



4th Sunday of Lent

Year A

19 March 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 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.

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

Blessed be God for ever.

Opening Rite

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

Lord Jesus, you call your people to turn away from sin:
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

You teach us wisdom and write your truth in our inmost heart:
Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

You forgive sin through the ministry of reconciliation:
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Collect

Let us pray.

O God, who through your Word
reconcile the human race to yourself in a wonderful way,
grant, we pray,

that with prompt devotion and eager faith

the Christian people may hasten

toward the solemn celebrations to come.

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

First Reading

1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13 A reading from the first book of Samuel

In the presence of the Lord God, they anointed David king of Israel.

The Lord said to Samuel, 'Fill your horn with oil and go. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen myself a king among his sons.' When Samuel arrived, he caught sight of Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord's anointed one stands there before him,' but the Lord said to Samuel, 'Take no notice of his appearance or his height for I have rejected him; God does not see as man sees; man looks at appearances but the Lord looks at the heart.' Jesse presented his seven sons to Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, 'The Lord has not chosen these.' He then asked Jesse, 'Are these all the sons you have?' He answered, 'There is still one left, the youngest; he is out looking after the sheep.' Then Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send for him; we will not sit down to eat until he comes.' Jesse had him sent for, a boy of fresh complexion, with fine eyes and pleasant bearing. The Lord said, 'Come, anoint him, for this is the one.' At this, Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him where he stood with his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord seized on David and stayed with him from that day on.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 22

**The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.**

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. **R.**

He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort. **R.**

You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. **R.**

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. **R.**

Second Reading

Ephesians 5:8-14

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.

You were darkness once, but now you are light in the Lord; be like children of light, for the effects of the light are seen in complete goodness and right living and truth. Try to discover what the Lord wants of you, having nothing to do with the futile works of darkness but exposing them by contrast. The things which are done in secret are things that people are ashamed even to speak of; but anything exposed by the light will be illuminated and anything illuminated turns into light. That is why it is said:

Wake up from your sleep,
rise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.
The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

John 8:12 (Year A)

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
whoever follows me will have the light of life.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel

John 9:1-41 (Year A)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

The blind man went off and washed himself and came away with his sight restored.

As Jesus went along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. His disciples asked him, 'Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, for him to have been born blind?' 'Neither he nor his parents sinned,' Jesus answered, 'he was born blind so that the works of God might be displayed in him.

'As long as the day lasts

I must carry out the work of the one who sent me;
the night will soon be here when no one can work.

As long as I am in the world

I am the light of the world.'

Having said this, he spat on the ground, made a paste with the spittle, put this over the eyes of the blind man and said to him, 'Go and wash in the Pool of Siloam' (a name that means 'sent'). So the blind man went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored.

His neighbours and people who earlier had seen him begging said, 'Isn't this the man who used to sit and beg?' Some said, 'Yes, it is the same one.' Others said, 'No, he only looks like him.' The man himself said, 'I am the man.' So they said to him, 'Then how do your eyes come to be open?' 'The man called Jesus' he answered 'made a paste, daubed my eyes with it and said to me, "Go and wash at Siloam"; so I went, and when I washed I could see.' They asked, 'Where is he?' 'I don't know' he answered.

They brought the man who had been blind to the Pharisees. It had been a sabbath day when Jesus made the paste and opened the man's eyes, so when the Pharisees asked him how he had come to see, he said, 'He put a paste on my eyes, and I washed, and I can see.' Then some of the Pharisees said, 'This man cannot be from God: he does not keep the sabbath.' Others said, 'How could a sinner produce signs like this?' And there was disagreement among them. So they spoke to the blind man again, 'What have you to say about him yourself, now that he has opened your eyes?' 'He is a prophet' replied the man.

However, the Jews would not believe that the man had been blind and had gained his sight, without first sending for his parents and asking them, 'Is this man really your son who you say was born blind? If so, how is it that he is now able to see?' His parents answered, 'We know he is our son and we know he was born blind, but we don't know how it is that he can see now, or who opened his eyes. He is old enough: let him speak for himself.' His parents spoke like this out of fear of the Jews, who had already agreed to expel from the synagogue anyone who should acknowledge Jesus as the Christ. This was why his parents said, 'He is old enough; ask him.'

