St Patrick's Parish
Gympie and Surrounds

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Christ the King **Year A** **22nd November 2026**

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We have now come to the end of the liturgical year, the point that marks the transition from one period to another. Today we see that the kingdom of God is inclusive. Its embrace is as comprehensive as is the embrace of God. Criteria for membership are not based on obedience to the commandments or on conformity to ritual obligation, but on the bonds of love and concern.

What we do for others, we do for Christ, because Christ is identified with those in need. We very seldom see the face of the glorified Christ in the faces of the needy; it is more often the face of the disfigured Christ that is turned to us. We see his fear and his shame, his brokenness and sense of loss. As difficult as it may be to look into such eyes, it is precisely the needy with whom Christ is identified.

Having entered into the frailty of human nature, identified himself with the needy, and handed himself over to death, in the end Christ will have conquered all. It is a curious kingdom that he has won, a kingdom of the weak rather than the strong. He has turned the standards of the world upside down. He has shown that it does not take strength to ignore or to exploit the needy, but it does take strength to overcome our own selfishness in order to serve them. The kingdom that Christ hands over to God is a kingdom of love and care.

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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 29/11/2026

Saturday

Sacred Heart Church – Kandanga – 5:00pm

Sunday

St Therese Church – Gunalda – 7:00am

Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion

Sunday

St John Vianney Church – Tin Can Bay – 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

First Sunday of Advent - B

It's Advent, almost Christmas! A Season of dreams comes true. Be on guard. The Lord may call you to follow Him.

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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
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

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!

External Safeguarding Audit

Thank you for your cooperation with all the preparations required for our recent external safeguarding audit 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.**

1st Sunday of Advent – Year B Readings

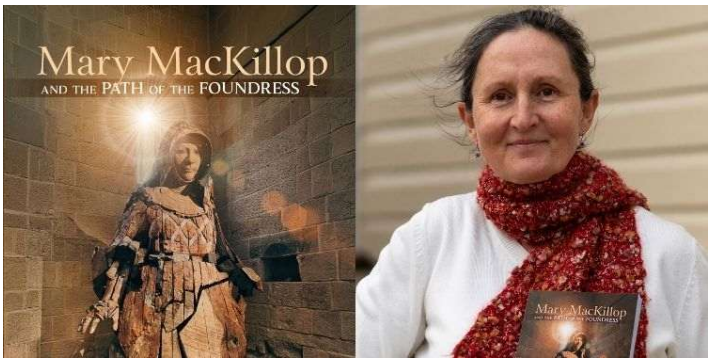
First Reading: Isaiah 63: 16-17; 64:1, 3-8
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1: 3-9
Gospel: Mark 13: 33-37

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."





St Vincent de Paul
Christmas Appeal

As Christmas is quickly approaching, St. Vincent de Paul is once again seeking your assistance!!!

The demand for our help is almost double what it was this time last year. The number of people desperately needing our Christmas Hampers will be enormous.

We urgently need the following items to put into our hampers.

* Non Perishable Food *Toiletry items * Soft Drinks

* Plum Puddings * Nuts/Pretzels * Candy Canes

* Fruit Mince Tarts * Tin Fruit * Beetroot

* Milo/Coffee * Fruit Cake

* Games, Balls or Gift Cards for children aged 12 to 14

*** Basically anything that would make Christmas special!!!**

Donations may be placed in the special baskets at the Church doors.

If you would prefer to make a monetary donation, there are envelopes on the table at the back of the Church.

Alternatively, you may direct deposit into our bank account.

Account Name: SVDP St. Patrick's

BSB: 064-786

Account Number: 100027023

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.

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

StFirst Reading
Ezekiel 34: 11-12, 15-17
A reading from the prophet Ezekiel
You, my flock, I judge between sheep and sheep.

The Lord says this: I am going to look after my flock myself and keep all of it in view. As a shepherd keeps all his flock in view when he stands up in the middle of his scattered sheep, so shall I keep my sheep in view. I shall rescue them from wherever they have been scattered during the mist and darkness. I myself will pasture my sheep, I myself will show them where to rest - it is the Lord who speaks. I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and make the weak strong. I shall watch over the fat and healthy. I shall be a true shepherd to them.
As for you, my sheep, the Lord says this: I will judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and he-goats.
The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm
Ps 22: 1-3, 5-6
R. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose. R.

Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit.
He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name. R.

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.

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
1 Corinthians 15: 20-26, 28
A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians
He will hand over the kingdom to God the Father, so that God may be all in all.

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in the proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death. And when everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will be subject in his turn to the One who subjected all things to him, so that God may be all in all.
The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel
Matthew 25: 31-46
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
He will take his seat on his throne of glory, and he will separate men one from another.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left. Then the King will say to those on his right hand, "Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me." Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?" And the King will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me." Next he will say to those on his left hand, "Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me." Then it will be their turn to ask, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?" Then he will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me." And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the virtuous to eternal life.'
The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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