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

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

**Formation:** was led by Tim Malone.

**Reports** by the Chairperson, Care and Concern, Liturgy Co-ordinating group, Deanery Business, Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults.

A report was tabled by Tim Malone on St Pat’s College. Info on:

[http://spcgympie.schoolzineplus.com/newsletter/20623](https://staffportal.bne.catholic.edu.au/owa/redir.aspx?SURL=7HJ9pRYXX8bBxvtkyFpj9VRMgu1IfZJiZ2UOdMeVCV5KCRo9BL3TCGgAdAB0AHAAOgAvAC8AcwBwAGMAZwB5AG0AcABpAGUALgBzAGMAaABvAG8AbAB6AGkAbgBlAHAAbAB1AHMALgBjAG8AbQAvAC8AXwByAC8AQgBtAE8AWAAvAG4ATgA5AEQA&URL=http%3a%2f%2fspcgympie.schoolzineplus.com%2f%2f_r%2fBmOX%2fnN9D)

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

<http://sppgympie.schoolzineplus.com/newsletter/20543>

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

**Information:**

The Council prayed for Fr Pat as he is on annual leave and welcomes Fr Pat Dowd for three weeks.

The front yard of the presbytery will be closed to parking from 29 Aug 2016. This was in response to a long-standing request from Fr Pat. The College has offered the student car-park on the corner of Bligh Street and Schumann lane for weekend parking.

A process for the transition of the pastoral council was tabled. July-Aug: Info on Past Council. Aug-Sept: Nominations. Sept-Oct: Discernment. Oct-Nov: Training. Nov-Dec: Transition and Christmas Party.

Nominations for the Pastoral Council for the next four years are occurring during August. Insert in newsletter.

Thankyou to everyone who donated to Nick Reinhardt. Just over $700 was raised for his ministry in Bundaberg.

A copy of the Catholic Worship book No 2 has been purchased by a parishioner and donated to the parish.

Surplus to requirement roofing tiles are available for sale-contact the presbytery for prices-this is only for a week.

Archbishop Mark Coleridge will visiting the North Country Deanery on 10 Sept 2016 in Murgon.

**2017**-150 years of James Nash finding Gold. 2018-**150** years of Fr. Matthew Horan arriving in Gympie.

Proposal to establish tours for outside groups and tourists of St Patrick’s Church for next year was raised-in conjunction with 150 years of Gympie.

**Date Claimers:**

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

27/28 August 2016: World Migrant and Refugee Sunday.

3rd/4th Sept 2016: Catholic Campaign Sunday.

10/11 Sept 2016: Child Protection Sunday.

Next sausage sizzle will be on Sun 11 Sept 2016 after the 9.00 am mass.

9/10 Oct 2016: World Mission Sunday.

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

**Next Pastoral Council meeting: Mon 5 Sept 2016.** Thankyou and God Bless.