So the Jews again sent for the man and said to him, 'Give glory to God! For our part, we know that this man is a sinner.' The man answered, 'I don't know if he is a sinner; I only know that I was blind and now I can see.' They said to him, 'What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?' He replied, 'I have told you once and you wouldn't listen. Why do you want to hear it all again? Do you want to become his disciples too?' At this they hurled abuse at him: 'You can be his disciple,' they said 'we are disciples of Moses: we know that God spoke to Moses, but as for this man, we don't know where he comes from.' The man replied, 'Now here is an astonishing thing! He has opened my eyes, and you don't know where he comes from! We know that God doesn't listen to sinners, but God does listen to men who are devout and do his will. Ever since the world began it is unheard of for anyone to open the eyes of a man who was born blind; if this man were not from God, he couldn't do a thing.' 'Are you trying to teach us,' they replied 'and you a sinner through and through, since you were born!' And they drove him away.

Jesus heard they had driven him away, and when he found him he said to him, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' 'Sir,' the man replied 'tell me who he is so that I may believe in him.' Jesus said, 'You are looking at him; he is speaking to you.' The man said, 'Lord, I believe', and worshipped him.

Jesus said:

'It is for judgement
that I have come into this world,
so that those without sight may see
and those with sight turn blind.'

Hearing this, some Pharisees who were present said to him, 'We are not blind, surely?' Jesus replied:

'Blind? If you were, you would not be guilty,
but since you say, "We see",
your guilt remains.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Reflection on the Readings by Fr Adrian

Songwriters and poets have the gift of capturing life experiences. None more so for me on this Sunday than a song that hit the charts in 1972 and which came to mind in light of the sight Jesus gave the man in the gospel story this Sunday. The song was "I can see clearly now". The song is filled with joy and

hope – the rain and clouds have gone, the one rejoicing can see the obstacles in the way and is delighted that the day is going to be a bright, sunny day.

Today's gospel passage (John 9: 1-41) continues Our Lord's ongoing formation of us along with those in the final stage of their preparation for baptismal rebirth on Holy Saturday night. Last Sunday, he revealed to the Samaritan woman at the well of Jacob that he was the long awaited Messiah and that belief in him gave access to the life giving water that constantly wells up inside each one of us so that we can be refreshed and go out and refresh others if they make the same acknowledgment of who Jesus is. Next Sunday he raises his friend Lazarus to life after he has been dead a number of days.

All three readings are longer than the usual extracts for the gospel on Sundays. Resist the inner voice that whispers "why is it so long?" St Ignatius with his views on consolation and desolation, the former being a sign of grace and God and the latter being a sign of the enemy, would see those "whisperings" as the work of the enemy who does not want us to walk with the Lord and the journeys undertaken by the players in the stories.

The man born blind says nothing to Jesus and asks for nothing. We meet him as the object of a discussion initiated by the disciples about sin being the cause of any disability. Jesus acts without a request from the man. Jesus simply smears the man's eyes with a paste made from his own spittle and tells the man to go to the pool and wash. The man comes from the pool with sight, something he has never enjoyed until then. Like the song, he can see clearly now!

All is not plain sailing for him as others engage him in conversation about the change. He identifies the man Jesus as the gift giver. The authorities don't see Jesus as a gift giver, but a sinner who ignores the Sabbath prohibition against work (paste making). The authorities refuse to see the good Jesus has done and vilify the now sighted man when he proclaims Jesus a prophet.

Once again, as with the Samaritan woman, Jesus reveals himself to the man as the messiah and the man worships him. The man has gone from the darkness of blindness to light and faith. The condemning authorities have taken another path going from sight and light to blindness and darkness.

Darkness and light feature powerfully in our Holy Saturday celebrations. With a candle lit from the blessed Easter fire, we process into the dark church. The light from one candle dispels the dark. As we light our individual candles from the Easter candle the whole church illuminates with candle light, our candle light. We turn our minds back to the words spoken at baptism: receive the light

of Christ. Parents and godparents, this light is entrusted to you to be kept burning brightly. This candidate has been enlightened by Christ. May they keep the flame of faith alive in their heart and when the Lord Jesus comes in glory, may they go out to meet him with all the saints in the heavenly kingdom.

