



**14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year A
9 July 2023**

Sea Sunday



St Patrick's Parish
Gympie and Surrounds

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Acknowledgement of Country

The community of St Patrick's Gympie and surrounds acknowledges the traditional custodians of the land on which our parish stands. We pay our respects to the Gubbi Gubbi, Kabi Kabi people especially the elders past, present and emerging.



Safeguarding

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Celebration of the Word

Greeting

In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Blessed be God,
who enables us, through the Spirit,
Bless the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God for ever.

Today, we the people of God
gather to hear and respond to God's word,
to give God praise and thanks.
We look forward to that day
when we will again celebrate the Eucharist,
as Christ commanded us to do in his memory.
Our community worships in union with the whole Church,
with Francis our Pope, Mark our bishop, Tim his assistant
and with our brothers and sisters in neighbouring parishes
who keep holy this day in the celebration of the Lord's sacrifice and supper.

Opening Rite

Before listening to the word,
let us praise the Lord Jesus Christ.

Lord Jesus, you came to reconcile us to one another and to God:
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you heal the wounds of sin and division:
Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you intercede for us the Father:
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Collect

Let us pray.

O God, who in the abasement of your Son
have raised up a fallen world,
fill your faithful with holy joy,
for on those you have rescued from slavery to sin
you bestow eternal gladness.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Procession of the Word of God

May the Word of God always be heard in this place,
as it unfolds the mystery of Christ before us
and achieves our salvation within the Church.

First Reading

Zechariah 9:9-10

A reading from the prophet Zechariah

The Lord says this:

'Rejoice heart and soul, daughter of Zion!
Shout with gladness, daughter of Jerusalem!
See now, your king comes to you;
he is victorious, he is triumphant,
humble and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
He will banish chariots from Ephraim
and horses from Jerusalem;
the bow of war will be banished.
He will proclaim peace for the nations.
His empire shall stretch from sea to sea,
from the River to the ends of the earth.'
The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 144:1-2, 8-11, 13-14

**R. I will praise your name for ever,
my king and my God.**

I will give you glory, O God my King,
I will bless your name for ever.
I will bless you day after day
and praise your name for ever. **R.**
The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. **R.**
All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,

and your friends shall repeat their blessing.

They shall speak of the glory of your reign

and declare your might, O God. **R.**

The Lord is faithful in all his words

and loving in all his deeds.

The Lord supports all who fall

and raises all who are bowed down. **R.**

Second Reading

Romans 8:9, 11-13

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Your interests are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him, and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

cf Matthew 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;

you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 11:25-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus exclaimed, 'I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children. Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

'Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Reflection on the Readings Fr Adrian

Often times people ask me to pray for them. When I say that I will but remind them that their prayers don't fall on divine ears that are deaf, they come back saying something like the prayers I pray as a priest are somehow better or stand a better chance of being well received. I know I am not alone in receiving such requests. If you are known as a person of faith, someone who goes to church regularly, others will make the same request of you.

As we gather as a community of believers today we are delighted to hear not just another one of the disciples praying for us, but Christ himself. He blesses God, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing great truths to us whom he describes as children. The great things the Father has revealed to us is our unity with God through Jesus. What the Father commissioned Jesus to do was to take us out of darkness about the God into light.

God, Jesus, the church which works at continuing Christ's presence, often get very bad press. Critics construct cartoon images of God as one to be feared, who does not have at heart the best interests of the human family, and the Church as a multi-national organisation which is only interested in brain-washing people, accumulating wealth and abusing people in all

kinds of ways. Such criticism cannot be dismissed out of hand because those who profess Jesus as the bringer of light have often done a very poor job at being Christ-like. As one author expressed it, the melody Jesus brought into the world is exquisitely beautiful but at times we sing it very badly.

Our Lord is totally aware of what we face day in and day out either from others or from within ourselves. Living as devout committed Catholics can seem a heavy load to carry. What is our approach to be to this situation?

A commonly used saying is that when the going gets tough, the tough get going. The saying speaks to the need for perseverance but it misses something as the focus is completely on ourselves and our identifying as being tough. This is not the Jesus approach to carrying a heavy load. What he says is “come to me all you who labour and are overburdened, and I shall give you rest.” Our ability to manage comes from our consciously living as a team, sharing a yoke, with the one who entered the darkness and messiness of our worlds and lifts the load with us. The Lord does not lift the load alone but in partnership with us even though he does the major part of the work.

