

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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The Baptism of the Lord Year B 10 January 2021

Parish Mass Times

From 1 January 2021 the schedule of Sunday masses will return to the days and times before the outbreak of Covid-19. You will find the schedule later in the Newsletter.

Weekdays St Patrick's

Monday: 7.00 am Tuesday: 9.00 am Wednesday: 5.30 pm with Evening prayer
Thursday: 7.00 am Friday 5.30 pm

Celebration of the Word

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, Ken his
assistant, our pastors, Father Adrian, Father Dominic
and Deacon William, who are unable to be with us,
and with our brothers and sisters in neighbouring
parishes who keep holy this day
in the celebration of the Lord's sacrifice and supper.

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.

Almighty ever-living God,
who, when Christ had been baptised in the River
Jordan
and as the Holy Spirit descended upon him,
solemnly declared him your beloved Son,
grant that your children by adoption,
reborn of water and the Holy Spirit,
may always be well pleasing to you.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy
Spirit, 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 42:1-4, 6-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Here is my servant, my chosen one in whom I am well pleased.

Thus says the Lord:

Here is my servant whom I uphold,
my chosen one in whom my soul delights.

I have endowed him with my spirit
that he may bring true justice to the nations.

He does not cry out or shout aloud,
or make his voice heard in the streets.

He does not break the crushed reed,
nor quench the wavering flame.

Faithfully he brings true justice;
he will neither waver, nor be crushed
until true justice is established on earth,
for the islands are awaiting his law.

I, the Lord, have called you to serve the cause of right;
I have taken you by the hand and formed you;
I have appointed you as covenant of the people
and light of the nations,

to open the eyes of the blind,
to free captives from prison,
and those who live in darkness from the dungeon.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Isaiah 12:2-6

R. You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.

Truly, God is my salvation,
I trust, I shall not fear.

For the Lord is my strength, my song,
he became my saviour.

With joy you will draw water
from the wells of salvation. **R.**

Give thanks to the Lord, give praise to his name!
Make his mighty deeds known to the peoples!

Declare the greatness of his name. **R.**

Sing a psalm to the Lord

for he has done glorious deeds,
make them known to all the earth!

People of Zion, sing and shout for joy
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel. **R.**

Second Reading

Acts 10:34-38

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

God anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power.

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God

does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.

'It is true, God sent his word to the people of Israel, and it was to them that the good news of peace was brought by Jesus Christ - but Jesus Christ is Lord of all men. You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

cf John 1:29

Alleluia, alleluia!

John saw Jesus approaching him, and said:

This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 1:7-11

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark
You are my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

In the course of his preaching John the Baptist said,
'Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit'.

It was this time that Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptised in the Jordan by John. No sooner had he come up out of the water than he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit, like a dove, descending on him. And a voice came from heaven,
'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.'
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: Because we are God's beloved sons and
daughters, God is pleased to always hear and answer
our prayers.

For a stronger, deeper awareness that God loves us
and is pleased with us, we pray to the Lord:

For the priest or deacon who baptised us and for our
baptismal godparents, we pray to the Lord:

For this community of believers who accept, support
and love all of our members, we pray to the Lord:

For the mothers and fathers of recently baptised
children who depend on their parents to tell and show
them God's unconditional love, we pray to the Lord:

For the infirm, the ill and the dying, we pray to the
Lord:

For our deceased parishioners, family, relatives,
friends and neighbours, including N. and N., we pray to
the Lord:

Presider: Lord God, we ask you to grant our prayers
through Christ our Lord. 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
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.

Prayer of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the
Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I
cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You
were already there
and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me
to be separated from You. **Amen.**

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.

Reflection

Baptism of the Lord

Beloved friends,

Today we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord. One thing about the Baptism of the Lord is that it reminds us of our own baptism. We believe that Baptism is the foundation of our Christian faith. It is the first sacrament we receive that opens the door to every other sacrament. In baptism, we are drawn into the inner life of God as people who have been begotten through Jesus Christ as sons and daughters of God. In a way, we are dipped into something much bigger than our small selves.

The encounter of Jesus and John the Baptist at River Jordan in our Gospel today reveals a lot about baptism. It is something that is being done unto you. Jesus insists that John baptises him even when in the normal parlance, John the Baptist was considered lower than him. John's baptism was considered the baptism of repentance which means that those who came to him were considered sinners. I would think that many people (including religious people) at that time would've stood from afar, looking at John the Baptist, an eccentric man wearing an animal skin as a cloth, shouting for people to repent of their sins and judging him as a crazy person who has lost his mind.