We can see clearly now. Let us rejoice in a bright sunshiny day.

Profession of Faith

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

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,

At the words that follow, up to and including 'and became man', all bow.

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins

and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

General Intercessions

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Celebrant: As we seek to deepen and renew our faith in this Lenten season we bring our needs before our heavenly Father.

Reader:

For Pope Francis, Bishops and Clergy: may they bring to those who are seeking Christ a deeper understanding of the faith. **Lord, hear us.**

For Ally who is preparing for baptism at Easter: may we support her with our prayers and best wishes during this time of preparation. **Lord, hear us.**

For those in leadership in our country: may they work for unity and peace among the many diverse ethnic peoples of our nation. **Lord, hear us.**

May we generously support the work of Caritas through our Project Compassion envelopes. May their work help bring dignity to those who are in desperate need of the basic essentials of life. **Lord, hear us.**

For those in our community who are sick and for those who care for them: may they gain hope and comfort from the message of the Gospel, with the support of family and friends around them. **Lord, hear us.**

For those who have died Herbert Parkheim, Alan Druery, Ross Clarke and Gwen Pott for those whose anniversaries we remember at this time: Frank Farrelly, Elaine Farrelly and Claude John Rodrigues may they see the face of God. **Lord, hear us**

Celebrant: Loving Father, hear all these our prayers and what we ask in faith may you grant through your son, Jesus 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 forth,
rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

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.



Lent

Lenten Discussion Group. Gympie

If you are still interested in joining a Lenten discussion group, please phone David on 0427 800 277.

The group will be meeting Tuesdays at 7.00 pm. For venue address please ring David at above.

Lenten daily booklets

Are now available from the back of the church

From Ashes to Hope - \$5.00

Triumph - \$10.00

LENTEN REFLECTIONS TIN CAN BAY

Wednesdays 9.30am TCB using the 'Triumph' Lenten Program in St John Vianney church, Tin Can Bay. All welcome. Queries

Maggie1Travers@gmail.com or 0400 756 615

STATIONS OF THE CROSS TIN CAN BAY

10am St John Vianney TCB Fridays during Lent. Outside under the tree, weather permitting, or inside the

church. Queries Maggie1Travers@gmail.com 0400 756 615.

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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.

New Website

We have launched our new website where you will have all the latest information at your fingertips. We are having some difficulty with accessing the website. If you need to access our website please follow the link;
<https://www.stpatsgympie.net/>

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 19/03/2023

| | 9.00 am | 5.30 pm |
|--------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Welcomer | D Liedel | H Lunn |
| Commentator | C Cash | L Collins |
| Reader 1 | S Vale | S Lunn |
| Reader 2 | S Nistico | I Rodrigues |
| Communion Minister | I Laherty | R Perissinotto |
| Power Point | | |
| Morning Tea | <i>Ramblers</i> | |

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

Gympie Sunday Ministry Roster 26/03/2023

| | 9.00 am | 5.30 pm |
|--------------------|-------------------|------------|
| Welcomer | E Missen | Youth Mass |
| Commentator | S O'Brien | |
| Reader 1 | F Skinner | |
| Reader 2 | P Callaghan | |
| Communion Minister | D Dillon | |
| Power Point | | |
| 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 Solemnity St Joseph**
- Tuesday 9.00 am 30 minutes adoration benediction after**
- Wednesday 5.30 pm with Evening prayer**
- Thursday 7.00 am**
- Friday 5.30 pm Stations of the Cross after Mass**
Reconciliation 4.45 pm or on request

Prayers for the Sick

(If you would like your loved one prayed for, please let us know so we can add them to the list below)

