

# ST PATRICK'S PARISH

Mass centres: Gunalda, 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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**15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A 12 July 2020**

**If you wish to come to mass on Sunday (10 am), please contact the Parish Office to register your name and contact details.**

**We can welcome up to 50 people at each mass and as of this Sunday we can sing!  
Tuesday and Friday no need to register.**

## CELEBRATION OF THE LITURGY OF THE WORD AT HOME

### 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 pastor, Father Adrian, who is unable to be with  
us, and with our brothers and sisters in  
neighbouring parishes.

### 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, who show the light of your truth  
to those who go astray,  
so that they may return to the right path,  
give all who for the faith they profess  
are accounted Christians  
the grace to reject whatever is contrary to the name  
of Christ and to strive after all that does it honour.

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 Isaiah 55:10-11**

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord: 'As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.'

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Responsorial Psalm Ps 64:10-14**

**R.** The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

You care for the earth, give it water,  
you fill it with riches.  
Your river in heaven brims over  
to provide its grain. **R.**

And thus you provide for the earth;  
you drench its furrows,  
you level it, soften it with showers,  
you bless its growth. **R.**

You crown the year with your goodness.  
Abundance flows in your steps,  
in the pastures of the wilderness it flows. **R.**

The hills are girded with joy,  
the meadows covered with flocks,  
the valleys are decked with wheat,  
They shout for joy, yes, they sing. **R.**

### **Second Reading Romans 8:18-23**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us. The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons. It was not for any fault on the part of creation that it was made unable to attain its purpose, it was made so by God; but creation still retains the hope of being freed, like us, from its slavery to decadence, to

enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God. From the beginning till now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only creation, but all of us who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower;  
all who come to him will live for ever.

Alleluia!

### **Gospel Matthew 13:1-23**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

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Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables. He said, 'Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

Then the disciples went up to him and asked, 'Why do you talk to them in parables?' 'Because' he replied 'the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven are revealed to you, but they are not revealed to them. For anyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away. The reason I talk to them in parables is that they look without seeing and listen without hearing or understanding. So in their case this prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled:

You will listen and listen again, but not understand, see and see again, but not perceive. For the heart of this nation has grown coarse,

their ears are dull of hearing, and they have shut their eyes, for fear they should see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their heart, and be converted and be healed by me.

'But happy are your eyes because they see, your ears because they hear! I tell you solemnly, many prophets and holy men longed to see what you see, and never saw it; to hear what you hear, and never heard it.

'You, therefore, are to hear the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom without understanding, the evil one comes and carries off what was sown in his heart: this is the man who received the seed on the edge of the path. The one who received it on patches of rock is the man who hears the word and welcomes it at once with joy. But he has no root in him, he does not last; let some trial come, or some persecution on account of the word, and he falls away at once. The one who received the seed in thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this world and the lure of riches choke the word and so he produces nothing. And the one who received the seed in rich soil is the man who hears the word and understands it; he is the one who yields a harvest and produces now a hundredfold, now sixty, now thirty.'

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:* With confidence that we matter and our lives matter to God, we humbly offer our petitions.

For all of us, that our hearts will be open to receive God's Word, we pray to the Lord:

For the young, that in their search for truth they will listen to the Spirit, we pray to the Lord:

For the old, that they will find comfort, consolation and hope in God's Word, we pray to the Lord:

For religious leaders, that they will be humble servants of God and God's People, we pray to the Lord:

For political leaders, that they will seek the good for the people and not their own ambition, we pray to the Lord:

For those who are sick from Covid19 and those who are very ill especially Peter Beebar, that they know the closeness of God and the loving support of loved ones, and health professionals, we pray to the Lord:

That those who have died be welcomed into your presence especially Lindsay Robertson, Raymond Prowd, Raymond Rankin, and Michelle Kerle, we pray to the Lord:

*Presider:* God our Creator, help us to recognise the many ways you are present to us in the world around us. We ask this, as always, in the Name of your Son and our Brother, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns 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.**

### **Reflection Fr Adrian**

Genesis is the first book of the bible. Chapter 1 tells the story of creation, the seven day story. God creates by speaking: let there be! God's word is always effective. Creation in all its wonder and variety appears from nothing. John's gospel begins with: In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God. In Jesus the human family came face to face with the Word in the flesh, our human flesh. The God we worship is a speaking God.

