

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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26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A 27 September 2020

Celebration of the Word

Lord, have mercy.

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

You came to call sinners:
Christ, have mercy.

Gathering of the Community

Christ, have mercy.

Greeting

In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

You plead for us at the right hand of the Father:
Lord, have mercy.

Amen.

Lord, have mercy.

Blessed be God,
who enables us, through the Spirit,
Bless the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Collect

Let us pray.
O God, who manifest your almighty power
above all by pardoning and showing mercy,
bestow, we pray, your grace abundantly upon us
and make those hastening to attain your promises
heirs to the treasures of heaven.
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.

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 and Father
Dominic, who are unable to be with us.

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 Ezekiel 18:25-28

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

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.

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as
follows: 'You object, "What the Lord does is
unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do
unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When
the upright man renounces his integrity to commit

sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 24:4-9

R. Remember your mercies, O Lord.

Lord, make me know your ways.

Lord, teach me your paths.

Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:

for you are God my saviour. **R.**

Remember your mercy, Lord,

and the love you have shown from of old.

Do not remember the sins of my youth.

In your love remember me,

because of your goodness, O Lord. **R.**

The Lord is good and upright.

He shows the path to those who stray,

he guides the humble in the right path;

he teaches his way to the poor. **R.**

Second Reading Philippians 2:1-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus:

His state was divine,

yet he did not cling

to his equality with God

but emptied himself

to assume the condition of a slave,

and became as men are;

and being as all men are,

he was humbler yet,

even to accepting death,

death on a cross.

But God raised him high

and gave him the name

which is above all other names

so that all beings

in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld,

should bend the knee at the name of Jesus

and that every tongue should acclaim

Jesus Christ as Lord,

to the glory of God the Father.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation John 10:27

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;

I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 21:28-32

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go", but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir", but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'

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: Instructed and encouraged by the word of God, we confidently make our petitions.

For the strength to persevere in fulfilling our baptismal promises, we pray to the Lord:

For the willingness to forgive even the deliberate offences we suffer from those we love, we pray to the Lord:

For the wisdom to refrain from imputing motives behind the actions of others, we pray to the Lord:

For an understanding of those who do not share our religious beliefs, we pray to the Lord:

For an appreciation of the gift of faith, we pray to the Lord:

For those who have died recently especially Daisy Williams, John Seidner, Betty Ogden and Robert Nutland and those whose anniversaries falls around this time especially Tim McKenzie, we pray to the Lord.

Presider: Lord, as we continue this celebration of the Word, open our hearts and minds to your

Spirit and to the needs of one another. We ask this 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.

THE CONCLUDING RITES

now and for ever.

Amen.

Dismissal

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

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,

Reflection

A sense of individual responsibility is one of the great gifts the Jewish people gave to the world and Western society in particular. Ezekiel challenged a view prevailing in his society that the situation of exile they experienced could be blamed on previous generations. That they were victims of their upbringing. There is no denying, and studies of dysfunctional families show the truth of this, that we are deeply imprinted by the family situation we grow up in. Addiction, physical abuse experienced while growing up oddly leaves people as if they were predisposed to behave in a similar way. Offspring of addicted parents or physically abusive parents often marry people with similar behaviour patterns. What we grow up with, however, does not absolve us from personal responsibility. "I have to behave like this because that is what Dad or Mum did?" No we don't. Part of coming to adult maturity is to recognize what we have taken on board from our family of origin and if good, build on it and if dysfunctional, take steps to change any dysfunctional ways of thinking and acting.

Unlike other living creatures with whom we share this planet, we, human beings, are the only ones who play an active role in the kind of human being we become. A plant, a bird, a fish, or an animal is completely what it is as it blossoms, hatches, or is born. What happens to our natural brothers and sisters (to use the language of St Francis of Assisi who happily spoke of brother sun and sister moon such was his sense of connectedness with all creation) is that they simply grow to be a bigger version of what they were as they made their entrance into the world. A rose becomes a bigger bush, so too does a pelican, a barramundi or a kangaroo. Each of them simply grows as they take on the needed nourishment for survival.

Human beings are different. We, because of the divine gift of free will, can make ourselves more or less human. We are not leopards incapable of changing our spotted pelt, we are not old dogs incapable of learning new tricks. We are each a unique bearer of the image of the God who brought us into existence, breathed a soul into us, wrote the law of love and compassion on our hearts and minds. Given this ability to change, righteous persons can renounce their righteousness and become wicked, and equally the wicked can abandon wickedness and become righteous. And here is the heart of Ezekiel's teaching, God will reward the reformed wicked and punish the non-persevering righteous. What they did in the past will not be used against them or for them. What each person does in the present is what counts.