Now bearing that picture in mind, imagine Jesus whom people revered and followed, going to John the Baptist to be baptised by him. It sounds ordinary when we read it and we move on, but this was an extraordinary statement that Jesus was making. Jesus was validating John at that time and saying with his actions to listen to this man. Listen to this man John who, moved away from the synagogue and the Temple (the centre of religious worship at that time), to go to a different place everyone is invited, saints and sinners literally.

John was revolutionary. He was standing in the muddy waters of Jordan baptising people and calling people to a new way of being. One that is different to that which those in power (both state and religion) have ordered to be the way. John preaches against that way and opts for an alternative way of being in the world. Jesus walks into the muddy waters of Jordan, "shoulder to shoulder with sinners," as Bishop Robert Barron puts it, and identifies with those society considers as sinners. That in itself levels the ground for everyone because all of us are sinners. No wonder Bishop Barron calls it "The God who enters our muddy waters."

There is something at work here, *God loves us even when we are sinners and thus journeys with us to save us from the power of sin*. All of us, saints and sinners, are children of God and God desires our good in any situation. It makes sense now that in our Second Reading from the *Acts of the Apostles* that Peter would say to the household of Cornelius that *God does not have any favourite and that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to God*. God cares for our wellbeing and flourishing. Peter only realises that when he underwent his "baptism of fire" while he was resting. He had a trance where he was asked not to call anything God has made unclean. What happened after that was an invitation to go to the house of Cornelius, a gentile (one considered to be unclean in the Jewish tradition), and he baptised his whole household. Peter at that time became aware of a God who holds all of us in being without exception because we have been adopted through Jesus Christ our saviour.

Jesus carries the weight of our sinfulness, absorbs our human dysfunction upon himself to make us whole. No wonder when John saw him coming to receive baptism, he called him the lamb of God. A statement that would've been very familiar with the first century Jewish audience who have witnessed lambs being brought to the temple for sacrifice for the remission of sins. John called Jesus the lamb of God and said that he is not fit to undo the straps of his sandals. He said that Jesus is more powerful than he is and would baptise with the Holy Spirit as opposed to his own baptism of water. This is why John wanted to be baptised by Jesus. However, Jesus insisted to be baptised by John, not because he needs it (he is the son of God), but because *Jesus wanted to submit himself to all the things that we humans have to submit to* as Richard Rohr puts it. He identifies with us in our nature and thus goes down to the water of baptism and emerged to new life; a life where he knew what his life's mission was all about and thus, he went about doing good.

It is fascinating that we rarely heard anything about Jesus before his baptism. But right after he rose from the waters of baptism to new life, the heavens opened and the Spirit descending like a dove rested upon him and a voice from heaven said, "You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you." It felt like at that time Jesus was validated by his Father and now he has Good News for the world. No wonder Peter said in our Second Reading that God anointed him with the Holy Spirit and power after his baptism and he went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. In our First Reading, what Prophet Isaiah said becomes clear. It is Jesus that he refers to when he said, "Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom my soul delights. I have endowed him with my spirit that he may bring true justice to the nations." Jesus, at that time knew what his mission was about, and he went about doing good; which tells us that we need to realise that we are the beloved of God; and once we know that, then we have Good News for the world.

So, may your own baptism (of fire), remind you of your mission here on earth, and may you know that you are the beloved child of God and God's favour rests upon you. You have Good News for the world, so go about doing good in the world.

And may God bless you!

Fr Dom.

Sunday Ministry Roster 10.01.2021

		9.00 am		5.30 pm
	Welcomer	Dina Liedel		Jean Garner
	Commentator	Tom Bushell		Narelle Gruar
	Reader 1	Shirley O'Brien		Tony Hallam
	Reader 2	Isabel Laherty		Kim Mooney
	Communion Minister	Ian Laherty		Elizabeth Shields
	Power Point/iPad	Volunteer		<i>Volunteer</i>
	Camera operator	Volunteer		

Sunday Ministry Roster 17.01.202

		9.00 am		5.30pm
	Welcomer	Pat Geary		Maureen Hillcoat
	Commentator	Dave Connors		Tony Hallam
	Reader 1	Meg Connors		Nen Gambling
	Reader 2	Donna Griffin		Maria Norris
	Communion Minister	Sue Cartwright		Carole Johnson
	Power Point/iPad	<i>Volunteer</i>		<i>Volunteer</i>
	Camera operator	<i>Volunteer</i>		

**Celebrations of the Eucharist:
St Patrick's Gympie:**

Sunday 9.00 am live-streamed mass. Please register at the Parish Website before midday Friday if you wish to participate.