Your prayers are asked for Bernard McConville, Christing Garner, Desley Neal, Stefan Simonis, Charmaine Eva Brown, Terry McKean, Wayne Hansen, Michelle Herwin (Daughter of Kathy Sproxton), Joyce Skennerton, Joan Gracie, Jill O'Brien, Mark Excel Japo SarSaba, Anita Barnes, Adam Asher, Ernie Beveridge, Robert Long, Elipidio Jimenez, Mitchel Mainwaring, Maria Rankin, Robert Baker, Margot Goldberg, Peter Doherty, Noela McCullough, Valmai Alexander, Zara Craddock, Francesca Lawrie (daughter of Suzanne Nistico), Brian Smith, Tony Kovic, Carmel Starkey, Kellie Williams, Gloria Donald, Laurie Walsh, Michelle Connell, Lillian Rouse, Laurie Walsh husband of Eileen, Mark Thompson, Brett Argar, Maree Walker, Dot & John McCabe, Colin Willison, Judy Garner, Joe Costello, Colleen Raines, Karen Lee Gifford, Arthur and Shirley Walker (Diane Dillon's parents) Archie & Veronica Murdoch, Lorraine Pincus, Allan Dury, 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.

For the Deceased

Let us remember in our prayers those loved ones who have died recently Herbert Parkheim, Alan Druery (Shirley O'Brien's brother), Ross Clarke, Gwen Pott, and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time especially Claude John Rodrigues, Frank Farrelly and Elaine Farrelly. May the faithful departed rejoice to see the face of their Saviour when he comes again in glory.

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.

The envelopes are now available for pickup at the back of the church.

Cursillo

Cursillo is a Spanish word for “little course”. Cursillo is a lay movement within the Church, started in Spain in the 1940s and supported by our Archbishop. The 3-day weekends are run by committed lay people with the support of a resident priest.

The Cursillo method offers an ongoing journey beginning with a 3-day weekend away. “Be a friend, make a friend and bring a friend to Christ” is its message.

Upcoming Cursillo weekends will be held at Redcliffe:

Men’s Cursillo: 29 April – 1 May

Women’s Cursillo: 19 May – 21 May

Contact Fr Adrian for details.

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.



Summit 2023

Summit 2023 is a three-day event for all who belong to the faith community of the Archdiocese; parishioners, educators, parents, support staff, catechists, lay leaders, religious and clergy, this event is for everyone.

The Summit will be held at Riverlife Centre, 47 Jennifer St, Seventeen Mile Rocks 4074, from 6pm Thursday 18 – 3pm Saturday 20 May 2023.

For more information please visit the website

<https://evangelisationbrisbane.org.au/summit/>

5 Spots available—anyone interested in representing the Parish and available on the above dates. Please contact the Parish Office for further detail.

Candle Prayer Vigil

*The members of the Cherish Life Gympie branch
invite you to join us in prayer on*

The International Day of the Unborn Child

Saturday 25 March 2023

6.45pm arrive for 7.00pm start

St Patrick's Catholic Church, Church St, Gympie

8.00pm soup and bread supper will be shared after the prayer vigil.

Everyone is welcome - Family Friends Strangers.



Prayer for babies yet to be born.

Prayer for those having unplanned or difficult pregnancies.

Prayer for those experiencing fertility problems.

Prayer for those grieving the loss of unborn babies through miscarriage, accidents and abortion (for women and men).

Prayer for those born to be valued, loved and cherished by families, society and community leaders.

Project Compassion



Fourth Sunday of Lent 18 & 19 March



Thu lives in Vietnam. When Thu was 12 years old, he stepped on an unexploded land mine and lost his leg.

Living with a disability in rural Vietnam presented many challenges for Thu, who worked mainly as a rice farmer. Thu also took on the role of caring for his wife, Linh, after she suffered a stroke.

Determined to turn their lives around, Thu and Linh joined the Empowerment of People with Disabilities program, run by Caritas Australia's local partner in Vietnam, the Centre for Sustainable Rural Development (SRD).

For Thu, the greatest impact the program has had is enabling the change in Linh's physical and mental wellbeing. With the support of a physiotherapist, Linh can now walk short distances with the aid of a walking stick.



Please donate to Project Compassion 2023.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow ***For All Future Generations.***

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion, or by calling 1800 024 413.

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From The Cathedral

Lenten Concert Series

**Each Thursday in March at 12 noon
in St Stephen's Cathedral**

*Come explore the 40-day journey of Lent
through music—featuring compositions
inspired by the key themes and scripture
readings of Lent.*

*A time of inspiration and reflection
before the 12.30pm Mass.*

All welcome, free admission.



