

# ST PATRICK'S PARISH

Mass centres: Gunalda, Gympie, Imbil, Kandanga, Kilkivan, Rainbow Beach, Tin Can Bay, Widgee

*As we gather we acknowledge the Gubbi Gubbi people and the Indigenous elders of this area, those who once lived here and into whose sacred space our forebears came, changing forever an older way of life*

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**18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A 02 August 2020**

**Parish News:** Additional celebrations of the Eucharist:

St Patrick's Gympie: Sunday 5.30 pm. **Please register if you wish to participate at this time.**

St Therese Gunalda: 7.00 am 1st Sunday of the month

ST Peter the Fisherman Rainbow Beach 7.00 am 3rd Sunday of the month.

St Patrick's 10.00 am live-streamed mass continues. Participants will continue to be drawn from the hat each week and those with a place will be notified.

Masses in the other churches will be looked at in due course.

**Breaking News:** Mrs Erin Carlson long term resident of Miva and parishioner at St Therese Gunalda celebrated her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday this week. Ask God to give Erin all the blessings she needs.

## CELEBRATION OF THE LITURGY OF THE WORD AT HOME

### THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

#### Gathering of the Community

#### 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.**

#### Introductory Remarks

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,  
our pastor, Father Adrian and Fr Dom.

#### Opening Rite

Before listening to the word,  
let us praise the Lord Jesus Christ.  
Lord Jesus, you were sent to heal the contrite:  
Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

You came to call sinners:  
Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

You plead for us at the right hand of the  
Father:  
Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

### **Collect**

Let us pray.  
Draw near to your servants, O Lord,  
and answer their prayers with unceasing  
kindness,  
that, for those who glory in you as their  
Creator and guide,  
you may restore what you have created  
and keep safe what you have restored.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of  
the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

## **THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

### **First Reading**

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

*Hasten and eat.*

Thus says the Lord:

Oh, come to the water all you who are  
thirsty;  
though you have no money, come!  
Buy corn without money, and eat,  
and, at no cost, wine and milk.  
Why spend money on what is not bread,  
your wages on what fails to satisfy?  
Listen, listen to me and you will have  
good things to eat  
and rich food to enjoy.  
Pay attention, come to me;  
listen, and your soul will live.

With you I will make an everlasting  
covenant  
out of the favours promised to David.  
The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### **Responsorial Psalm**

**Ps 144:8-9, 15-18**

**R. The hand of the Lord feeds us:  
he answers all our needs.**

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,  
slow to anger, abounding in love.  
How good is the Lord to all,  
compassionate to all his creatures. **R.**

The eyes of all creatures look to you  
and you give them their food in due time.  
You open wide your hand,  
grant the desires of all who live. **R.**

The Lord is just in all his ways  
and loving in all his deeds.  
He is close to all who call him,  
call on him from their hearts. **R.**

### **Second Reading**

**Romans 8:35, 37-39**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the  
Romans

*No creature can separate us from the love of  
God, which is in Christ.*

Nothing can come between us and the love of  
Christ, even if we are troubled or worried, or  
being persecuted, or lacking food or clothes, or  
being threatened or even attacked. These are  
the trials through which we triumph, by the  
power of him who loved us.  
For I am certain of this: neither death nor life,  
no angel, no prince, nothing that exists,  
nothing still to come, not any power, or height  
or depth, nor any created thing, can ever come  
between us and the love of God made visible in  
Christ Jesus our Lord.  
The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation**

**Matthew 4:4**

Alleluia, alleluia!

No one lives on bread alone,  
but on every word that comes from the mouth  
of God.

Alleluia!

**Gospel**

**Matthew 14:13-21**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to  
Matthew

*They all ate and were satisfied.*

When Jesus received the news of John the Baptist's death he withdrew by boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But the people heard of this and, leaving the towns, went after him on foot. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them and healed their sick.