The words of the responsorial psalm we do well to take to heart. “The Lord is kind and full of compassion. The Lord supports all who fall and raises all who are bowed down.” This is the Lord who prays for us continually. The Lord wants us to cooperate with the prayer he prays. As the grace of that prayer finds a home in us, we see ourselves relieved of struggling on our own.

Profession of Faith

In union with the whole Church, let us profess our faith.

I believe in God,

the Father almighty,

Creator of heaven and earth,

and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

At the words that follow, up to and including 'the Virgin Mary', all bow.

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died and was buried;

he descended into hell;

**on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen.**

General Intercessions

Presider: Our God gives us all we need in abundance. Let us now make our needs known to our Loving God.

Commentator:

We pray for Pope Francis: May he feel the strength of our Saviour guiding him through these difficult times. **Lord, hear us.**

We pray for leaders of nations: May they act with integrity, to bring peace, justice and prosperity for all nations of our world. **Lord, hear us.**

For the many sailors who work on ships that sail around the world and who work far from home for long periods. May they be safe in their work, may they be treated with dignity and respect, and may they receive a just wage for their work. **Lord hear us.**

We pray for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, that they be given the opportunity to develop and use their gifts in society and in our Church. **Lord, hear us.**

We pray for family members struggling to look after loved ones, that they will receive the support they need to help them cope with the burden of care. **Lord, hear us.**

We pray for the recently deceased, Jack Cartwright, Allana Langton, August Wong, Isma McGuckin and Richard Seymour, and those whose anniversaries fall around this time Richard Creighton and Patrick Carroll. May they now be enjoying the promises of God's Kingdom.

Lord hear us.

Presider: God, Our refuge and strength, grant that you will listen to our requests. Through Christ, Our Lord. **Amen.**

Proclamation of Praise

My soul glorifies the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God, my Saviour.
He looks on his servant in her nothingness;
henceforth all ages will call me blessed.
The Almighty works marvels for me.
Holy his name!
His mercy is from age to age,
on those who fear him.
He puts forth his arm in strength
and scatters the proud-hearted.
He casts the mighty from their thrones
and raises the lowly.
He fills the starving with good things,
sends the rich away empty.
He protects Israel, his servant,
remembering his mercy,
the mercy promised to our fathers,
to Abraham and his sons forever.

Lord's Prayer

At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:
**Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;**

**thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us,
and lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.**

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,
graciously grant peace in our days,
that, by the help of your mercy,
we may be always free from sin
and safe from all distress,
as we await the blessed hope
and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.
**For the kingdom,
the power and the glory are yours
now and for ever.**

Sign of Peace

Let us seal our prayer with a sign of fellowship
as we offer one another a sign of peace.

Spiritual Communion

Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there
and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

THE CONCLUDING RITES

Blessing

May the God of hope fill us with every joy in believing.

May the peace of Christ abound in our hearts.

May the Holy Spirit enrich us with his gifts,
now and for ever.

Amen.

Dismissal

Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Up Coming Events

Jack Cartwright

Jack's funeral will be held at St Partick's Church on Monday 10 July at 10.30am.

Closing Mass at Imbil

We have postponed the Closing Mass at Imbil this Saturday due to technical difficulties. It will now be held on 16 July at 11.00am. There will be lunch afterwards (please bring a plate). Everyone is welcomed.

There is no mass at Kandanga on 16 July

Closing Mass at Kilkivan

Date and time to be advised.

Sea Sunday

This Sunday is Sea Sunday, when the church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Without them, we would not have most of the items we rely on for daily living. Even during a pandemic, seafarers continue to bring in to our ports products that sustain our population and economy. The Appeal today is for Stella Maris, Apostleship of the Sea, the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church. It supports seafarers both practically and spiritually. To assist this Catholic ministry, please send your donations to
:<https://stellamarisaustralia.org/sea-sunday-appeal/>

50 Year Celebration

Father Adrian will be 50 years a priest on August 8.

There will be a special morning tea after 9 am Mass on August 6.

