

**MASS TIMES DURING THE WEEK:**  
**Monday 7.00 am, Tuesday 9.00 am, Wednesday 5.30 pm, Thursday Healing Mass 9.30am, Friday 5.30 pm**

*Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Church Chapel 3.00 – 5.00 pm Friday*



**Evening Prayer – Liturgy of the Hours:**  
Every Wednesday after 5.30 pm Mass

**RECONCILIATION: Saturday 11.00 am – 11.30 am**

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK** Your prayers are asked for Leon Garner, Mary Brander, Michelle Newton, Jan Fagan, Joe Ryan, Seth Green, Ronni Rosenthal, Peter Corfield, Antonio Harmer (Great Grandson of Doreen Garrahy), Mary Merrin, Basil Garner, Joe Costello, Katrina Murdoch, Marie-Therese Los, Maree Walker, Ruth Webb

**THE DECEASED:** Let us remember in our prayers those loved ones who died recently especially , and those whose anniversaries fall around this time.

**Reminder:** to all those who require gluten free hosts to please notify priest prior to Mass beginning. Thank you

**Hearing Loop** in St Pat’s. For those who are wearing hearing aids, the hearing loop is situated in the middle of the church to the columns on the outer. You will need to turn your hearing aid to T.

**Holy Communion at St Patrick’s Church.**  
As a mark of respect for our senior brothers and sisters and those with disabilities who sit in the “comfy” chairs at the front, we shall offer Holy Communion to them first. Please wait until this is finished before approaching the communion ministers. Fr Adrian

**Collections in St Patrick’s Church**  
We now take up the first collection at the preparation of the gifts (as we do now) and take up the second collection after communion and before the final prayer. Can we also try passing the plate to the pillars and then handing over to the row behind.

**Are You a Musician?**  
**We (your parish) need you**

If you are a keyboard player, a guitarist, flautist, violinist, saxophonist, singer etc your parish needs you. Please let the office know you are interested.



**MASS TIMES FOR NEXT WEEK-END**  
**Saturday (Vigil) 18.01.2020**  
**Rainbow Beach 6.00 pm**  
**Sunday 19.01.2020**  
**Tin Can Bay 7.00 am**  
**Gympie 9.00 am**  
**Imbil 11.00 am**  
**Gympie 5.30 pm**  
**Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion**  
**Gunalda 7.00 am**

**LITURGY ROSTER for next weekend: 19.01.20**  
**Welcomers:**  
**9.00 am** E Missen, P Tobin  
**5.30 pm** E Hehir, A Eames  
**Ministers of the Word:**  
**9.00 am** T Bushell, D Connors, K Cartwright  
**5.30 pm** K Lisle, M Norris, M Rush  
**Ministers of Holy Communion:**  
**9.00 am** \* A Williams, N Wright, C Clifford  
\* D Dillon, D Leidel, P Dillon, J McCabe  
**5.30 pm** \* K Garner, N Adams,  
\* B Doak, P Adams, M Cauchi  
**Altar Servers:**  
**9.00 am 5.30 pm**  
**Musicians:**  
**9.00 am** E Carroll **5.30 pm** iPad

**NEXT SUNDAY’S READINGS:**  
First Reading: Isaiah 49: 3, 5-6  
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1: 1-3  
Gospel John 1: 29-34

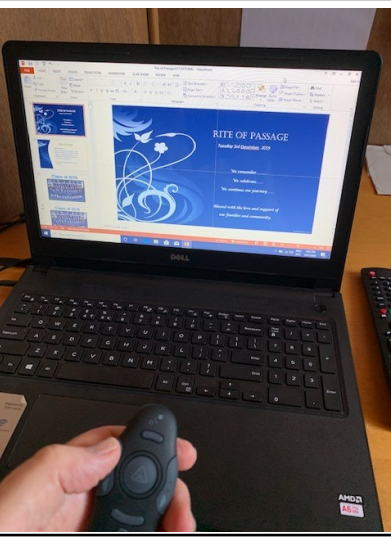
**CATHOLIC PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS LIMITED (CPSL) AUDIT REPORT**  
Earlier this year the Archdiocese participated in the Catholic Professional Standards Ltd. (CPSL) audit on the National Catholic Safeguarding Standards.  
The auditors’ report was released on Tuesday, and can be accessed online at [www.cpsltd.org.au/media/1590/brisbane-cpsl-final-audit-report-december-2019.pdf](http://www.cpsltd.org.au/media/1590/brisbane-cpsl-final-audit-report-december-2019.pdf).


