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

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

* **Formation:** was led by Dawn Langton.

* **Reports** by Fr Pat, 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/11785](http://spcgympie.schoolzineplus.com/_r/33V9/AmLz)

* A report was tabled on the Primary School by Sue Geaney. Info on:
* <http://sppgympie.schoolzineplus.com/newsletter/20535>
* The parish website <http://stpatsgympie.net.au> with a link to the St Patrick’s Facebook page.

**Information:**

The Pastoral Council along with the community is praying for Fr Pat during his recovery from surgery.

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.

Bishop Brian Finnigan will be celebrating confirmation at St Patrick’s on Fri 17 June 2016. There is a supper afterwards-so please bring a plate. Confirmation commences at 6.30pm.

The Liturgy Committee is overseeing an updating and training time for ministers involved in the Eucharist. Two discernment times were held on Thurs 9 June 2016 and Sat 11 June 2016. Numbers were disappointing. Note the time for training of Eucharist ministers has been changed this week from Tues 14 June 2016 to Thursday 16 June 2016 due to a Confirmation meeting. Same time.

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 post 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.

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>

Practices for the Presentation Ball for 2016 have commenced. This event is on Fri 24 June 2016.

**Date Claimers:**

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

Confirmation: 17 June 2016-St Patrick’s Church.

Presentation Ball: 24 June 2016.

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

**Next Pastoral Council meeting Mon 11 July 2016.** Thankyou and God Bless.