



**15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year A
16 July 2023**



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 show the light of your truth
to those who go astray,
so that they may return to the right path,
give all who for the faith they profess
are accounted Christians
the grace to reject whatever is contrary to the name of Christ
and to strive after all that does it honour.
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

Isaiah 55:10-11

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The rain makes the earth fruitful.

Thus says the Lord: 'As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 64:10-14

R. The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

You care for the earth, give it water,
you fill it with riches.

Your river in heaven brims over
to provide its grain. **R.**

And thus you provide for the earth;
you drench its furrows,
you level it, soften it with showers,
you bless its growth. **R.**

You crown the year with your goodness.
Abundance flows in your steps,
in the pastures of the wilderness it flows. **R.**

The hills are girded with joy,
the meadows covered with flocks,
the valleys are decked with wheat,
They shout for joy, yes, they sing. **R.**

Second Reading

Romans 8:18-23

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

All creation is waiting for the revelation of the children of God.

I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us. The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons. It was not for any fault on the part of creation that it was made unable to attain its purpose, it was made so by God; but creation still retains the hope of being freed, like us, from its slavery to decadence, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God. From the beginning till now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only creation, but all of us who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

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Alleluia, alleluia!

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower;
all who come to him will live for ever.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 13:1-23

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

A sower went out to sow.

Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables.

He said, 'Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

Then the disciples went up to him and asked, 'Why do you talk to them in parables?' 'Because' he replied 'the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven are revealed to you, but they are not revealed to them. For anyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away. The reason I talk to them in parables is that they look without seeing and listen without hearing or understanding. So in their case this prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled:

You will listen and listen again, but not understand,
see and see again, but not perceive.

For the heart of this nation has grown coarse,
their ears are dull of hearing, and they have shut their eyes,
for fear they should see with their eyes,
hear with their ears,
understand with their heart,
and be converted
and be healed by me.

'But happy are your eyes because they see, your ears because they hear! I tell you solemnly, many prophets and holy men longed to see what you see, and never saw it; to hear what you hear, and never heard it.

'You, therefore, are to hear the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom without understanding, the evil one comes and carries off what was sown in his heart: this is the man who received the seed on the edge of the path. The one who received it on patches of rock is the man who hears the word and welcomes it at once with joy. But he has no root in him, he does not last; let some trial come, or some persecution on account of the word, and he falls away at once. The one who received the seed in thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this world and the lure of riches choke the word and so he produces nothing. And the one who received the seed in rich soil is the man who hears the word and understands it; he is the one who yields a harvest and produces now a hundredfold, now sixty, now thirty.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Reflection on the Readings - Fr Louie



In the scriptures, we encounter numerous references to farming and agriculture. We read about sowing and reaping, tending to the fields, and relying on God's provision for a fruitful harvest. In these passages, we discover parallels between the natural process of farming and the spiritual journey we embark upon in our lives.

One of the most profound illustrations of this can be found in the parable of the sower, which we just heard. Jesus compares the Word of God to a seed and describes different types of soil. The good soil represents hearts that are receptive, fertile, and ready to bear fruit.

But what makes soil good? Good soil is well-nourished, free from rocks and thorns, and possesses the necessary nutrients for growth. Similarly, in our spiritual lives, good soil represents hearts that are open, humble, and receptive to the teachings of Christ. It is a heart that has been prepared through prayer, repentance, and a sincere desire to know and follow God's will.

Good soil requires effort and intentionality. It requires us to remove the rocks of pride and self-centeredness that hinder our growth. It requires us to uproot the thorns of worldly distractions and desires that choke our spiritual vitality. And it calls us to constantly nourish our hearts through prayer, the study of Scripture, and partaking in the sacraments. At Mass, this nourishment is being offered to us. We are being fed by the Word of God and through the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

When we cultivate the soil of our hearts, we create an environment where the seeds of God's Word can take root, grow, and bear fruit. It is through this process that we experience transformation, becoming more Christ-like in our thoughts, words, and actions.