I am pleased to share that the Archdiocese of Brisbane obtained an excellent result of 84% compliance with the standards. I would like to thank all clergy, employees and volunteers for their efforts in ensuring that professional standards are upheld across our parishes, ministries and cultural communities.

**Community Bus: Urgently needed Drivers** with LR (light rigid licence) to take people to and from Church Sunday Mornings. Please ring Marie 5482 5595 if you can assist.

**PowerPoint Operators**

We need a team to operate the PowerPoint presentations at Sunday mass in St Pats. Upper primary to senior citizens are eligible for selection. Send your name to the parish office. Fr Adrian





**Community Transport Program**  
Centacare offers community transport services for the aged, frail and younger people with disabilities to get around in the community. Our service is flexible, with qualified drivers who respect clients at all times and offer dignified assistance when needed. We operate a pre-booked shared community transport model of service which promotes friendship amongst our clients. Our general community transport service caters for personal transport needs and may include transport to:

- medical and other appointments
- hospital treatment

Subsidised fares are available to HACC and QCCS eligible people. Zone fares apply.

Please note that bookings need to be made in advance.  
Please ring Judith 5482 8715


**PRAY FOR AUSTRALIA**  
With Bruce Downes (online)

Australia is currently being devastated by Fire!  
It is time to Pray powerfully together!  
Pray for the firefighters and emergency workers  
Pray for the victims and families  
Pray for the homes and businesses destroyed  
Pray for the burnt land and death and injury of our animals  
Pray for rain, so much rain needed!  
Pray for healing  
Join me and Pray each night at 8pm AEDT on Facebook, Instagram and Youtube!  
[Facebook.com/TheCatholicGuyBruceDownes](https://www.facebook.com/TheCatholicGuyBruceDownes)  
[Instagram.com/TheCatholicGuy](https://www.instagram.com/TheCatholicGuy)  
[Youtube.com/TheCatholicGuytv](https://www.youtube.com/TheCatholicGuytv)  
Or pray with me wherever you are!  
May we experience God’s power and love amidst the tragedy!

Please take note of the separate sheet with today’s newsletter. A big thank you from Vinnies. Also a statement of the Churches response to bushfire crisis from Archbishop Mark Coleridge.


**Parish Office Hours**  
Office Phone: **07 5482 1213**  
Monday 8.30 am - 1.00 pm  
Tuesday 8.30 am - 1.00 pm  
Wednesday 8.30 am - 11.30 am  
Thursday 8.30 am - 3.00 pm  
Friday 8.30 am - 3.00 pm

**St. Patrick’s Pious Goods Store**  
Open Sunday mornings from 8.30, closed during mass, open after mass until 10.15 am and Sunday afternoons before mass from 5 until 5.30 pm. In addition to our usual range of goods to enrich your faith we now have the Columban calendars for \$9 each and a range of items available for gifts and personal enjoyment.



**ST PATRICK’S MORNING TEA**  
You are all welcome to share morning tea and fellowship after the 9.00 am Mass each Sunday.  
The hosts for next Sunday:  
**“Hilltop Rollers”**  
**Everyone is very welcome.**

**Family Groups Renewal**  
Thank you for your recent registration and expression of interest in the St Patrick's Parish Family Groups. We welcome you and will shortly be in touch regarding your group contact person, and will provide you with their contact details. St Patrick's Family Groups. Parish Office Phone 54821213 Still interested in registering please contact the Parish office or come to the morning tea after Sunday Mass





**MOTHER’S PRAYERS**  
Our Women Parishioners are invited to pray together  
We wish you all a safe and blessed Christmas and Happy New Year in 2020 and we will see you in the New Year

The **Men's Afternoons** are held on the **Third Thursday of the Month** from 12.45 pm until 2.45 pm  
Next is **Thursday 16th January** for transport assistance please contact the parish office, 5482 1213.