When evening came, the disciples went to him and said, 'This is a lonely place, and the time has slipped by; so send the people away, and they can go to the villages to buy themselves some food.' Jesus replied, 'There is no need for them to go: give them something to eat yourselves.' But they answered, 'All we have with us is five loaves and two fish.' 'Bring them here to me,' he said. He gave orders that the people were to sit down on the grass; then he took the five loaves and the two fish, raised his eyes to heaven and said the blessing. And breaking the loaves he handed them to his disciples who gave them to the crowds. They all ate as much as they wanted, and they collected the scraps remaining, twelve baskets full. Those who ate numbered about five thousand men, to say nothing of women and children.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Reflection on the Readings**

**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:* With confidence we bring our prayers to Jesus whose heart was so moved with pity for the vast crowd that he cured their sick and fed the hungry.

For our Holy Father the Pope, our bishop, priests and all Church leaders, that they work unceasingly to alleviate the physical and spiritual hunger of God's people, we pray to the Lord:

For the leaders of nations, that they use their financial and natural resources to make and distribute bread instead of bombs to the hungry of the world, we pray to the Lord:

For the people of this faith community, that we renew and increase our efforts to assist those

who are feeding the hungry of our area, we pray to the Lord:

For all of us worshipping together, that we deepen our reverence and love for the Bread of Life that we receive during this Eucharistic celebration, we pray to the Lord:

For the aged, the ill and the dying, that they receive the loving care they need and deserve, we pray to the Lord:

For all who are taking their vacation this month, that their spirits, souls and bodies be renewed and refreshed, we pray to the Lord:

For all who have died, especially Noreen Curran and Pat Walsh, that they rest in the peace and glory of God's kingdom, we pray to the Lord:

*Presider:* Generous and loving God, grant our prayers today 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.

### **Prayer of Spiritual Communion**

My 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.

## Reflection Fr Adrian

Today Shane, Cody and Linda complete the journey into the church which we know by the name RCIA, the acronym for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults last year. I and the other members of the RCIA community in the parish have been honoured to walk with them on this part of their life journey. Shane and Cody will be fully initiated: baptised, confirmed and receive Our Lord in Holy Communion. Linda, baptised many years ago, will complete her initiation with confirmation and reception of communion.

We came to know each other as each week we gathered and learned what the Church was and how it makes Christ present in our age as it has done since the time of Christ. We are not abandoned orphans. The words Jesus spoke to the young Pharisee Saul is the truth: why are you persecuting me? In other words, I, Jesus, live in these people who follow me.

On reflection, the words spoken at a baptism are extraordinary: I baptise you in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. The word “baptise” means immerse. Soldiers going into combat speak of a baptism of fire. They are immersed in the action. Christian baptism is actually saying I immerse you in the inner life of God who is Father, Son and Spirit. That action makes a change in the depths of the one baptised which cannot be reversed. The one baptised is changed in the very depths of their being. They become someone they were not before. Christ lives in them and identifies with them.

At a baptism as with all the sacraments Christ is the central figure acting in the life of the person being baptised, confirmed, given communion, freed from their sins, anointed for healing or sent to create community as married or ordained. At baptism, Christ chooses us and commissions us to go and bear fruit that will nourish other people. As He said: You did not choose me, no I chose you. With infants, believing parents seek immersion in the Trinity as the best thing they can ask God for their child. They then give themselves to be sure the children know what our Lord did for them by raising them in the practice of the faith.

With our friends, Shane and Cody, their baptism is their acknowledgment of Our Lord’s choice of them as disciples. Along with Linda, they will all be sealed with the Spirit who was the gift Jesus breathed on the disciples on Easter Sunday night (John’s gospel) and then they will process with the rest of us to be treated like guests by Our Lord and receive from Him the bread of life and the cup of salvation.

