



**13th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year A
2 July 2023**

**Aboriginal and Torres Strait
Islander 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

The Archdiocese has zero tolerance for all forms of abuse and is committed to safeguarding everyone involved in its activities, ministries and services. The safety and wellbeing of children and adults-at-risk is paramount.

<https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/safeguarding>

Celebration of the Word

Greeting

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

Amen.

With one heart and one mind
let us bless the Lord Jesus Christ,
who is the way, the truth and the life.
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 return praise and thanks.
We look forward to that day
when we will once more celebrate the Eucharist,
as Christ commanded us to do in his memory.
Our community makes its worship
in union with the Church throughout the world,
with Francis our Pope, Mark our bishop, Tim his assistant,
our pastors, Fathers Adrian and Louie,
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

Rejoice in the mercy of Christ
Praise the risen Saviour.

Lord Jesus, you came to gather the nations into the peace of God's kingdom:
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

You come in Word and Sacrament to strengthen us in holiness:
Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

You will come in glory with salvation for your people:
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Collect

Let us pray.

O God, who through the grace of adoption
chose us to be children of light,
grant, we pray,
that we may not be wrapped in the darkness of error
but always be seen to stand in the bright light of truth.
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

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2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16

A reading from the second book of the Kings

That is the holy man of God, let him remain there.

One day as Elisha was on his way to Shunem, a woman of rank who lived there
pressed him to stay and eat there. After this he always broke his journey for a

meal when he passed that way. She said to her husband, 'Look, I am sure the man who is constantly passing our way must be a holy man of God. Let us build him a small room on the roof, and put him a bed in it, and a table and chair and lamp; whenever he comes to us he can rest there.'

One day when he came, he retired to the upper room and lay down. 'What can be done for her?' he asked. Gehazi (his servant) answered, 'Well, she has no son and her husband is old.' Elisha said, 'Call her.' The servant called her and she stood at the door. 'This time next year,' Elisha said 'you will hold a son in your arms.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 88:2-3, 16-19

R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord;
through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth.
Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever,
that your truth is firmly established as the heavens. **R.**

Happy the people who acclaim such a king,
who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face,
who find their joy every day in your name,
who make your justice the source of their bliss. **R.**

For it is you, O Lord, who are the glory of their strength;
it is by your favour that our might is exalted:
for our ruler is in the keeping of the Lord;
our king in the keeping of the Holy One of Israel. **R.**

Second Reading

Romans 6:3-4, 8-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Having been buried with him through baptism, we shall walk in a new life.

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life.

But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

1 Peter 2:9

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people.

Praise God who called you out of darkness and into his marvellous light.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 10:37-42

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Anyone who does not accept his cross is not worthy of me. Anyone who welcomes you, welcomes me.

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me. Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it.

'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me.

'Anyone who welcomes a prophet because he is a prophet will have a prophet's reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man because he is a holy man will have a holy man's reward.

'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Reflection on the Readings Fr Louie

Hospitality is not merely a gesture of politeness or a social obligation; it is a profound expression of love, compassion, and generosity. Throughout the Scriptures, we find numerous examples of the importance of hospitality and how it reflects the very nature of God.

In the Old Testament, we read about Abraham and Sarah, who welcomed three strangers into their tent and provided them with food, water, and shelter (Genesis 18:3-5). Little did they know that these strangers were actually angels sent by God. Their act of hospitality not only demonstrated their kindness but also brought them blessings beyond measure. In welcoming the strangers, they encountered the divine presence and received a promise of a son.

In the New Testament, we find Jesus Himself as the perfect example of hospitality. He welcomed sinners, tax collectors, and outcasts, offering them love, acceptance, and forgiveness. Jesus showed us that hospitality is not limited to entertaining friends and family but extends to those on the margins of society—the poor, the oppressed, and the marginalised. He taught us that when we welcome the least among us, we receive Him.

Hospitality is an invitation to create a space where people feel valued, accepted, and cared for. It is an opportunity to extend a warm embrace, to listen attentively, and to share the gifts we have been given. In a world that often fosters division, hostility, and indifference, hospitality stands as a powerful antidote, breaking down barriers and building bridges of understanding and compassion.

As followers of Christ, we are called to be hospitable in all aspects of our lives. We are called to open our homes, our hearts, and our communities to others. We are called to provide nourishment for both the body and the soul, offering physical sustenance, a listening ear, a comforting presence, and words of encouragement.

Hospitality is not limited to grand gestures or elaborate feasts. It can be as simple as offering a smile to a stranger, lending a helping hand to someone in need, or inviting a lonely neighbour for a cup of tea. It is about creating an atmosphere of warmth, acceptance, and love wherever we go.

When we practice hospitality, we imitate the hospitality of God Himself. God reached out to us by becoming one of us. Likewise, we become instruments of His grace, channels through which His love flows into the lives of others. By extending hospitality, we participate in God's healing, reconciliation, and transformation work.

Let us, therefore, embrace the call to hospitality with open hearts and willing spirits. May we seek opportunities to welcome others, to share our lives and resources, and to be a source of comfort and encouragement. In doing so, we

become ambassadors of God's love and witnesses to the power of hospitality in transforming lives.

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

Priest: Trusting in the loving kindness of God towards us all let us bring our petitions before Him in prayer.

For those who govern the Nations of our world especially in those places involved in war and conflict at the present time. May their leaders have a change of heart and strive to bring peace, justice and hope to the people of their lands.