**Community Coffee Club**  
Gympie community Centre 18 Excelsior Road  
Come and join us for a coffee and chat  
Everyone welcome.  
Every Friday between 9.00 am and 11.00 am  
More information ring David 0427 800 277

**LAST WEEKEND’S COLLECTIONS**  
**Total 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection \$1467.45**  
**Total 1st Collection \$1419.55**  
**Thank you**



<p><b>Gloria Mass Shalom</b></p> <p><b>R: Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to people of goodwill.</b>          We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give thanks for your great glory.          Lord God, heavenly king, O God almighty Father. <b>R</b>          Lord Jesus Christ, only begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. <b>R</b>          For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the most high, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. <b>R</b></p> <p><b>RESPONSORIAL PSALM:</b>  <b>The Lord will bless his people with peace.</b></p> <p><b>GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:</b>          Alleluia, alleluia!          The heavens opened and the Fathers voice was heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him Alleluia!</p> <p><b>Holy Holy:</b>          Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of your glory.          Hosanna in the highest.          Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.          Hosanna in the highest.</p> <p><b>MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION:</b>          The mystery of faith: When we eat this bread and drink this cup we proclaim your death, O Lord, until you come again  <b>AMEN:</b> Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen,</p> <p><b>LAMB OF GOD:</b>          Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world; have mercy on us.          Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world; have mercy on us.          Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world; grant us peace</p>	<p><b>Do you know the date of your baptism?</b></p> <p>This is the foundational sacrament of our Christian life but we don't know it like our birthdays because we don't celebrate it annually. I want everyone in the parish to go searching, find it, enter it in the calendar or organiser and celebrate it. Email the parish if you have difficulty and we shall help. Fr A</p> <p><i>Plenary Council Prayer</i></p> <p><i>Come, Holy Spirit of Pentecost.</i>  <i>Come, Holy Spirit of the great South Land.</i></p> <p><i>O God, bless and unite all your people in Australia and guide us on the pilgrim way of the Plenary Council.</i></p> <p><i>Give us the grace to see your face in one another and to recognise Jesus, our companion on the road.</i></p> <p><i>Give us the courage to tell our stories and to speak boldly of your truth.</i></p> <p><i>Give us ears to listen humbly to each other and a discerning heart to hear what you are saying.</i></p> <p><i>Lead your Church into a hope-filled future, that we may live the joy of the Gospel.</i></p> <p><i>Through Jesus Christ our Lord, bread for the journey from age to age. Amen</i></p> <p><i>Our Lady help of Christian. Pray for us</i>  <i>St Mary MacKillop. Pray for us.</i></p> <div data-bbox="750 1157 1466 1409"> <div>  <div> <p><b>Baptism of the Lord - A</b></p> <p>A VOCATION VIEW: Baptism is the starting point; union with God is our goal. How we serve others in between is our Vocation.</p> <p>To talk to someone about your vocation, contact our office or visit our website  1300 133 544 / <a href="mailto:vocation@bne.catholic.net.au">vocation@bne.catholic.net.au</a></p>  </div> </div> </div> <p><b>PRAYER FOR RAIN</b></p> <p>God of compassion,  we wait and watch for your gift of rain  to water the soil  and make the barren land come alive again.  We wait and watch for the gift of salvation  to free us from hatred, greed and fear  so that we may live again  as people of faith, hope and love.  We make this prayer in the name of our Saviour who comes  to be with us. Amen.</p> <p><b>Watch this space for updates</b>  Sacramental Program - Eucharist first half of this year  Joy of the Gospel - Pope Francis. Possible lent study</p>
<p><b>In time of bushfires</b></p> <p>Hear our prayers, O God, for the efforts to quench the fires that rage in our land; and, sustaining our spirits, keep us graciously from all harm and give success to the work of our hands.          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.</p>	