Dinner at the RSL has been postponed a week to August 16 as the Parish Priest overlooked his having to be in Brisbane August 9 and 10 for a gathering called the Convocation of Priests. The Archdiocese hosts a dinner for all but in particular the jubilarians on August 9. Apologies for causing inconvenience. Refunds will be made if the change prevents your attending.

August 16 there will be a 2 course dinner with cake afterwards in the Poppies Room at the RSL 6pm for 6.30pm. This function is limited to 60 only and is \$30 per head and must be paid when booking with Maureen Rush. Any contribution to a gift will be very much appreciated.

Many thanks

Maureen

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL 2023

The cold Winter months are definitely upon us & St. Patrick's Conference of St. Vincent De Paul, Gympie desperately needs your help.

The homeless situation in Gympie has spiralled out of control. Our Family Assistance team see at least two homeless Companions every time that we are open. The homeless can be individuals or families with young children. They are sleeping in cars or if they are lucky, they could have a tent which they have pitched on the river bank. They are cold!! They are hungry!! They are vulnerable!! Please help us help them!!

We are in desperate need of good quality blankets. Both single & double/queen sizes are required. We are also running low on towels & queen bed sheets. If you are able to help with any of these items, could you please drop them off at our Centre at 2 John St. clearly marked "FOR FAMILY ASSISTANCE."

If you would prefer to give a monetary donation, envelopes are available on the table at the front of the church. The envelopes make it easy for us to issue a receipt & can be placed in any of the collection baskets. Alternatively, you could use a direct bank payment into our account. Our bank details are:

Account Name - SVDP St. Patrick's
BSB - 064-786
Account Number - 100027023

Every day at SVDP, we see that ordinary people are able to make an extraordinary difference in their local communities. We are inspired by the joy of the Gospels & our Catholic social teachings to do things that matter. The spirit to feed, heal, shelter, nurture & inspire - the power to change lives - is in everyone. Your commitment to helping those experiencing disadvantage, poverty, loneliness & homelessness is still very much needed & appreciated.

Thank you & God bless,
Desley Neal.

Parish Staff

Parish Priest Fr Adrian Farrelly

Associate Pastor Fr Louie Jimenez

Office Administration Mrs Helen Lunn

Parish Associate Mr Tom Bushell

Local Safeguarding Representative Mr Ian Laherty – 0460 573 349

Email: lsr.gympie@bne.catholic.net.au

Pastoral Council Chair Mrs Maureen Rush

Finance Council Mr Ken Garner

Principal St Patrick's Primary Mrs Petrea Hass

St Patrick's College Mr Mark Newton

Parish Office Hours

Monday	8:30am – 1:00pm
Tuesday	8:30am – 1:00pm
Wednesday	8:30am – 11:30am
Thursday	8:30am – 1:00pm
Friday	8:30am – 1:00pm

Please Note: The office phone will not be attended between 8.30 am to 9.30 am each Thursday as we hold a staff meeting at this time. Please leave a message and we will return your call.

Financial Support of the Parish

Your financial support of the Gympie Parish is always appreciated and much needed.

Ways to support your parish financially:

Make your offerings using the plate passed around at mass. Place your envelope or cash in the plate. There are two collections.

Direct debit is the preferred way to support as we know what income we have so we can budget well.

If you wish to use envelopes contact the office 5482-1213.

Schedule – All Mass Centres

Sunday Mass

DAY	WEEK 1	WEEK 2 & 5	WEEK 3	WEEK 4
Saturday	Kandanga 5.00 pm	Tin Can Bay 5.00 pm		
Sunday	Gunalda 7.00 am	Rainbow Beach 7.00 am	Gunalda & Tin Can Bay 7.00 am	Tin Can Bay 7.00 am
Sunday	Gympie 9.00 am	Gympie 9.00 am	Gympie 9.00 am	Gympie 9.00 am
Sunday	Widgee 11 am		Kandanga 11.00 am	Widgee 4.00 pm
Sunday	Gympie 5.30 pm	Gympie 5.30 pm	Gympie 5.30 pm	Gympie 5.30 pm

Tin Can Bay Church: The Anglican community celebrate on the 1st & 2nd Sundays 7.30 am

Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion

DAY	WEEK 1	WEEK 2	WEEK 3	WEEK 4	WEEK 5
Saturday	Tin Can Bay 5 pm				
Sunday	Rainbow Beach 7.00 am	Gunalda 7.00 am		Gunalda 7.00 am	Gunalda 7.00 am

