St Patrick's Parish
Gympie and Surrounds

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33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time **Year A** **15th November 2026**

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Leo's Lens

Living in what he characterises as 'the age of search engines', Pope Leo wants us to embrace human creativity. 'Algorithms lack the spark of the human,' he reminds us. As such, 'we urgently need to distinguish human art from what is produced by machines.' We are called to do this in our habits, our communities, our church buildings and our liturgies.

Reflecting on the wonder of human artistry, the Pope says that 'like an antenna, art is receptive to the great questions of the human heart.'

Animated by 'the restlessness of the human heart in search of truth', art becomes an expression of something truly human, which is why the Church highly values it. As the Pope explains, 'the Church has never considered art to be merely decorative. Instead, for the Church, art nurtures the fundamental posture of listening, through which we can learn about humanity's aspirations and wounds, our thirst for beauty, justice and peace, and our search for meaning.'

Authentic human art helps us to truly grow and heal. As the Pope says, 'when it draws our gaze, when it compels us to pause before that which cannot be consumed, it is a form of cultural and spiritual regeneration.'

[Quotes from Address to Artists and Curators, 2 October 2026: https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/speeches/2026/october/documents/20261002-artisti-dce.html]

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

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 22/11/2026

Saturday

St John Vianney Church – Tin Can Bay – 4:00pm

Sunday

St Therese Church – Gunalda – 7:00am

Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion

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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-third Sunday in Ordinary Time – A (World Day of the Poor)
Don't just bury your talents. Dream your best dream about your life and then live it to the full. God calls you to live in happiness.

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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
15 November	Gympie Community Hymn Fest @ Uniting Church 2:30pm
16 November	Liturgy Meeting @ 4.15pm
28 November	Working Bee @ St Patrick's Church
29 November	"Mary MacKillop and the Path of the Foundress" book talk after Mass in Parish Centre
30 November	Anglican & Catholic Evening Prayer 5.30pm @ St Patrick's
11 December	Christmas Party after 5.30pm Mass

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!

Christ the King Readings

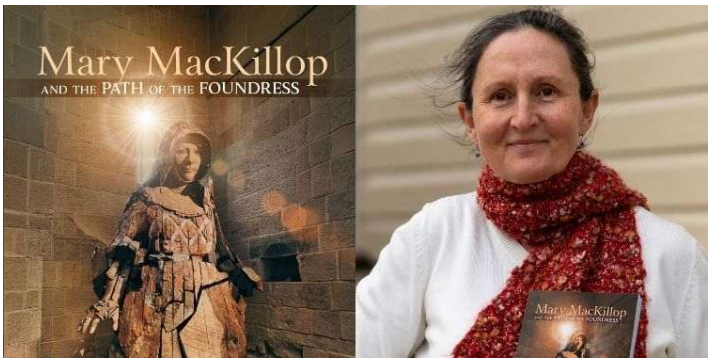
First Reading: Ezekiel 34: 11-12, 15-17
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15: 20-26, 28
Gospel: Matthew 25: 31-46

Christmas Party

On Friday the 11th December after the 5:30pm Mass we will be holding our Christmas Party in the Parish Centre. All parishioners are welcome to join in the celebration. Please bring a small plate to share.

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. Please BYO mops, brooms, cleaning supplies, step ladders only. Many hands make light work.

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
Proverbs 31: 10-13, 19-20, 30-31
A reading from the book of Proverbs
Give her a share in what she has worked for
A perfect wife – who can find her?
She is far beyond the price of pearls.
Her husband's heart has confidence in her,
from her he will derive no little profit.
Advantage and not hurt she brings him
all the days of her life.
She is always busy with wool and with flax,
she does her work with eager hands.
She sets her hands to the distaff,
her fingers grasp the spindle.
She holds out her hand to the poor,
she opens her arms to the needy.
Charm is deceitful, and beauty empty;
the woman who is wise is the one to praise.
Give her a share in what her hands have worked for,
and let her works tell her praises at the city gates.
The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm
Ps 127: 1-5
R. Happy are those who fear the Lord.

O blessed are those who fear the Lord
and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be happy and prosper. (R.)

Your wife like a fruitful vine
in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive,
around your table. (R.)

Indeed thus shall be blessed
the man who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Zion
in a happy Jerusalem
all the days of your life. (R.)

Second Reading
1 Thessalonians 5:1-6
A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians
The day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night.
You will not be expecting us to write anything to you, brothers, about 'times and seasons', since you know very well that the Day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night. It is when people are saying, 'How quiet and peaceful it is' that the worst suddenly happens, as suddenly as labour pains come on a pregnant woman; and there will be no way for anybody to evade it.

But it is not as if you live in the dark, my brothers, for that Day to overtake you like a thief. No, you are all sons of light and sons of the day: we do not belong to the night or to darkness, so we should not go on sleeping, as everyone else does, but stay wide awake and sober.
The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord;
my branches bear much fruit.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Gospel
Matthew 25: 14-30
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
Look, the bridegroom comes. Go out to meet him.
Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out. The man who had received the five talents promptly went and traded with them and made five more. The man who had received two made two more in the same way. But the man who had received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. "Sir", he said "you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness." Next the man with the two talents came forward. "Sir," he said "you entrusted me with two talents; here are two more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness." Last came forward the man who had the one talent. "Sir," said he "I had heard you were a hard man, reaping where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered; so I was afraid, and I went off and hid your talent in the ground. Here it is; it was yours, you have it back." But his master answered him, "You wicked and lazy servant! So you knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered? Well then, you should have deposited my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have recovered my capital with interest. So now, take the talent from him and give it to the man who has the five talents. For to everyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from the man who has not, even what he has will be taken away. As for this good-for-nothing servant, throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth."'
The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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