<p><b>ST PATRICK’S PARISH</b></p> <p>Mass centres: Gunalda, Gympie, Imbil, Kandanga, Kilkivan, Rainbow Beach, Tin Can Bay, Widgee</p> <p><i>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.</i></p> <p><b>Parish Staff: Parish Priest</b> Fr Adrian Farrelly, <b>Associate Pastor</b> Fr Dominic Orih, <b>Office Administration</b> Mrs Anne Williams and Mrs Vi Brown, <b>Parish Associate</b> Mr Tom Bushell, <b>Local Safeguarding Representative</b> Mr Ian Laherty Ph. 0460 573 349, <b>Pastoral Council Chair</b> Mrs Maureen Rush, <b>Finance Council</b> Mr Ken Garner, <b>Principals</b> St Patrick’s Primary Ms Sue Geaney, St Patrick’s College Mr Mark Newton  <b>Contact details:</b> <i>Office Phone:</i> 07 5482 1213; <i>email:</i> <a href="mailto:gympie@bne.catholic.net.au">gympie@bne.catholic.net.au</a>; <i>Mail:</i> PO Box 1, Gympie 4570; <i>Parish website:</i> <a href="http://www.stpatsgympie.net.au">www.stpatsgympie.net.au</a>; <i>Facebook:</i> St Patrick’s Parish Gympie</p>	<p><b>The Baptism of the Lord Year A 12th January 2020</b></p> <p>Reflection</p> <p>Whatever about the shortness of a week in politics, a week in the liturgical calendar of the Catholic Church is something else again. Last Sunday, our Lord was an infant in Bethlehem with strangers from the East coming to Bethlehem where he was born and leaving gifts for the baby with Joseph and Mary having followed a star that spoke to them about the birth of a king.</p> <p>Today’s feast, the baptism of the Lord, skips twenty or thirty years of the lives of these two men and brings us face to face with the adult being baptised by his relative, John, in the Jordan.</p> <p>We are listening to a conversation that John and Jesus had. I was wondering what has gone on in the intervening years and how much the two men knew of each other. I find it hard to imagine that their parents had not shared with them the events surrounding their conceptions, naming and births. Raised as devout Jews they knew the stories of their faith. They knew the beauty of the psalms and the rituals of their faith.</p> <p>The baptism incident was not a first meeting of the two men. Jesus had been drawn to John as in all likelihood were all those who would later follow Jesus as disciples. Remember the successor to Judas had to be one who had been with the group from the baptism to the ascension. John had some inkling that Jesus was the one who would baptise with the Holy Spirit and fire, who, true to the meaning of his name, was the lamb of God who would take sin away.</p> <p>The baptism of Jesus is a pivotal moment in his life. The anonymity of a builder in Nazareth is put aside. Rejoicing in the affirmation that he is the beloved son on whom God’s favour rests he sets out to proclaim the nearness of God’s kingdom, that God as Luke will later say, God has no favourites. All are loved without exception.</p> <p>As the baptism of Jesus was a pivotal moment in his life, so our baptism is with us.</p> <p>Ever since I joined your community of faith last year I have encouraged you to know the date of your baptism and celebrate it. Immersed in the inner life of God each baptised person is a priest, prophet and king. Each is clothed with the dignity of our Lord. Each has the flame of faith burning within them. Each has ears to hear what God says and proclaim it abroad.</p> <p>Best of all, if I can say it like this, at our baptism God the Father said of each of us what he announced about Jesus. You are my beloved child, daughter or son. My favour rests on you. If ever those inner voices whisper you have little or no worth silence them by saying aloud: that is not true. I am a child beloved by God. God’s favour rests on me. Then strengthened and affirmed be one to spread the good news as our Lord did.</p>
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