Gympie Sunday Ministry Roster 09/07/2023

	9.00 am	5.30 pm
Welcomer	P Tobin	E Shields
Commentator	I Laherty	C Johnston
Reader 1	S Hayes	M Norris
Reader 2	N Gambling	A Goldie
Communion Ministers	D Griffin, D Liedel	B Doak, M McDevitt
Communion Ministers		
Morning Tea	<i>Hollow Log</i>	

Morning Tea is provided in Parish Centre after 9.00 am Mass. All Welcome

Gympie Sunday Ministry Roster 16/07/2023

	9.00 am	5.30 pm
Welcomer	M Green	M Amba
Commentator	D Griffin	M Rush
Reader 1	B Lipke	M Newton
Reader 2	N Gambling	P Hass
Communion Minister	I Laherty, D Curtain	R Perissinotto
Communion Minister	A Towner	
Morning Tea	<i>Hilltop Rollers</i>	

Celebrations of the Eucharist:

St Patrick's Gympie:



St Patrick's Parish
Gympie and Surrounds

Sunday	9.00 am (live-streamed Mass).	
		The Rosary will be prayed at 8.15 am each Sunday.
Sunday	5.30 pm	
Monday	7.00 am	
Tuesday	9.00 am	and Adoration
Wednesday	9.00am	College Mass – NAIDOC Mass
	5.30 pm	with Evening prayer
Thursday	7.00 am	
Friday	5.30pm	
Reconciliation:	Friday 4.45pm or on request	

Prayers for the Sick

Your prayers are asked for, Terry Farrelly, Ronelle Asher, Edna O'Brien, Julie Wong, Shaun Kelly, Dave Gruar, Shirley Bishop, Ena Hehir, Christine Garner, Stefan Simonis, Charmaine Eva Brown, Terry McKean, Michelle Herwin (Daughter of Kathy & Peter Sproxton), Joyce Skennerton, Joan Gracie, Jill O'Brien, Mark Excel Japo SarSaba, Anita Barnes, Adam Asher, Ernie Beveridge, Robert Long, Mitchel Mainwaring, Maria Rankin, Robert Baker, Margot Goldberg, Peter Doherty, Noela McCullough, Valmai Alexander, Zara Craddock, Francesca Lawrie (daughter of Suzanne Nistico), Brian Smith, Carmel Starkey, Kellie Williams, Gloria Donald, Michelle Connell, Lillian Rouse, Mark Thompson, Brett Argar, Maree Walker, Dot & John McCabe, Colin Willison, Judy Garner, Joe Costello, Colleen Raines, Arthur and Shirley Walker (Diane Dillon's parents) Archie & Veronica Murdoch, Lorraine Pincus, and Eddie Towner.

Prayer: Lord Jesus, who went about doing good and healing all, we ask You to bless our friends who are sick. Give them the strength in body, courage in spirit, and patience in pain. May they recover their health, so that, restored to the parish community, they may joyfully praise Your Name, for You live and reign forever and ever. Amen.

(If you would like your loved one prayed for or taken off the list, please let us know so we can add or delete them to the list above.)

For the Deceased

Let us remember in our prayers those loved ones who have died recently, in particular, we remember Jack Cartwright, Allana Langton, Isma McGuckin, August Wong and Richard Seymour and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time Richard Creighton, Patrick Carroll and Joan Nilon. May the faithful departed rejoice to see the face of their Saviour when he comes again in glory.

Ministries

Ministers for Sunday Masses at St Patrick's

Our celebrations need more welcomers, readers, commentators, communion ministers, musicians (every instrument) & singers. Fr Adrian & Fr Louie are scouting to see who can take part. You do not need to wait to be asked. If you are willing let them know, or phone the office.

Communion Minister to the Sick

We are looking for volunteers to help give communion to the sick. If you are able to help, please phone the office on 5482 1213.

St Patrick's Care and Concern Group

Our Care and Concern Group meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 1:15pm in the Parish Centre, except in school holidays. Our next meeting will be held on 1 August. Everyone is welcome. Any enquiries, please contact Berry on 0427 886 998.

Heavenly Music

Sing to the Mountains! We're calling all singers and musicians of the parish to join in our 9am choir. If you can sing, come along. If you can only sing a little, come along. All are welcome. Practice is Friday 3.00 pm in the Church.