Our hope had been to baptise Cody and Shane by immersion in the waters of the font, but this cannot be done. Compliance with Covid-19 regulations does not permit two people using the same water. Emptying and refilling is impractical and cannot be done quickly. One at a time, our friends will stand in the font and I shall pour water over their heads while saying the words.

All three of our friends will have sponsors with them who assist them in living the commission received from our Lord. Yet it is not just them who have that responsibility. All of us in this local community of the faith are responsible for helping each other come to a deeper and more vibrant faith.

We are delighted to welcome our friends into the full life of the Church. As St Paul says today: nothing can come between us and the love of God made visible in Christ Jesus our Lord. Let us take this to heart and let others see this belief manifested in all our thoughts words, and deeds. Let us see ourselves as the nourishment given by the Lord to the crowds who sought meaning and direction in their lives. Jesus fed 5,000 plus with the little the disciples gave him. Through us and our commitment to him he does the same.

#### **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)

Your prayers are asked for Billy Corfield, John O'Brien, Colin Willison, Basil Garner, Leon Garner, Peter Nicholls, Peter & Marie Corfield, Billy Balkin, Pat Hoolihan, Bob Eyears, Joanne Dodt, Michelle Newton, Mary Merrin, Joe Costello, Beryl Walker, Bruno Gabbana, Fr Joe McGeehan & Fr Pat Dowd.

Lord Jesus, who went about doing good and healing all, we ask You to bless Your friends who are sick. Give them the strength in body, courage in spirit, and patience in pain. Let them 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 died recently especially Noreen Curran, Pat Walsh and Elio Perissinotto and those whose anniversaries fall around this time.

#### **CHURCH UPDATES**

Our maximum number is still 50 at Sunday mass. If you wish to come, please contact the parish office to leave your contact details.

Newcomers will be allocated a seat. Remaining seats are allocated on drawing names from the sacred hat! Those who celebrated the previous week have one week off. After that, their names return for possible selection. Late each week, the parish will contact those who have a seat. With 5.30 pm mass for the time being, we have been able to welcome all who express an interest in coming.

Mass is live streamed from St Patrick's at 10 am so those allocated a seat are asked to be in the church by 9.30 am.

Fr Adrian acknowledges that this method of seat allocation is clumsy but it is the way to go while complying with the government regulations.

## FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF THE PARISH

With Sunday masses suspended for the time being, please continue to support the parish financially. The ways to do this are:

**Use the envelopes** and drop them off at the parish office. Those at Mass, can place their offerings in the baskets in front of the altar.

Arrange a **direct debit** from your financial institution to the parish

**Transfer funds electronically online.** To make these transfers the details to use are:  
Gympie Parish BSB 064-786 Account Number 6531102 or BSB 064-786 Account Number 100017636.

**To make a deposit at a post office or bank branch** use these details: BSB 064-000 Account Number 0032 5284. This is an open account unlike the closed account for electronic transfer.

This is the main account for the Archdiocesan Development Fund (ADF). Ask the staff member you deal with to include an identifier. Experience has shown that some will not accept identifiers (I do not why. Those with banking experience may have an answer.) Staff at the ADF have assured me that even without an identifier they will know which account the deposit goes to. May I suggest you send an email to the parish with details of your deposit – date and amount to ensure our records of your assistance are accurate.



<http://parishgiving.brisbanecatholic.org.au/>

The app for people to use to donate to the parish is being set up. Fr Adrian does not expect people to use this as their ordinary way of giving financial support as the fees reduce the amount the parish receives. The best way of support is direct debit as this works without extra charges.

The **Men's Afternoons** are held on the **Third Thursday of the Month** from 12.45 pm until 2.45 pm. Next is **Thursday 20th August** for transport assistance please contact the parish office, 5482 1213.



**PIETY STORE** will be open 9am to 9.30am each Sunday

## WEBCAST CELEBRATIONS OF THE EUCHARIST AND OTHER PRAYERS

**ST PATRICK'S** Sunday 10.00 am. Live stream: go to the Gympie parish website – [www.stpatsgympie.net.au](http://www.stpatsgympie.net.au) and click on the Facebook item at the top right of the screen.

