**Saint Patrick’s Gympie Pastoral Council Report for April 2016.**

Here is an update on the current activities of our Parish Council:

* **Formation:** occurred and was very prayerful.

* **Reports** by Fr Pat, the Chairperson, Care and Concern, Liturgy Co-ordinating group, Presentation Ball, Deanery Business.
* A report was tabled for St Patrick’s College. Info is on the College website on:
* [http://spcgympie.schoolzineplus.com/newsletter/11777](https://staffportal.bne.catholic.edu.au/owa/redir.aspx?SURL=yogDno5S1Bhc9MDwQDw2IyfTem9eALo9KmLlvu74wUn8n0ybHGXTCGgAdAB0AHAAcwA6AC8ALwBzAHAAYwBnAHkAbQBwAGkAZQAuAHMAYwBoAG8AbwBsAHoAaQBuAGUAcABsAHUAcwAuAGMAbwBtAC8AXwByAC8AeABWAGwASgAvAEsAMQBsAFIA&URL=https%3a%2f%2fspcgympie.schoolzineplus.com%2f_r%2fxVlJ%2fK1lR)
* A report was tabled on the Primary School by Sue Geaney. Info is on:

<http://sppgympie.schoolzineplus.com/newsletter/19427>

* The parish website <http://stpatsgympie.net.au> with a link to the St Patrick’s Facebook page.

**Information:**

A welcome was extended to Fr. Lucius for his first Pastoral Council meeting.

The sacramental preparation in the Archdiocese is undergoing a change. This will impact on the sacramental program of St Patrick’s Community. There is an invitation to join the parish sacramental team for 2016.

Fr Pat firmed up a retreat/mission/spiritual program run over 6-7 weeks and co-ordinated by himself. This will occur in September/October of 2016.

Archbishop Mark Coleridge will not be visiting the North Country Deanery on weekend 17-18 June 2016. Visit may be in September 2016 and to be confirmed.

Bishop Brian Finnigan will be celebrating confirmation at St Patrick’s on Fri 17 June 2016. Will be asking parishioners to provide a supper for Bishop Brian’s visit.

There will be a Foundations for Lay Pastoral Ministry course in Gympie on 30 April, 28 May, 25 June and 30 July 2016. Info on <http://ife.qld.edu.au/content.php/foundations-for-evangelising-ministry>

Fr John Chalmers spoke on April 6, 2016 and was very well received.

Meetings for the Presentation Ball for 2016 have commenced. A position of secretary/treasurer is available on the St Patrick’s Presentation Ball committee. This will be an ongoing role and will be voluntary. Expressions of interest to the parish office.

The College Musical “Hatfields and the Coys” on 29 April-1 May 2016. Enquiries through the College.

A link to the Pope’s Joy of love is on <http://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/integration-requires-conversion-reflections-on-amoris-laetitia-88165/>

**Date Claimers:**

Deanery Pastoral Councils: *7 May 2016*-Kingaroy-27 August 2016-*19 November 2016*. Hervey Bay.

First sausage sizzle is on Sun 15 May 2016.

*A copy of this report is available at the back of the church and on the parish website.*

**Next Pastoral Council meeting Mon 9 May 2016.** Thankyou and God Bless.