Archbishop Mark Coleridge
invites you to the annual



CHRISM MASS

Thursday 30th March 2023
@ 7:00pm

Cathedral of St Stephen
249 Elizabeth Street,
Brisbane

A celebration for the entire Archdiocese
All Welcome
car parking available from 6:00pm



Gospel Discussion Group

We hold discussions every Friday from 4pm to 5pm in the Parish Centre. Next meeting is the 24 March. Everyone is welcome.

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

If you are interested in supporting our group, you can contact, Berry on 0427 886 998. Our next meetings will be on 4 April, 2023.

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.

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.



Lifehouse has been given an opportunity to advertise Lifehouse and their services via a printed ad/promotion by the travelator in the centre of Gympie Central (or Centro) and multiple dates to promote our service and contact shoppers from a Booth in the central walkway. Management has offered a reduced rate but the costs are still high. \$5,520. The organisation has raised over \$2,800. If you can help, please leave any donation with one of the priests or drop it into the parish office.

Sadly, management has withdrawn its offer. If you made a donation, it will be returned. Contact Fr Adrian.

A Vocation View

Fourth Sunday of Lent

A VOCATION VIEW: If we cannot see where we are going, we will never get there. The Good Shepherd leads us to green pastures, refreshes our souls and brings light to a darkened world.



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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.

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.

Catholic Leader

Catholic Leader is now available and copies will be at the back of the church. A reminder - it only comes out once a month and it costs \$4.00

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 23 March 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 April 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 Mission

Be Part of Theresa's journey to becoming a religious sister



BE PART OF THEIR JOURNEY

Your gift can help support novices as they become
Church leaders for their communities.

[CLICK HERE TO DONATE TODAY!](#)

This year is an exciting one for Catholic Mission as we prepare for the impending beatification of Pauline Jaricot, a young, faith-filled woman who, desiring to support missionaries around the world, founded the Society for the Propagation of the Faith 200 years ago. As the first Pontifical Mission Society, it endeavours to support communities in need and is a cornerstone for our work here at Catholic Mission.

To help celebrate this momentous occasion, we invite you to learn more about other great women of faith and action who are following their call. One such woman, novice Saren Teresa, is following her calling to become a Salesian Sister to serve those in need.

You can learn more about Teresa and how you can support novices like her by scanning the QR code, going online to catholicmission.org.au/faith, or calling our friendly team on 1800 257 296.



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

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.

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>



In October 2023, the Catholic Church will gather to reflect on the theme **“For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission”**.

Pope Francis is inviting everyone to share their experiences of synodality (walking together): a decisive theme for the life and mission of the Church.

Your voice matters! You are invited to be a part of this journey by reflecting on the Synod themes and sharing your story.

Visit <https://www.catholic.org.au/synodalchurch> for more information OR scan the QR code below.