The two sons in the parable used by Jesus in the gospel passage of today's celebrations are a case in point. An initial refusal to work at what will provide for the family is cast aside, while an initial agreement to work is revoked. Applied to ourselves and our relationship with the Father, we are never set in concrete with our responses to what the Father asks of us, what is the will of God. A sinner can become a saint and a saint can become a sinner. The chief priests and the elders saw those they classified as irredeemable, tax collectors and prostitutes, change in their response to the preaching of John the Baptist but they themselves were unable to endorse John as a bringer of new life.

Paul challenges us to have the mind of Christ as our minds. No matter what has gone on in the past of any of us, now is the time to acknowledge our personal responsibility for the person we are to be, abandon any trace of victimhood which we use for not changing and come alive as the saints God wants us to. Unlike the animals and plants, we are to become more than human as fully alive sons and daughters of God.

Fr Adrian

Parish News:

Holidays: Fr Adrian will be away on leave from September 28 until 25 October. Overseas trips are out this year unless going across the bridge to the Redcliffe peninsula counts as overseas. Please keep him in your prayers. Happy holidays, Fr A. In his absence, on weekends Fr Frank O’Dea one of the retired priests will assist Fr Dom. We deeply appreciate Fr Frank’s generosity.

RCIA Meeting – 1 October 7.00 pm Parish Centre Gympie: If you, a family member or a friend, want to know more about the faith and the Catholic church contact the parish office: gympie@bne.catholic.net.au or phone 5482 1213. The RCIA journey ends with the celebration of the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday night 3 April 2021.

Confirmations: Preparation Sessions begin Monday 19 October at 3.30 pm Parish Centre Gympie: Young brothers and sisters in Grade 3 and above who are baptised in the Catholic church can come forward to begin preparation for the sacrament of confirmation. Parents whose children are baptised in another Christian community would need to talk to Fr Adrian or Fr Dom to explore possibilities. Please hand in names as soon as possible to gympie@bne.catholic.net.au or phone 5482 1213. If at St Patrick’s Primary please give names to Mr Campbell. If at the college give names to Mrs Mooney.

Season of Creation: From 1 September to 4 October (the feast of St Francis of Assisi) Pope Francis asks us to make these weeks a Season of creation. He calls us to prayer, reflection and action towards the care of our common home, the planet Earth. For more information go to <https://seasonofcreation.org/2020/04/30/catholics-and-the-season-of-creation/>

Social Justice Statement for 2020 The statement from the bishops centres on mental health in Australia. You can access the statement and other material at <https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/2020/07/03/social-justice-statement-2020-21/>

Eileen O’Connor: Eileen is on the road to being proclaimed a saint. She founded an order of religious women popularly known as the Brown Nurses or more correctly Our Lady’s Nurses of the Poor. They cared for the sick and dying poor in their homes. Injured as a 3 year old she only grew to 115cm tall and was in constant pain. She died just before her 29th birthday. Cards to assist you praying are near the door.

Father Dom’s Talk Series on Show Shalom World TV

To watch Fr Dom’s Talk Series called “Your Dynamic Flow” **live** on Shalom World TV every Thursday at 9pm, use this link <https://www.shalomworld.org/watchlive>

To watch EPISODE 2 aired last week, use this link <https://youtu.be/WStEK2EZqKg>

Hope the series changes your life and encourage you to trust the God who is and forever on your side.

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 Gualda: 7.00 am 1st Sunday of the month **Next Sunday: 4 October**

St Peter the Fisherman Rainbow Beach: 7.00 am 3rd Sunday of the month. **Next Sunday: 20 September**

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.

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 Maree Friswell, Gerri & Colin Willison, Billy Corfield, Basil Garner, Leon Garner, Peter Nicholls, Peter & Marie Corfield, Billy Balkin, Pat Hoolihan, 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 Betty Ogden, Daisy Williams, John Seidner and Robert Nutland and those whose anniversaries falls around this time especially Tim McKenzie .

CHURCH UPDATES

Our maximum number is 60 at Sunday mass. We are finding the allocation of places and notification of parishioners a very demanding administrative task. To ease the burden Anne and Vi carry every Friday afternoon, Fr Adrian has decided to move to registration by computer program. The parish will use the program Eventbrite, popular with a number of parishes. According to Fr Dom, here is how it works for our parish. 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 10am 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. Alternatively, go to the next page and use the links there to book for mass.