**CATHEDRAL OF ST STEPHEN** Live stream. [www.archbne.org/bzw](http://www.archbne.org/bzw).

Weekday mass: 8.00 am

Sunday: 8.00 am and 10.00 am

**MASS ON TV** Channel 10 6am each Sunday



## CATHOLIC LEADER

With the recent announcement to suspend all Sunday and Saturday vigil Masses until further notice, you, our readers, will be unable to buy The Catholic Leader at parishes on weekends. So, we are making our digital newspaper free at our website, [catholicleader.com.au](http://catholicleader.com.au).

This [digital newspaper](#) will be free for readers to access until parishes reopen across the Brisbane archdiocese. It is our commitment to ensure that everybody has access to stories of connection, inspiration, and faith.

The time has come to change cars. If anyone wishes to buy the Subaru Outback Premium I have driven for the last 2 years let me know ASAP. The price is: \$22,000. The car has done 65,000 km. Dare I say it has been religiously maintained! Fr Adrian



The resources can be found on the Liturgy Brisbane website at <https://www.liturgybrisbane.net.au/prepare/sunday-readings-and-family-prayer/> and will be updated each week.

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### Position Vacant – Parish Administration Assistant

Applications are open for a position at the **Kingaroy Nanango Catholic Parish**. A person with excellent administration and secretarial skills is required for a part time position of Parish Administration Assistant for 20 hours a week

### Position Vacant – Receptionist

Applications are open for a position at the **Maroochydore Parish**. A person with excellent receptionist and secretarial skills is required for a full-time position of Receptionist for 38 hours a week.

For additional information, please visit the Archdiocese of Brisbane website <https://clientapps.jobadder.com/68451/aob-internal-career-opportunities>

*The Archdiocese of Brisbane has standards of conduct for workers to maintain a safe and healthy environment for children. Our commitment to these standards requires that we conduct working with children checks and background referencing for all persons who will engage in direct and regular involvement with children and young people (0 - 18 years) and/or vulnerable adults. The organisation is fully committed to child safety and has a 0 tolerance to abuse of children or vulnerable adults.*



## PRAYER IN THIS TIME OF CRISIS

*If our doors are closed,  
let our hearts be open.*

Almighty and all-merciful God,  
lover of the human race, healer of all our wounds,  
in whom there is no shadow of death,  
save us in this time of crisis;  
grant wisdom and courage to our leaders;  
watch over all medical people  
as they tend the sick and work for a cure;  
stir in us a sense of solidarity beyond all isolation;  
if our doors are closed, let our hearts be open.  
By the power of your love destroy the virus of fear,  
that hope may never die  
and the light of Easter, the triumph of life,  
may shine upon us and the whole world.  
Through Jesus Christ, the Lord risen from the dead,  
who lives and reigns for ever and ever.  
Amen.

Holy Mary, health of the sick, pray for us.  
St Joseph, guardian of us all, pray for us.

Most Rev. Mark Coleridge  
Archbishop of Brisbane



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Churches are  
not being  
closed.  
Buildings are  
being closed.  
You are the  
church! You are  
to remain open.

## POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER TO MARY DURING THE PANDEMIC

O Mary,  
you always shine on our path  
as a sign of salvation and of hope.  
We entrust ourselves to you,  
Health of the Sick,  
who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain,  
keeping your faith firm.  
You, Salvation of Your People,  
know what we need,  
and we are sure you will provide  
so that, as in Cana of Galilee,  
we may return to joy and to feasting  
after this time of trial.  
Help us, Mother of Divine Love,  
to conform to the will of the Father  
and to do as we are told by Jesus,  
who has taken upon himself our sufferings  
and carried our sorrows  
to lead us, through the cross,  
to the joy of the resurrection.  
Amen.