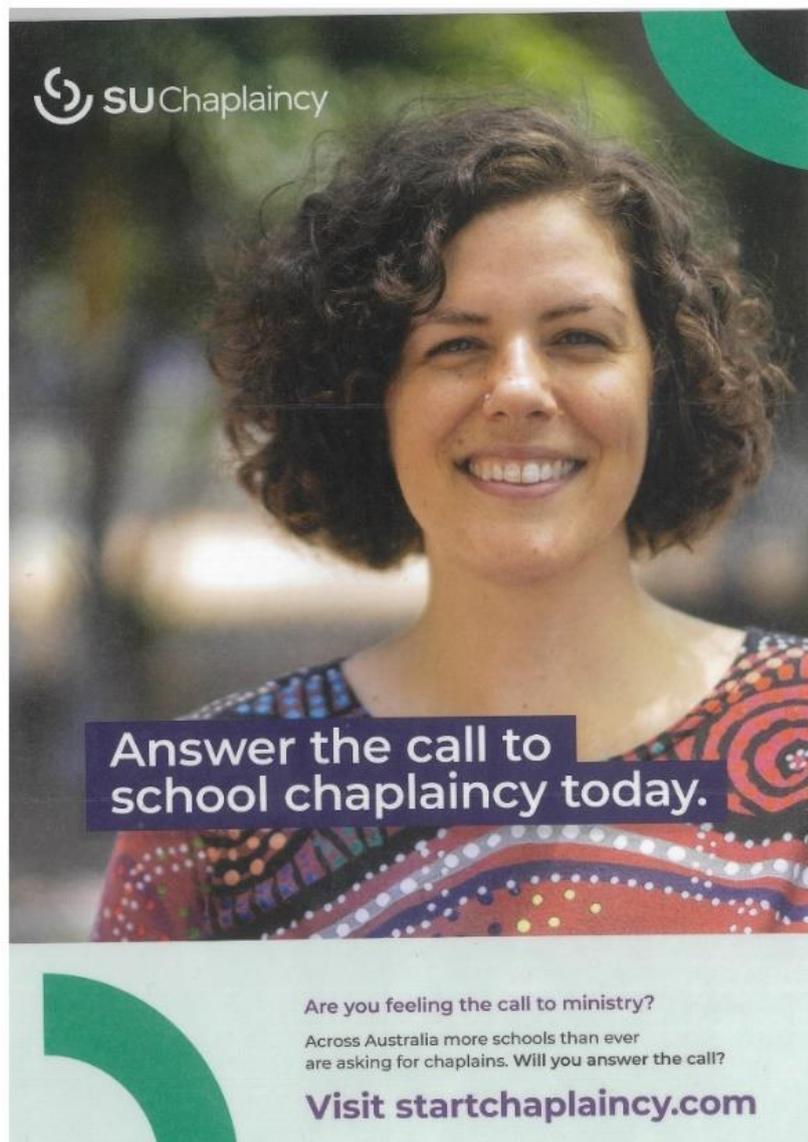


Si', Pope Francis has now established the Laudato Si' Action Platform with its 7 Goals for 7 sectors over 7 years.

A PROGRAM OF  **Caritas** AUSTRALIA

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>



Guided tour of Cathedral, Chapel & Precinct

Trained guides are delighted to share their knowledge of the Cathedral of St Stephen with your Parish groups, eg, social group, RCIA, Faith Education, Prayer Groups, etc:

- the history
- the art
- the architecture
- the symbolism and
- the beauty of the Cathedral Precinct

Attend the 10:00am weekday Mass and organise a tour following the Mass.

Further information

- ✓ Public bus stop on Elizabeth Street
- ✓ Accessible ramp and toilet on site
- ✓ Coffee shops/eateries within walking distance



Tours available by appointment

For more information or to make a booking
contact the Cathedral Office

3324 3030 or email cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au

Supporting Ukraine

Speaking of the invasion of Ukraine, Pope Francis spoke of the diabolical senselessness of violence. He called all people to fast and pray as the way to defeat diabolical influence. Let us stand with Pope Francis in praying for the Ukrainians.

Positions Vacant

General Vacancies

Parish Secretary, Upper Mount Gravatt Wishart Parish –

<https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/careers/?ja-job=668931>

Pastoral Associate, Grovely / Samford / Mitchelton Parish -

<https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/careers/?ja-job=667572>

Administrative Support Officer, Evangelisation Brisbane -

<https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/careers/?ja-job=664539>

Parish Coordinator, Holland Park Parish -

<https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/careers/?ja-job=661431>

Funeral Director's Assistant, Holy Cross Funerals

<https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/careers/?ja-job=660044>

For more jobs within the Archdiocese please follow the link;

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

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.

Aid to the Church



Aid to the
Church in Need

ACN AUSTRALIA

A message from Aid to the Church in Need Australia: ACN is the Pontifical Foundation dedicated to supporting the suffering and persecuted Church.

Aid to the Church in Need is asking for support to provide sisters in Romania with a new heating system. The Sisters of the Mother of God are the oldest congregation of sisters in the Romanian Greek Catholic Church. The history of their community has long been one marked by persecution, particularly when Romania was under communist rule.

Today the sisters continue to aid their local community with youth groups, spiritual support and counselling, as well as providing the poor with basic necessities. But they are facing a major problem. Their ancient heating system has finally broken down and needs to be replaced, but they cannot afford the cost. The sisters need your help!

To make an offering and learn more visit www.aidtochurch.org/monthlyproject or scan the QR code.

