St Patrick's Parish
Gympie and Surrounds

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32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time **Year A** **8th November 2026**

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The Hour and the Time

Israel was often portrayed as a bride in Jewish scriptures. So, the question was: 'When would the Bridegroom – the Anointed One of God, the Christ – appear?' Jesus' warning is to the attendants of the bride: 'Be alert, be vigilant, be prepared.' *Some* (the five foolish attendants) did miss the moment: the earthly ministry of Jesus of Nazareth.

But his warning is also for the Catholic Church which is the new Bride of Christ. We are the attendants to the Bride and the imperative applies to us also: Be alert, be vigilant. Be prepared for the eruption, the intervention of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Bridegroom, into *our* history, into *our* moment of time.

For example, is Christ coming to meet us in the modern movements which demand to hold authority accountable, or which press for just recognition of women? We can foolishly remain in the dark or we can wisely try to throw light on these questions. Only then we will be able to discern whether indeed it is the Lord who is approaching.

We could pause to pray that we be ready when the Bridegroom responds to the ancient prayer: 'Come, Lord Jesus!'

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.

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
Tuesday:	9:00am
Thursday:	7:00am
Friday:	5:30pm (Reconciliation from 4:45)
Sunday:	9:00am (Livestreamed)
	5:30pm

Country Church Mass Times 15/11/2026

Saturday

St Vincent de Paul – Widgee – 5:00pm

Sunday

St John Vianney Church – 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 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

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time - A

We usually put a great amount of preparation into big events like weddings, anniversaries, and parties of all kinds. We should prepare much more for the final banquet in the Kingdom of Heaven!

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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
To 14th November	College Creative Arts Showcase @ ART POST, 22 Channon Street
15th November	Gympie Community Hymn Fest @ Uniting Church 2:30pm
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 including Mary Merrin.

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.

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Readings

First Reading: Proverbs 31: 10-13, 19-20, 30-31
Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5: 1-6
Gospel: Matthew 25: 14-30

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.

Mary MacKillop by Carrie Lock

A new book has recently been released by St Pauls called "Mary MacKillop and the Path of the Foundress". The author, Carrie Lock, lives in Murgon. All parishioners are warmly invited to attend an informal half hour talk with Carrie about the book on Sunday 29 November, after the 9am Mass, at the parish centre. For those who wish to purchase a book, Carrie will have copies available at the discounted cost of $25 (instead of $35) and is happy to sign copies."

Important Safeguarding Reminder

Our **External Safeguarding Audit** will take place on **Thursday, 19 November**. We kindly ask all volunteers who assist in parish activities outside of Sunday Mass to ensure that **ALL safeguarding training and documentation is up to date** before this date. If you are unsure of your safeguarding status, please contact the Parish Office as soon as possible.

Please remember: Under safeguarding policy, volunteers are unable to continue in their roles until all required training and documentation have been completed and are current.

Thank you for your cooperation and for helping us maintain a safe and welcoming parish for everyone.

Combined Churches Prayer Meeting

Pastor Jamie of the Expansion Church has kindly invited the Body of Christ to join their Prayer Meeting beginning at **12 Noon on Wednesday the 25th of November 2026.**

The Meeting will be held at the **Expansion Church, 38 Fritz Road Chatsworth Gympie.**

Working Bee St Patrick's Church

It's that time of year again. Our annual working bee will be held on **Saturday 28th November from 8:00am.** We would love for you to join us and take pride in the church in preparation for the Advent season.

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.

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
Wisdom 6:12-16

A reading from the book of Wisdom
Wisdom is found by those who look for it.

Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim.
By those who love her she is readily seen,
and found by those who look for her.
Quick to anticipate those who desire her, she makes herself known to them.
Watch for her early and you will have no trouble;
you will find her sitting at your gates.
Even to think about her is understanding fully grown;
be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave you.
She herself walks about looking for those who are worthy of her
and graciously shows herself to them as they go,
in every thought of theirs coming to meet them.
The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm
Ps 62:2-8

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you
like a dry, weary land without water. R.

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary
to see your strength and your glory.
For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise. R.

So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy. R.

On my bed I remember you.
On you I muse through the night
for you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. R.

Second Reading
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians
Those who died as Christians, God will bring to life with Jesus.

We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him. We can tell you this from the Lord's own teaching, that any of us who are left alive until the Lord's coming will not have any advantage over those who have died. At the trumpet of God, the voice of the archangel will call out the command and the Lord himself will come down from heaven; those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise, and then those of us who are still alive will be taken up in the clouds, together with them, to meet the Lord in the air. So we shall stay with the Lord for ever. With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another.

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Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Be watchful and ready:
you know not when the Son of Man is coming.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel
Matthew 25: 1-13

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
Look, the bridegroom comes. Go out to meet him.

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five of them were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him." At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out." But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves." They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said, "open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.'

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

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