However, let us remember that cultivating good soil is not a one-time task. Just as a farmer tends to the fields throughout the seasons, we too must continually grow to the condition of our hearts. We need to be vigilant, guarding against the weeds that hinder us to grow such as complacency, and spiritual dryness that can invade and suffocate our faith.

My dear friends, may we be diligent in our spiritual cultivation, constantly seeking to create an environment where God's Word can take root and

flourish. Let us remove the obstacles that hinder our growth, nurture our hearts with prayer and the sacraments, and allow God's grace to transform us into fruitful disciples.

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 is compassionate and merciful and hears the prayers of those who cry out in need.

For Pope Francis, who demonstrates great love for all God's creation. May his wise words fall on fertile soil. **Lord, hear us.**

We pray for our governments, that they may work to promote a just society and an equitable economy that benefits the whole community.

Lord, hear us.

We pray for women in our church, that they will be enabled to fully contribute their gifts of faith and service to our parish community.

Lord, hear us.

We pray for those who struggle in their personal circumstances; may God restore hope and give them courage to continue to seek opportunities that will enrich their lives.

Lord, hear us.

We pray for our parish, that we may be a community of generous hospitality towards strangers and those on the fringes of society.

Lord, hear us.

We pray for the sick of our parish and those who have asked for our prayers; for our loved ones and parishioners who have died Eddie Towner, Jack Cartwright, Allana Langton and Fr Anton Bulla, and those whose anniversaries fall around this time William Ward, Vincent Ward, John Ward. May they experience the presence of the risen Lord. **Lord, hear us.**

Presider. Gracious God, you serve your people with unfailing generosity: hear our prayers which we make 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.

Parish Staff

Parish Priest Fr Adrian Farrelly

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Parish Associate Mr Tom Bushell

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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.

If you wish to use envelopes, or if you no longer use the envelopes contact the office 5482-1213.

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

Bank details

Account name - St Patrick's Parish

BAB - 064-786

Account number – 1000 17636



We have a Parish Giving App To use the Parish Giving App click onto the QR Code and create your own account and follow the instructions.

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 16/07/2023

	9.00 am	5.30 pm
Welcomer	M Green	H Lunn
Commentator	D Griffin	M Rush
Reader 1	B Lipke	M Newton
Reader 2	N Gambling	P Hass
Communion Ministers	I Laherty, D Curtain	R Perissinotto
Communion Ministers	A Towner	
Morning Tea	Hilltop Rollers	

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

Gympie Sunday Ministry Roster 23/07/2023

	9.00 am	5.30 pm
Welcomer	E Missen	M Amba
Commentator	S O'Brien	M Norris
Reader 1	S Vale	I Rodrigues
Reader 2	M Ryan	T Hallam
Communion Minister	D Dillon, P Dillon	E Shields. P Hass
Communion Minister		
Morning Tea	All Stars	

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 5.30 pm** with Evening prayer
- Thursday 9.30am Healing Mass**
- 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, 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.

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 Eddie Towner, Jack Cartwright, Allana Langton and Fr Anton Bulla and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time William Ward, Vincent Ward, John Ward. May the faithful departed rejoice to see the face of their Saviour when he comes again in glory.

Up Coming Events

Blessing and Commissioning

Fr Adrian will be blessing the Woolooga Church which is now a chapel at Xavier College in Hervey Bay on 26 July at 10.00am. If there are any parishioners wishing to attend, please ring the parish office as soon as possible.

Closing Mass at Kilkivan

Date and time to be advised.

Children's Liturgy

Our Children's Liturgy will be held this 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!

50 Years 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 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 you 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

Closing Mass at Imbil

We will be holding the Closing Mass at Imbil this Sunday 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**

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.

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.

Name Badges

I will be ordering name badges soon. If you would like a badge, please ring the office on 5482 1213.

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 10 August 2023.

Gospel Discussion Group

We hold discussions every Friday from 4pm to 5pm in the Parish Centre. Next meeting is the 21 July. Everyone is welcome.

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.

Sing a Long

Come along and sing some of your old favourite hymns/songs Sunday 23rd July 2:30 pm at Gympie Uniting Church. Please bring a small plate of afternoon tea to share afterwards.