Sunday 5.30 pm. Please register at the Parish Website before midday Friday if you wish to participate.

Monday 7.00 am

Tuesday 9.00 am.

Wednesday 5.30pm combined with Evening Prayer



St Patrick's Parish
Gympie and Surrounds

Thursday 7.00 am

Friday 5.30 pm Reconciliation before Mass

Masses in all Churches will be celebrated from 1 January 2021 according to the following schedule

DAY	WEEK 1	WEEK 2 & 5	WEEK 3	WEEK 4
Saturday	Kandanga 6.00 pm	Tin Can Bay 6.00 pm	Rainbow Beach 6.00 pm	Rainbow Beach 6.00 pm
Sunday	Gunalda 7.00 am	Rainbow Beach 7.00 am	Tin Can Bay 7.00 am	Tin Can Bay 7.00 am
Sunday	Gympie 9.00 am	Gympie 9.00 am	Gympie 9.00 am	Gympie 9.00 am
Sunday	Widgee 11 am		Imbil 11.00 am	
Sunday	Gympie 5.30 pm	Gympie 5.30 pm	Gympie 5.30 pm	Gympie 5.30 pm

Tin Can Bay Church is used by Anglican Group 1st & 2nd Sundays 7.30am

Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion

DAY	WEEK 1	WEEK 2	WEEK 3	WEEK 5
Saturday	Tin Can Bay 6 pm			
Sunday	Rainbow Beach 7.00 am	Gunalda 7.00 am	Gunalda 7.00 am	Gunalda 7.00 am

CHURCH UPDATES

MASS BOOKING

Go to the parish website and scroll down to the Join Us button just below the livestreamed mass video section, and click to join for either the 9am mass or 5:30pm mass on Sunday. The link will take you to Eventbrite where you will choose the date for the mass you want to attend, and then follow the prompts to fill your details and in seconds, you are done.

Please be charitable by not booking for more than one Sundays in a go.

Those who don't have emails or are unable to do computer/internet bookings, please call the parish office and the staff will assist you to get a spot for mass.

Mass is live streamed from St Patrick's at 9.00 am so those allocated a seat are asked to be in the church by 8.30 am. Allow time to sanitise and sign in. Please bring your glasses: they make finding your name a little easier!! With the 5.30 pm mass, come in at about 5.00 pm to allow yourself time to sign in and sanitise. Your glasses are also a great help!

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 Baby Ivy Adele, Dick Cumming, Maree Friswell, Mary Elmer, Gerri & Colin Willison, Billy Corfield, Basil Garner, Leon Garner, Peter Nicholls, Peter & Marie Corfield, Billy Balkin, Bob Eyears, Joanne Dodt, Michelle Newton, Mary Merrin, Joe Costello, Bruno Gabbana, and 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, and those whose anniversaries fall around this time.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF THE PARISH

"If you have changed your weekly giving from envelopes to electronic transfer, please advise the Parish Office on 5482 1213 as not all names have been notified from the banking agencies" envelopes are now available for pick up from the back of the Church.

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.



<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 8.30 am to 9 am & 5 pm to 5.30 pm each Sunday

The **Men's Afternoons** are held on the **Third Thursday of the Month**, next is **Thursday 21st January**, at 12.30 pm until 2.30 pm.* Please note change of venue. Will now be held in the **Parish Centre**, for transport assistance please contact the parish office, 5482 1213.

WEBCAST CELEBRATIONS OF THE EUCHARIST AND OTHER PRAYERS

ST PATRICK'S Sunday 9.00 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

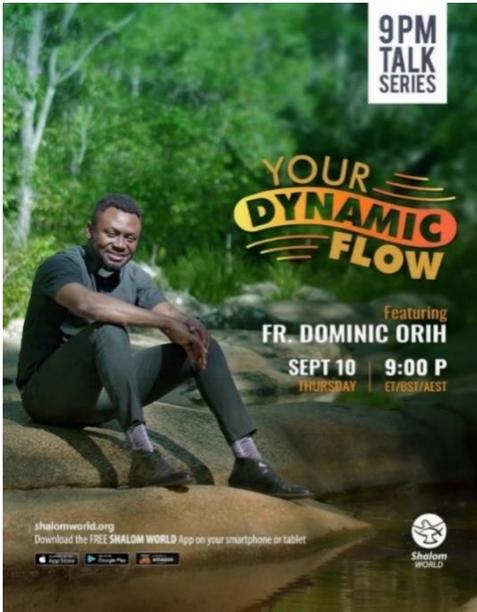


LITURGY
BRISBANE

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.