Parish Groups and Events

Youth Group

We are in search of an adult who is passionate about ministering to our young people to assume the role of youth group leader. If you are interested and enthusiastic about this opportunity, please inform Fr. Adrian and Fr. Louie by speaking with them personally or by sending an email.

Thank you for your attention and support.

Men's Afternoon

The men's afternoon is held the 4th Thursday of each month in the Parish Centre from 12.30 to 2.30pm. The next meeting will be held on the 27 July 2023.

Lion's International



Community Morning Tea. \$5.00 includes Morning tea and lucky door prizes and entertainment. Every second Thursday of the month. From 10.00am to 11.30am at Senior Citizens Centre. Next morning tea Thursday 13 July 2023.

Gospel Discussion Group

We hold discussions every Friday from 4pm to 5pm in the Parish Centre. Next meeting is the 14 July. Everyone is welcome.

Found

A ring was found in the church on Sunday. If you have lost a ring please call the office on 5482 1213.

LADIES COFFEE & CHAT MORNING TEA

We will be joined by ladies of the Quota Club, several of whom are also part of our parish.

Where: Mining Museum Café.

When: 28 July

Time: 9.30am onwards

Cost: Free

If you have any queries please contact Berry Doak on 0427 886 998.

Piety Store

The Piety store will be open most weekends. Opening times are half an hour **before** both Masses. We have a wide selection of religious items to enrich your faith.



Dinner with the Priests

It is on again. They have checked their diaries and written down the dates they are available. If you would like to invite Fr Adrian and Fr Louie over to your place or have dinner at their place, please select a date (already listed in the book) and reserve your dinner date with them.

Children's Liturgy

Our next children's liturgy will be held Sunday, 16 July, at the 9am Mass at St Patrick's Church Gympie. Please bring your children and grandchildren along with you to help them understand their faith in a more engaging and fun way. See you then!

St Patrick's Honour Board

I, with the help of you all, am researching students who went to war for an Honour Board which will be placed in Penola Place in their memory.

If anyone has family or friends who attended Christian Brothers College and St Patrick's College who also went to any of the following wars, I want to hear from you.

WW1, WW2, British Commonwealth Occupation Forces (BCOF), Korea, Indonesia Confrontation, Vietnam, Kuwait or Gulf War, East Timor, Iraq, Afghanistan, Malaya & Borneo Conflict, Peacekeepers and Far Eastern Strategic Reserves.

Contact details: maureenrush@bigpond.com Home Phone: 54837410,
Mobile: 0412737380

Sacraments

RCIA Journey

Anyone interested in knowing more about the Catholic faith and seeing what happens on the journey is asked to contact the parish office on 5482-1213.

Baptism

If you would like more information on baptism please call the office on 5482 1213 or email us on gympie@bne.catholic.net.au

What's Happening in the Archdiocese

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Catholic education in the Toowong Parish

CELEBRATIONS

JULY 30TH | COMMENCING AT 3PM IN THE
SCHOOL UNDERCOVER AREA

PERFORMANCES BY SCHOOL CHOIR AND BAND

TOURS OF THE SCHOOL LEAD BY CURRENT SENIOR
STUDENTS

MASS AT 5PM

FOLLOWED BY BBQ AND PLAY ON THE
SUSAN PALMER FIELD

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St Ignatius Parish
TOOWONG



Men Alive

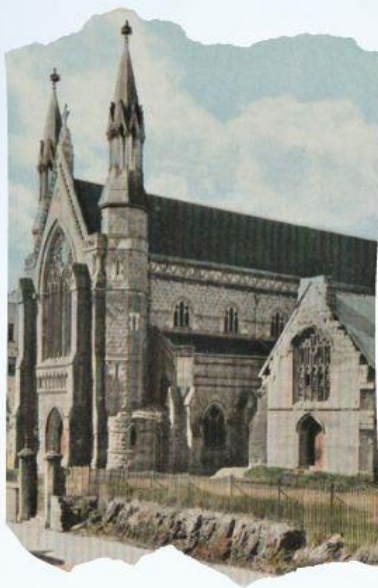
We have two significant events coming up over the next 6 weeks, see below.

