many were sealed: a hundred and forty-four thousand, out of all the tribes of Israel.

After that I saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. They shouted aloud, 'Victory to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels who were standing in a circle round the throne, surrounding the elders and the four animals, prostrated themselves before the throne, and touched the ground with their foreheads, worshipping God with these words, 'Amen. Praise and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and strength to our God for ever and ever. Amen.'

One of the elders then spoke, and asked me, 'Do you know who these people are, dressed in white robes, and where they have come from?' I answered him, 'You can tell me, my Lord.' Then he said, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb.'

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm
Ps 23: 1-6

(R.) Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.

1. The Lord's is the earth and its fullness,
the world and all its peoples.
It is he who set it on the seas;
on the waters he made it firm. (R.)

2. Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord?
Who shall stand in his holy place?
The man with clean hands and pure heart,
who desires not worthless things. (R.)

3. He shall receive blessings from the Lord
and reward from the God who saves him.
Such are the men who seek him,
seek the face of the God of Jacob. (R.)

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Second Reading
1 John 3: 1-3

A reading from the first letter of St John
We shall see God as he really is.

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us,
by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him,
therefore it does not acknowledge us.
My dear people, we are already the children of God
but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed
we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is. Surely everyone who entertains this hope
must purify himself, must try to be as pure as Christ.

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Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Come to me, all you that labour and are burdened,
and I will give you rest, says the Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel
Matthew 5: 1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:
'How happy are the poor in spirit:
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Happy the gentle:
they shall have the earth for their heritage.
Happy those who mourn: they shall be comforted.
Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right:
they shall be satisfied.
Happy the merciful: they shall have mercy shown them.
Happy the pure in heart: they shall see God.
Happy the peacemakers:
they shall be called sons of God.
Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right:
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'

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.