Today's first reading extract from the prophecy of Isaiah has God saying "that the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will." To anchor the truth of this in something we know well, the prophet likens the effectiveness of the divine word to rain and snow never falling without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to the seed sown and the resultant bread eaten.

This is the context for our understanding the parable Jesus uses about the sower going out to sow. Parables were punchy, easily remembered stories with one point. This story is about a farmer sowing seed in the field. Sowers took handful after handful of seed and scattered it to left and right as they walked along. The seed fell where it fell. What happened to the seed depended on where it landed. Birds ate some, so no germination. Rocky soil saw growth but it was short lived. Thorns and weeds choked the plants that grew. Seed in good soil saw amazingly abundant harvests.

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  
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.

Matthew recalls the original parable but adds an allegorical interpretation of each part of the parable wanting to strengthen the faith and understanding of the members of the community to which he belonged and for whom he wrote the gospel. A parable can be subjected to such an allegorical interpretation but it is not needed. Jesus made up parables to capture the attention of those listening to him and get them thinking. In this case he wants them to think about the way God scatters the word far and wide. God is given to superabundance. The seed scattered by the sower goes everywhere. God does not just plant the seed of the divine word in one spot carefully chosen before hand. Of course, the point of the parable is the harvest. The harvest depends on what allows the word to germinate in the earth and produce a harvest for people to enjoy.

As we listen to the parable it can work like a mirror. We look into it and see ourselves and what we have done and are doing with the word. As we prepare to receive our Lord in communion we ask Jesus to say the word and our souls will be healed. Our soul is the home for our intellect and our will, where we seek understanding of our surroundings and then choose what response to what we see before us. We need healing because our thinking can be very confused and the choices we make neither good for our own well-being or the well-being of others.

The word that is Jesus, the word that heals, is love. Superabundantly scattered from the heart of the Trinity so that we know who created us, why we were created and how to nurture others from the word growing within us and producing what those who are part of our lives need from us.

**Fr Dom Update** Some procedures are ongoing but he is feeling well though tired and with reduced appetite. He is very grateful for all those who prayed for him at this time.

#### **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 Arthur Reed, 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 Lindsay Robertson, Michelle (Lillian) Kerle, Raymond Rankin, Raymond Prowd and those whose anniversaries fall around this time.

#### **CHURCH UPDATES**

We are now permitted to sing!!

Our maximum number is till 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.

**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](http://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](http://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](http://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.



### Catholic Church's National Appeal for SEA SUNDAY 12 July 2020

This week is Sea Sunday, when the church prays for those who live and work at sea. There will be a national Appeal for Stella Maris, Apostleship of the Sea, the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church. Donations will provide practical and spiritual support to seafarers in these challenging times of COVID-19. Please give generously. Go to: [bit.ly/seasundayaustralia](https://bit.ly/seasundayaustralia)



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.

## PRAYER IN THIS TIME OF CRISIS

*If our doors are closed,  
let our hearts be open.*

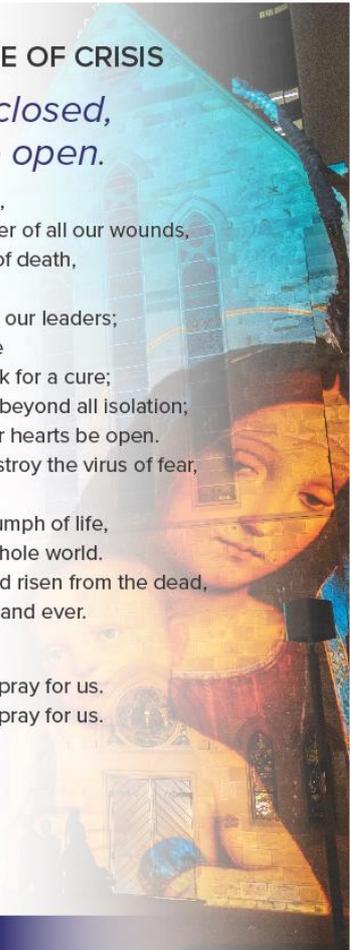
Almighty and all-merciful God,  
lover of the human race, healer of all our wounds,  
in whom there is no shadow of death,  
save us in this time of crisis;  
grant wisdom and courage to our leaders;  
watch over all medical people  
as they tend the sick and work for a cure;  
stir in us a sense of 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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Churches are  
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.

