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

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

* **Formation:** was led by Tony Hallam on finding water in the desert.

* **Reports** were by Fr Pat, the Chairperson, Care and Concern, Liturgy Co-ordinating group.
* A report was tabled for St Patrick’s College by Karen Harrison. Info is on the College website on

[http://spcgympie.schoolzineplus.com/newsletter/11758](http://spcgympie.schoolzineplus.com/_r/ERRY/g93)

* A report was tabled a St Patrick’s Primary School report for the Council. Info on
* <http://sppgympie.schoolzineplus.com/newsletter/14242>
* The parish website <http://stpatsgympie.net.au> with a link to the St Patrick’s Facebook page.

**Information:**

Fr Pat reported that sacramental preparation in the Archdiocese is undergoing a change. This will impact on the sacramental program of St Patrick’s Community.

Fr Pat discussed the possibility of a retreat/mission/spiritual program run over 6-7 weeks and co-ordinated by himself. This will occur later in the year.

Archbishop Mark Coleridge will be visiting the North Country Deanery on weekend 17-19 June 2016-with His Grace celebrating confirmation at St Patrick’s on Fri 17 June 2016.

A welcome was extended to Sue Geaney the St Patrick’s Primary School Principal.

Farewell gifts for Kathy Fuller and Fr Dom were organised by the council.

The Liturgy group is having a meeting on Mon 15 Feb 2016 at 7.00 pm in the Parish Centre to commence to co-ordinate the Easter ceremonies. All are welcome.

The recommendations of the Liturgy review group are available at the back of the church and on the parish website.

Tony Hallam reminded the council there will be 8 councillors finishing their term at the end of 2016.

The manual arts centre of St Patrick’s College will be blessed & officially opened on Fri 12 Feb 2016.

The contacts of the groups within the parish will be updated and a review of which groups are operating will be co-ordinated by the Pastoral Council.

Expressions of interest for the Presentation Ball for 2016 have commenced. Thanks to Meg and Dave for their roles in this annual event.

**Date Claimers:**

Deanery Pastoral Councils are *20 Feb 2016*, Childers-*7 May 2016*-Gayndah-*19 November 2016*. Hervey Bay.

A commissioning for St Pat’s College teachers will be on Sat 20 Feb 2016 during the 6.00 pm mass.

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

**Next Pastoral Council meeting Mon 7 March 2016.** Thankyou and God Bless.