1. **MAX2023 BEHOLD** – A National Gathering of Catholic Men. See the date claimer attached—**July 14/16**. Use this link for registration--
<https://app.tickets.org.au/MA/MAX2023BNE> Registrations start from \$150.





Celebrating 150 years of Weddings at The Cathedral of St Stephen



To register to attend the Mass and for catering purposes
please RSVP by Friday 22nd September 2023
cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au
3324 3030

In this 150th year of the Cathedral of St Stephen,
couples who have been married at
St Stephen's are invited to commemorate
their years of marriage.

On Saturday, 30th September 2023,
the Archbishop will celebrate Mass at 11:30am,
followed by refreshments on the Cathedral grounds.

There will be a particular focus on Golden Wedding
Anniversaries, however anyone married at the
Cathedral or Chapel, is invited to attend.

If you have photos or stories to share,
please contact David Todd.
email: todd@bne.catholic.net.au
telephone: 3324 3030
by 1st September 2023

An Atmosphere of Prayer and Communion

The building we gather in for Eucharist is correctly called the house of the Church. It is the house where we, the faithful, gather. The building is important because of the people.

Preparing for Eucharist will differ for each person. Preparing the readings before coming is an excellent practice to adopt. Once in the house with our companion missionary disciples, time spent praying for those who will celebrate the Eucharist with you, for the ministers, the presider is time well spent.

How we pray also differs from person to person. Some join with friends to pray a decade of the rosary, the glorious mysteries. Others quietly reread the scriptures on the newsletter. Others prefer to be present to God in silence.

Many have not seen each other since last Sunday and so will warmly greet them and exchange some news.

We experience silence, group prayer and conversation. While silence is the most important activity, we can accommodate the other activities dear to people. With this in mind, I ask that conversations are moderate and held with a sensitivity to the brothers and sisters with you. Those praying the glorious mysteries, I ask that in St Patrick's you begin 45 minutes before the beginning of mass (8.15 in the morning and 4.45 in the afternoon).

Our overriding concern is that we do all we can to allow us as a community and as individuals to drink deeply all that Our Lord offers us while we are together.

Catholic Formation

The Archdiocesan Centre for Catholic Formation exists to engage the baptised in a deeper experience of God in the Catholic tradition. It provides four core modules as well as supplementary guest lecturers, short courses, retreats and one off events. For more information and to register, either go to www.catholicformation.au or scan the QR Code. There are also brochures at the back of the church.





IGNITE CONFERENCE 23

Wonder

I WILL ASTOUND THESE PEOPLE WITH WONDER UPON WONDER ISAIAH 29:14

**A BOLD VISION
FOR THE FUTURE
OF THE CHURCH**



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GALEA BRENDAN MALONE EMMANUEL
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AND SO MANY
MORE**

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Webcast Celebrations of the Eucharist and other prayers

ST PATRICK'S Sunday 9.00 am. Live stream: go to the Gympie parish website – www.stpatsgympie.net.au and click on the Facebook item at the top right of the screen.

CATHEDRAL OF ST STEPHEN Live stream.

<https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/multimedia/on-demand-web-casts/>

Monday to Friday masses: 8.00am

Sunday: 8.00 am and 10.00 am

MASS ON TV Channel 10 6 am each Sunday

A Vocation View



A VOCATION VIEW: Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – A (Apostleship of the sea) Have you discovered yet that there is more to life than what only material things have to offer? We live in the Spirit. Only in the Lord can we find lasting peace. Speak the Good News.

To find out more, go to www.vocationbrisbane.com
or call 1300 133 544

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Centacare



Volunteers needed for Centacare Transport Gympie

Centacare Community Services being a social services agency of the Archdiocese of Brisbane, run a friendly Transport Service in the Gympie Region for local vulnerable and isolated people for community access to medical appointments, shopping and social support. Drivers and Driver Support people are particularly in demand at present. Should you be interested please contact Transport Administration Officer, Veronica Murfitt on 07 5430 9365 or email veronica.murfitt@bne.centacare.net.au.

Caritas Australia

Caritas are looking for ambassadors within the parish. You will be part of the Caritas Australia network and be supported to promote the work of Caritas Australia. If you would like more information, please call the office on 5482 1213.