Lord hear us.

For all indigenous peoples who are experiencing loss of identity, displacement and generational trauma from the effects of colonisation. We especially ask

that all Australians work together for restoration, justice and healing in Christ's name. **Lord, hear us.**

For all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. May they find acceptance and joy in our communities and the people they journey with. **Lord hear us.**

We pray for Clare and Ronan who receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit and the body and blood of Christ this morning. May these sacraments strengthen and nourish them as they continue their faith journey. **Lord hear us.**

For our Parish Community, may we leave our celebration filled with a spirit of service, assisting those we interact with during this coming week. **Lord hear us.**

For all those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith 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.**

Priest: Lord listen to the prayers of your people gathered here and let our requests find favour with you. We ask this 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.

ABORIGINAL OUR FATHER

You are our Father, You live in heaven,
We talk to You, Father, You live in heaven.
You are our Father, You live in heaven,
We talk to You, Father, You live in heaven.
We believe your Word, Father,
We are Your children, give us bread today.
We believe your Word, Father,
We are Your children, give us bread today.
We have done wrong, we are sorry,
Teach us, Father, all about Your Word.
We have done wrong, we are sorry,
Teach us, Father, all about Your Word.
Others have done wrong to us,
And we are sorry for them, Father , Today.
Others have done wrong to us,
And we are sorry for them, Father , Today.
Stop us from doing wrong, Father,
Save us all from the evil one.
Stop us from doing wrong, Father,
Save us all from the evil one.
You are our Father, You live in heaven,
We talk to You, Father, You live in heaven.
You are our Father, You live in heaven,
We talk to You, Father, You live in heaven.
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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 God, who is blessed above all,
bless us in all things through Christ,
so that whatever happens in our lives
will work together for our good,
now and for ever.

Amen.

Dismissal

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Up Coming Events

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.

Mass will be at Kandanga 1 July 5.00pm.

Closing Mass at Kilkivan

Date and time to be advised.

Confirmation and Holy Communion



We congratulate Clare and Ronan who will be Confirmed and receive Holy Communion on Sunday. May the Lord bless you with His guidance from this day forward. And may you have faith in His plan.

Sea Sunday

Next week is Sea Sunday, when the church prays for all those who live and work at sea. There will be an Appeal for Stella Maris, Apostle ship of the Sea, the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church. Funds collected will be used to provide practical and spiritual support to seafarers visiting our ports. As it is dependent on voluntary donations, please give generously. To donate or for more information, visit: www.stellamarisaustralia.org

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.

August 9 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 who will be at the 9am Mass. Due to a family commitment I am unable to be at 5pm Mass but please contact on me 0412737380.

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 02/07/2023

	9.00 am	5.30 pm
Welcomer	P Daunt	A Hallam
Commentator	S O'Brien	T Hallam
Reader 1	K Cartwright	I Rodrigues
Reader 2	C Cash	C Johnston
Communion Ministers	D Dillon, P Dillon	E Shields, M McDevitt
Communion Ministers		
Morning Tea	<i>Ramblers</i>	

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

Gympie Sunday Ministry Roster 09/07/2023

	9.00 am	5.30 pm
Welcomer	P Tobin	H Lunn
Commentator	I Laherty	C Johnston
Reader 1	S Hayes	M Norris
Reader 2	N Gambling	A Goldie
Communion Minister	D Griffin, D Liedel	B Doak, M McDevitt
Communion Minister		
Morning Tea	<i>Hollow Log</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 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 Jack Cartwright, 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 Isma McGuckin, August Wong and Richard Seymour and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time Richard Creighton, Patrick Carroll, Patrick Travers 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

As you may be aware, the parish youth group has kicked off. We've already had two gatherings so far, and everything is going well. Our last gathering had 13 young people in attendance. I want to express my gratitude to Mrs Alison Easton for organizing the activities for our young people. Unfortunately, she needed to step away from the role due to her maternal responsibilities with her lovely children. On behalf of the parish community, we sincerely thank Alison for her creative work in serving our young people.

We are now 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 7 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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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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SCHOOL TOOWONG

Lift up your hearts

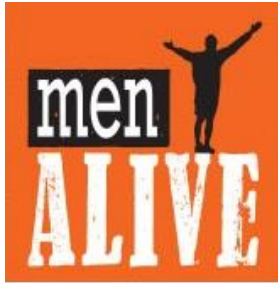
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St Ignatius Parish
TOOWONG



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.
2. **GROWING GOOD MEN**– **23/25 June** Kindilan Adventure Park Brisbane—
See brochure attached and register here--
<https://app.tickets.org.au/MA/GGM2023>



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**



GROUND SHAKING SPIRIT FILLED **RALLIES**

OUTDOOR FESTIVAL

**ENGAGING & PRACTICAL
WORKSHOPS**

**SOURCE AND SUMMIT
SACRAMENTS**

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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



Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – A (National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday)

A VOCATION VIEW: Jesus knew that when we are committed to whatever we are doing no obstacle can prevent us from reaching our goal. So, Jesus could say: "If you will not take up your cross and come after me you are not worthy of me.". To find out more, go to www.vocationbrisbane.com

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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.

An advertisement for SU Chaplaincy. It features a photograph of a smiling woman with curly 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>

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.

Aid to the Church



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ACN AUSTRALIA

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.