Wanted: House to rent Gympie area: We are a family of 5 (children and adults) and a dog moving to Gympie. We are looking for a house to rent. Preferably 4 bedrooms. If anyone knows of a house we can rent they can call my husband, Stephen on 0423 203 905. My husband starts work on the 18th January.

If you need any more information, please ring Stephen.



“Your Dynamic Flow”

Use link to watch all 12 Episodes

<https://www.stpatsgympie.net.au/your-dynamic-flow>

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL.

On behalf of St. Vincent De Paul, Gympie, I would like to say a huge "THANK YOU" to everyone who supported our Christmas Appeal. This year, we distributed 130 Hampers & 60 Care Baskets. We were greatly assisted by the generosity of the Gympie community especially St. Patrick's Parishioners, St. Patrick's Primary School & St. Patrick's College.

I would also like to acknowledge the great help & hard work done by friends & family of SVDP members.

Special thanks to William, our new Deacon, who worked tirelessly assembling & distributing the hampers.

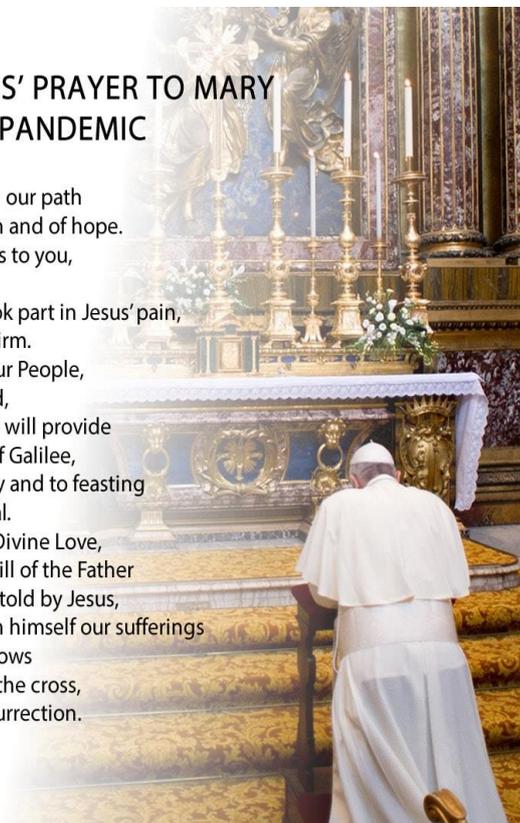
Our Christmas Raffle was drawn after Mass on 20/12 by Fr. Adrian & Fr. Dom. The lucky winners were: 1st Prize - Jan Ardley, 2nd Prize - J. Schmidt & 3rd Prize- V. Nunam. Thank you to everyone who supported our raffle & congratulations to the winners!!

Thanks again, Desley Neal. SVDP.

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.



Gympie Parish

invites applications for the part-time position of

Parish Administration and Finance Secretary

12 hours over 3 days per week

The successful applicant will have:

- Demonstrated ability in providing finance/accounting and reception services and administrative support,
- Well-developed written and oral communication skills and interpersonal skills for providing excellent customer service to internal and external stakeholders.
- Demonstrated capacity to work both independently and with others.
- A willingness to work within the Mission and Vision of the Catholic Church.

Specific responsibilities include:

The day-to-day running of the parish office including finances, reception, general office responsibilities, general banking, database entry, document preparation, photocopying and filing.

To apply for this role please submit your cover letter and resume via the *Apply For This Job* button. Applications should include the name of two (2) referees one of which preferably should be a Parish Priest.

For a copy of the position description please visit the following link (insert link) or any other enquires please email James Herd, HR Coordinator at herdj@bne.catholic.net.au.

Remuneration will be based on the suitable candidate's skills and experience and be paid in line with the Clerks Private Sector Modern Award 2010.

Applications close on Monday 11 January 2021.

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.