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

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

* **Formation:** was led by Maureen Rush on Pentecost and was very prayerful. Council prayed for Fr Pat who had undergone surgery.

* **Reports** by Fr Lucius, the Chairperson, Care and Concern, Liturgy Co-ordinating group, Deanery Business, Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults, Passionate Family Groups.
* A report was tabled by Karen Harrison on St Pat’s College. Info on

[http://spcgympie.schoolzineplus.com/newsletter/11781](https://staffportal.bne.catholic.edu.au/owa/redir.aspx?SURL=inZzKanDVA-MrSgbBDCoqwmU5ffcIEZ8Pi4LAgi6EfIYZdoOd3vTCGgAdAB0AHAAOgAvAC8AcwBwAGMAZwB5AG0AcABpAGUALgBzAGMAaABvAG8AbAB6AGkAbgBlAHAAbAB1AHMALgBjAG8AbQAvAC8AXwByAC8ATQBOADUAQgAvAEQAUQBPAGsA&URL=http%3a%2f%2fspcgympie.schoolzineplus.com%2f%2f_r%2fMN5B%2fDQOk)

* A report was tabled on the Primary School. 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:**

Fr Lucius spoke very passionately about the importance of the eucharist.

A discussion occurred on privacy issues and information on the parish website.

Positive comments are still being offered about the prayerfulness of the Easter ceremonies.

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 visiting the North Country Deanery on 10 Sept 2016 in Murgon.

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.

The Foundations for Lay Pastoral Ministry course has commenced 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>

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.

A photocopier/printer has been purchased for the parish office.

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: 27 August 2016-*19 November 2016*. Hervey Bay.

First sausage sizzle is on Sun 15 May 2016. Confirmation: 17 June 2016-St Patrick’s Church.

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

**Next Pastoral Council meeting Mon 6 June 2016.** Thankyou and God Bless.