

ST PATRICK'S PARISH

Mass centres: Gungalda, 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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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 Gungalda: 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.

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 pastors, 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.
O God, protector of those who hope in you,

without whom nothing has firm foundation,
nothing is holy,
bestow in abundance your mercy upon us
and grant that, with you as our ruler and guide,
we may use the good things that pass
in such a way as to hold fast even now
to those that ever endure.
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

Procession of the Word of God

May the Word of God always be heard in this
place,
as it unfolds the mystery of Christ before us
and achieves our salvation within the Church.

First Reading 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12

A reading from the first book of the Kings

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and
said, 'Ask what you would like me to give you.'
Solomon replied, 'Lord, my God, you have made
your servant king in succession to David my
father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in
leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst
of this people of yours that you have chosen, a
people so many its numbers cannot be counted or
reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand
how to discern between good and evil, for who
could govern this people of yours that is so great?'
It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have
asked for this. 'Since you have asked for this' the
Lord said 'and not asked for long life for yourself
or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have
asked for a discerning judgement for yourself,
here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart
wise and shrewd as none before you has had and
none will have after you.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 118:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130

R. Lord, I love your commands.

My part, I have resolved, O Lord,
is to obey your word.
The law from your mouth means more to me
than silver and gold. **R.**
Let your love be ready to console me
by your promise to your servant.
Let your love come to me and I shall live
for your law is my delight. **R.**
That is why I love your commands
more than finest gold.
That is why I rule my life by your precepts:
I hate false ways. **R.**
Your will is wonderful indeed;
therefore I obey it.
The unfolding of your word gives light
and teaches the simple. **R.**

Second Reading Romans 8:28-30

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

We know that by turning everything to their good
God co-operates with all those who love him, with
all those that he has called according to his
purpose. They are the ones he chose specially
long ago and intended to become true images of
his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of
many brothers. He called those he intended for
this; those he called he justified, and with those
he justified he shared his glory.
The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation cf Matthew 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of
the kingdom.

Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 13:44-46

A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Matthew

Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven
is like treasure hidden in a field which someone
has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells
everything he owns and buys the field.'

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it.'

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: As the Lord promised Solomon to grant whatever he wished from you, may our requests likewise be granted as we pray now with confidence.

That Catholic youth from every continent may experience the rich heritage of their Church and be guided in their decisions by the Holy Spirit, we pray to the Lord:

That all who find themselves doubting their faith and confused in moral issues may, as Solomon did, learn to distinguish right from wrong, we pray to the Lord:

That we all may be aware of the principles of the New Testament as we make our daily decisions and remember that we will someday be judged on how well we have followed them, we pray to the Lord:

That all our parishioners and relatives who are hospitalised or homebound may be comforted by the prayers and assistance of all who care for them, we pray to the Lord:

That all who have died, especially those who have been killed overseas in the defence of our nation's freedoms, may know eternal peace in God's kingdom, we pray to the Lord:

Presider: Loving Creator of all, we believe that all things work out for the best for all who love you. Teach us to love you as does your Son Jesus who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit forever and ever. 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

Reflection Fr Dominic

Beloved friends,

After some time away, it is so good to be with you and reflect on the Word of God with you and for you this weekend.

Sometimes, the wisdom that comes from our experiences becomes the linchpin that undergirds everything that we have gone through – those that make sense and those that doesn't make sense. This is why wisdom is vital to your flourishing as a living, breathing human being in a human world.

Today, King Solomon from our first reading shows us that this wisdom is a priceless treasure that one would sell everything for in order to possess it, as alluded in our Gospel reading today from Matthew.

In a world, where your military might and the number of horses and chariots that you possess is the definition of your power and strength against your enemies, God asked Solomon what he wanted. As a young King whose intention would be to be powerful against his enemies, he asked for wisdom to discern what is right and wrong in looking after his people. This may sound like an easy request but it is borne out of Solomon's conviction that wisdom surpasses everything that one could ever accumulate in life and all the things that people trample others to achieve – like power, status, authority, fame, position, riches and identity that we create thereof. Solomon understands the dynamic and mysterious riches of wisdom and he asked for it, and God was so pleased that he blessed Solomon abundantly with more that he could have imagined.

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.

THE CONCLUDING RITES

Announcements

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 in the name of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

At the heart of this story is the conviction to will the one thing that matters. As Søren Kierkegaard (1813-1855) once said, “purity of heart is to will one thing.” It’s like Solomon cannot imagine being a leader without embracing the wisdom that comes from above; and so, he wills the one thing that matters – wisdom. Solomon knows that without wisdom his life will be split in different directions and that is not a life to embrace. It is like imagining a country where the leader disdains wisdom; it is like imagining a society where the people shun wisdom and do things that doesn’t encourage human thriving; it is like imagining a world where people show a blind eye and a deaf ear to the sufferings and cries of their brothers and sisters who are suffering, because they lack the wisdom to discern and stand up for what is right that enables the flourishing of everyone anywhere; it is like avoiding the deep questions of your soul that never stops asking you what you’re doing with your life because you have been skimming through your own existence and have not been courageous to give your life to something much bigger than yourself. Yes, wisdom helps you to imagine these scenarios and encourages you to ask how you can be a better human in our human world.

This is why in the bible, wisdom is depicted as a woman going around in the streets and shouting, so that anyone who has ears would invite wisdom into their home, which simply means into their heart. In the Gospel, we can see it as the priceless treasure that Jesus talks about – the Kingdom of heaven where one sells everything that they have in order to possess it. Nothing is worth more than wisdom.

I believe St Paul gave up everything he had accumulated over the years as a Jew and a Roman citizen, with all the trappings that came with it, when he embraced **Wisdom par excellence** on his way to Damascus; and that changed everything for him. And so today, he could write one of the lines that has become a touchstone of wisdom for anyone anywhere who wants to embrace an equanimous posture of the heart in the face of adversity or distress. In our second reading he says, “For we know that all things work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose” (Romans 8: 28). *All things, not some things, work for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose.* The emphasis here is of course “according to his purpose”. When you embrace wisdom, you are embracing God’s purpose for your life, and that in itself becomes the linchpin that undergirds everything that you do, and the very lens that you use to see and interpret everything that has happened and will happen in your life – the ones that makes sense and the ones that doesn’t make sense. God uses everything for our own good. And my brothers and sisters, may that give you hope in every situation. Amen.

Grace and Peace!
Fr. Dom.

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, Pat Walsh, 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 Arthur Reed 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.

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 and click on the Facebook item at the top right of the screen.

CATHEDRAL OF ST STEPHEN Live stream. 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.

This [digital newspaper](http://catholicleader.com.au) 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 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.

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

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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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.