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

You can use this link to book for **10am mass**: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/10am-sunday-mass-at-st-patricks-church-gympie-tickets-120873601195?utm-medium=discovery&utm-campaign=social&utm-content=attendeeshare&aff=escb&utm-source=cp&utm-term=listing>

To book for **5:30pm mass**, use this link:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/530pm-sunday-mass-at-st-patricks-church-gympie-tickets-120888435565?utm-medium=discovery&utm-campaign=social&utm-content=attendeeshare&aff=escb&utm-source=cp&utm-term=listing>

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 10 am so those allocated a seat are asked to be in the church by 9.30 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 do allow yourself time to sign in and sanitise. Your glasses are also a great help!

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:

"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.

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 15th October** for transport assistance please contact the parish office, 5482 1213.

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



PIETY STORE will be open 9am to 9.30am each Sunday

A limited supply of Columban calendars available for \$9 and A limited supply of 2021 God's Word for \$15.

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. his [digital newspaper](#) 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.

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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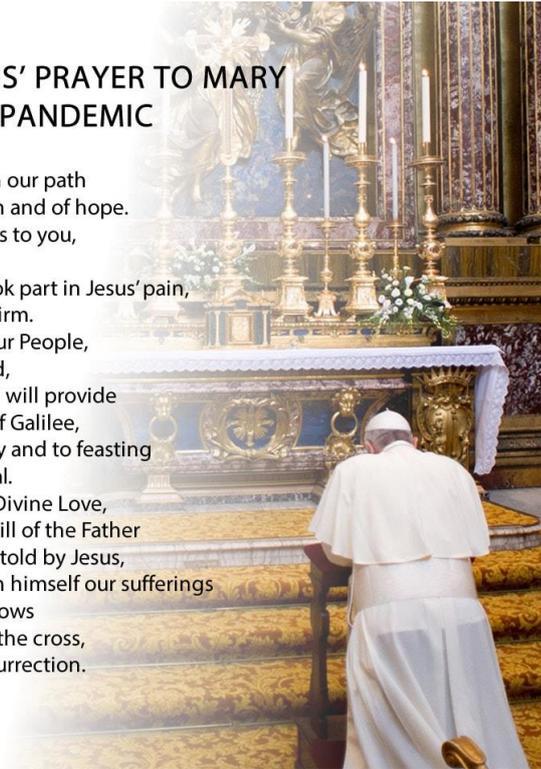
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POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER TO MARY DURING THE PANDEMIC

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.



Churches are
not being
closed.
Buildings are
being closed.
You are the
church! You are
to remain open.

Euthanasia: Recently Archbishop Coleridge wrote about the proposed legislation to make euthanasia, assisted dying or any other terminology politicians and advocates for assisted dying may choose to use, assisted dying means taking the life of another. We are speaking of killing people. We are saying the world would be better off without you.

The dignity of each human being is a fundamental belief of those who believe in Christ. The sanctity of life is fundamental. The proposed taking of life cannot be justified regardless of the opinions of politicians and advocates.

The next few weeks prior to the election in Queensland is an ideal time for us raise this with candidates of all parties and none standing for election. Those of use with concerns about the intentions of our parliamentary representatives may feel morally bound to raise this directly with candidates. Not only is this a reasonable thing to do, it might well be considered our Christian duty.

There are many issues about which we have concerns but euthanasia is one that is very clear. It is life or death. There is no in between.

There is currently euthanasia legislation before parliament which is yet to be voted on by MPs. Thus for Christians, euthanasia is one of the greatest issues facing Queensland society. Euthanasia, assisted dying or any other terminology politicians may choose to use, is the taking of life. It is killing.

The sanctity of life is a fundamental principle of our Christian Faith. The taking of life can never be justified, regardless of the opinions of parliamentarians.

The next few weeks prior to the Queensland election is an ideal time for us to raise this with candidates (of all parties) standing for election. Those of us who have concerns about the intentions of our parliamentary representatives may feel morally bound to directly raise this with candidates. This is not only reasonable, but might well be considered to be our Christian duty.

There is probably be no clearer issue than euthanasia. It is black or white: life or death. Opinions of those seeking election must also be equally black or white.

Candidates must be able to unambiguously and truthfully state how they intend to vote on any proposed euthanasia legislation. Obfuscation on their part is not acceptable. Regardless of whether the legislation goes before parliamentary inquiries, the Law Reform Commission or any other process, candidates must be willing to state their future voting intentions now. Any other stance by a politician might reasonably be considered to be lack of truthfulness on their part.

We should judge our parliamentary representatives by their readiness to tell us where they stand on this issue now rather than any commentary on their part which indicates that their minds will be made up in due course by considered opinion, inquiries or commissions, or any other procrastinating excuses.

To email the leaders and the candidates is not being party political. To ask them to state their intentions is something those who choose to do so, do as individual voters