The Journey

- Starting in **Melbourne**, experience the early life of Mary and the MacKillop Family.
- Continue the story by coach to **Hamilton, Portland and Port McDonnell**.
- Spend two nights in **Penola** connecting with the Mary MacKillop and Fr Julian Tenison Woods' stories.
- Coach into South Australia and visit Our Lady Star of the Sea - a church built by Fr Julian Tenison Woods at **Robe**.
- Continue on to **Adelaide** where Mary professed her vows as a Sister of Saint Joseph and immerse ourselves in the unfolding story of the Congregation.
- Fly to **Sydney** and spend three nights at Mary MacKillop Place where Mary lived and died. Visit her burial site in the Memorial Chapel.
- Extra cost for those who wish to spend a couple of extra nights in Sydney before they return home.

A full itinerary is attached to the application form.

Booking & Enquiries

For further information or to make an application, please contact the Australian Pilgrimage Co-Ordinator

Email
national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au

Telephone
02 8912 4818

MARY MACKILLOP PLACE
OUT OF THE Ordinary

For detailed information visit our website:
www.marymackillopplace.org.au

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF MARY MACKILLOP

An Australian Pilgrimage led by a Sister of Saint Joseph & the inaugural Director of the Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre Melbourne

17 October – 28 October 2023

Pilgrimage

The notion of going on a pilgrimage and being a pilgrim is a very ancient one that belongs to the spiritual tradition of all great faiths.

Since early times Christians have been known as pilgrims because they journeyed to the sacred places throughout Christendom. These places of pilgrimage beckoned people to touch and become caught up in the atmosphere and spiritual realities that belonged to their origins.

Today we recognise that each of us is on a daily journey of faith but there is a time in life when we feel called to join with others; seeking, listening, reflecting and seeing the hand of God at work in our own lives.

Mary MacKillop Place offers such an opportunity to journey to significant places in Australia made holy by Saint Mary MacKillop. While on pilgrimage we are invited to reflect on Saint Mary MacKillop's life and to recognise her relevance in our own lives. Such reflection can encourage us to emulate her courage, perseverance, joy and deep faith.

Mary MacKillop Place, North Sydney is recognised as a national place of pilgrimage in Australia and is made sacred by Australia's first canonised saint being entombed in the Memorial Chapel.

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF MARY MACKILLOP

An Australian Pilgrimage

This pilgrimage has been prepared by the Sisters of Saint Joseph to help you enter more deeply into Mary and Julian's stories and spirituality.

The opportunity for prayer and reflection is a significant part of the Pilgrimage which is led by a Sister of Saint Joseph & the inaugural Director of the Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre Melbourne.

Participating in 10 days of sharing a journey will draw you more deeply into the story of the foundation of the Congregation by Julian Tension Woods and Mary MacKillop in Penola, and how their vision has unfolded.

'God is truly good to us all.'
Mary MacKillop, 9.7.1873

COST – all inclusive

Costs include airfares – part of origin, Adelaide/Sydney, Sydney/part of origin; accommodation, coach travel, admission fees and all meals (but not drinks). Pilgrimage begins on the evening of 17th October & concludes on the morning of 28th October.

Ex Brisbane	\$4230	Ex Perth	\$4925
Ex Melbourne	\$3950	Ex Hobart	\$4230
Ex Sydney	\$3950	Ex Canberra	\$4570
Ex Adelaide	\$4150	Ex Cairns	\$4600

Single Supplement all areas \$970.

GET IN EARLY! These prices are fixed until 30th June 2023. After this date prices may need to be negotiated dependent on oil and fuel costs.

Insurance
Cancellation and/or travel insurance is recommended and available upon request.

Deposit
\$500 of which \$250 is non-refundable and non-transferable.

Application
For an application form or further information telephone Annie Bond rsj 02 8912 4818. Applications close 8th September 2023. Pilgrims must be vaccinated.

PLEASE FORWARD TO:
Cardigan Touring Services, Mary MacKillop Pilgrimage
PO Box 4010, Alfredton VIC 3350
- Application Form
- Photo ID which includes your name e.g. Photocopy of Driver's Licence, or Passport, or State Identification Card

PLEASE FORWARD A COPY OF THE COMPLETED APPLICATION FORM & PHOTO ID TO:
Australian Pilgrimage Co-Ordinator, Mary MacKillop Place
PO Box 1081, North Sydney NSW 2059 or
email to national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au

Missions

Palms Australia



If you would like to assist or learn more about Palms Australia please call 02 9560 533 or 0422 472 567, or visit their website - www.palms.org.au.