All welcome. Inquiries. Narelle 0418 729 268

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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**JULY
30TH**

CELEBRATIONS

**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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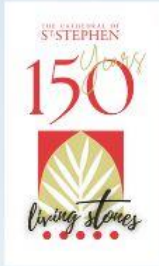


Men Alive

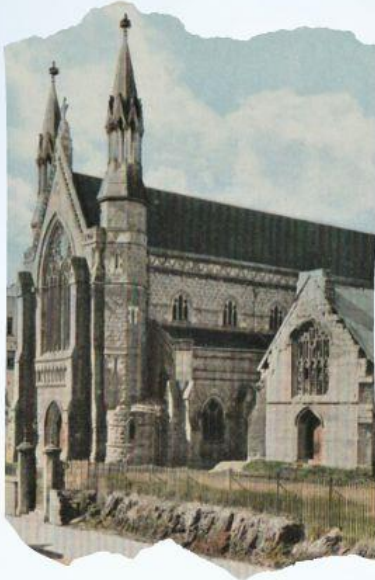
We have two significant events coming up over the next 6 weeks, see below.

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

Women of the Way Retreat 2023

Women of The Way Retreat - 13-15th October

Ladies would you like to take time out to Reflect and Recharge?

Treat yourself to some quality time with God.

BOOK NOW for The Women of The Way Retreat.

Theme: "Open the eyes of My Heart, Lord"

Retreat Facilitators: Sr Therese Mills, Leader of The Missionaries of God's Love Sisters and Sr Judy Bowe, are inspirational speakers, with a passion for sharing God's love.

Where: Watson Park Convention Centre, 337 Old Gympie Rd, Dakabin.

Weekend includes Mass, Adoration, Reconciliation, Praise and Worship, inspirational teachings, prayer ministry and time for fellowship.

For brochure or info phone **Rosa Montegrando**- Mobile 0400755516 or email

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Mystery and Mission: The Art of Liturgical Celebration



Register now for the National Conference on Liturgy and Liturgical Music to be held in Brisbane from 28-30 September.

It is rare to have expert liturgists, liturgical musicians, and educators together in one place for three days of focussed input.

In addition to 6 keynote presentations and over 50 workshops, there will be opportunities to engage in facilitated discussions, and to participate in the Conference Mass as well as Morning and Evening Prayer.

Visit <https://mysteryandmission.com.au/> to register.

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.



The second module, Understanding, Praying and Living the Scriptures, engages participants in the scriptures, exploring their inspiration, canonisation, unity, and how to interpret scripture within the Catholic tradition. It will provide participants with an introduction to various books within the canon, as well as theological principals that inform the Catholic reading of scripture. Beyond the mechanics, this module provides an experience of listening to the voice of God in scripture, ensuring that scripture moves beyond mere text to being experienced as God's word to us. The first unit is not a pre-requisite for the second, so all are welcome to register for module two even if they haven't yet completed module one. For those who live beyond the Brisbane region, there is an option to register as a regional hub where you can gather locally and participate together via an onlinelink. If you are interested in hosting a regional hub, please contact Evangelisation Brisbane via eb@bne.catholic.net.au

ARCHDIOCESAN CENTRE FOR
CATHOLIC FORMATION

MODULE TWO Understanding, Praying
& Living the Scriptures

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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



Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - A

A VOCATION VIEW: The seed of a vocation seeks fertile surroundings. Sometimes it gets stepped on, sometimes it gets choked, and sometimes it lacks depth. But other times, it is nourished by loving and caring friends.



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.

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

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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.

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.

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

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

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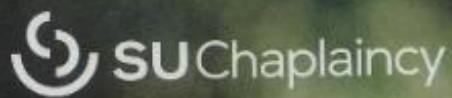
This month *Aid to the Church in Need* is raising money to build a parish house in Sierra Leone. The parishioners of the parish of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour have been trying to help their priest who is living in a house that is decaying due to heavy rainfall and salt-laden sea air but they themselves 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 our **Catholic Mission Ambassador Open Day 2023.**





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