An advertisement for SU Chaplaincy. It features a central photograph of a smiling woman with curly brown hair wearing a colorful patterned top. The text "SU Chaplaincy" is in the top left. A dark blue banner across the middle contains the text "Answer the call to school chaplaincy today." Below the photo, on a light green background, is the text: "Are you feeling the call to ministry? Across Australia more schools than ever are asking for chaplains. Will you answer the call? Visit startchaplaincy.com"

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Synod on Synodality

Please click onto the link for more information. You can also find copies of the questions for reflection are available at the front door. Responses are due in by 13 March 2022. <http://www.catholic.org.au/synodalchurch>



A PROGRAM OF  Caritas AUSTRALIA

Si', Pope Francis has now established the Laudato Si' Action Platform with its 7 Goals for 7 sectors over 7 years.

Our Australian Bishops Social Justice Statement 2021-22, 'Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor' reinforces the call to care for all creation and invites us to join them in taking action and committing to the Laudato Si goals.

Catholic Earthcare Australia has made it easy for parishes & families to take up the Bishops' invitation by developing a process to assist you on the journey towards these 7 goals and to becoming living Laudato Si' communities.

Become a Catholic Earthcare Parish/Family at <https://catholicearthcare.org.au>

Aid to the Church



Aid to the
Church in Need

ACN AUSTRALIA

This month *Aid to the Church in Need* is raising money to build a parish house in Sierra Leone. The parishioners of the parish of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour have been trying to help their priest who is living in a house that is decaying due to heavy rainfall and salt-laden sea air but they themselves are poor and have little to give. ACN has promised to help but we need your help to make this possible. To learn more and to make an offering visit www.aidtochurch.org/monthlyprojector or scan the QR code.

One of the major works of *Aid to the Church in Need* is providing transport to priests, sisters, and catechists to reach the faithful, who are often at great distances and must go through difficult terrain. In 2022, ACN provided 1,253 pastoral vehicles. This included 564 cars, 406 bicycles, 252 motorcycles, 16 boats, 11 buses, and 4 trucks for the pastoral work of the Church – particularly in Latin America and Africa. Can you help us supply transport to priests and religious again in 2023? Visit www.aidtochurch.org/transport or scan the QR code to make an offering and learn more.

A message from Aid to the Church in Need Australia: The Catholic Charity Aid to the Church in Need has launched their "Nigeria: Young. Faithful. Crucified" global campaign. Did you know that in 2022 a total of 5,014 Christians were killed for their faith in Nigeria? These were not Nigerians who happened to be Christian, but rather, their allegiance to the Lord saw them face a brutal death. This is a Church being crucified with Christ. To watch testimonies and to make an offering visit www.aidtochurch.org/nigeriaglobal or scan the QR code.

To make an offering and learn more visit www.aidtochurch.org/monthlyproject or scan the QR code. We invite you to share with your parishioners and community about **Catholic Mission Ambassador Open Day 2023.**



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Catholic Mission

This year, please join our team and come along to find out about the work of the Catholic Mission and how you can engage in mission through our ambassador training.

Fr Michael Grace from Holy Family Parish, Indooroopilly will be our **special speaker** who will share about his visit to Timor-Leste and his involvement with the mission. We are very excited to be launching our **first e-book** which will be a wonderful resource and powerful tool to share the work of our mission ambassadors and to engage with our community in mission.

This year we are supporting the **Salesian Sisters and the Church in Venilale, Timor-Leste** to maintain and stock the clinic for the community who are having tuberculosis, malnutrition and maternal mortality conditions.





**2023
Catholic Mission
Church Appeal**

Hearts on Fire  
FEET ON THE MOVE

Save The Date
**Catholic Mission
Ambassador
Open Day 2023**

We invite you to come along and find out more about the work of Catholic Mission and how you can engage in mission through our ambassador training.

Date: Sat - 12th Aug 2023
Time: 10.00 AM to 12.00 PM

St James Catholic Parish, Coorparoo
Parish Hall: 92 Kirkland Ave, Coorparoo

More details will be provided by email.
RSVP: Mon 31st Jul 2023