

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 Epiphany Year B 3 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 give God praise and thanks.

We look forward to that day
when we will again celebrate the Eucharist,
as Christ commanded us to do in his memory.
Our community worships in union with the whole
Church, with Francis our Pope, Mark our bishop,
Ken his assistant, 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

Rejoice in the mercy of Christ
Praise the risen Saviour.

Lord Jesus, you came to gather the nations into the
peace of God's kingdom:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

You come in Word and Spirit to strengthen us in
holiness:

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

You will come in glory with salvation for your
people:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Collect

Let us pray.

O God, who on this day
revealed your Only Begotten Son to the nations
by the guidance of a star,
grant in your mercy
that we, who know you already by faith,
may be brought to behold the beauty of your
sublime glory.
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 60:1-6

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The glory of the Lord shines upon you.

Arise, shine out Jerusalem, for your light has come,
the glory of the Lord is rising on you,
though night still covers the earth
and darkness the peoples.

Above you the Lord now rises
and above you his glory appears.

The nations come to your light
and kings to your dawning brightness.

Lift up your eyes and look round:

all are assembling and coming towards you,
your sons from far away
and daughters being tenderly carried.

At this sight you will grow radiant,
your heart throbbing and full;
since the riches of the sea will flow to you;

the wealth of the nations come to you;
camels in throngs will cover you,
and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah;

everyone in Sheba will come,
bringing gold and incense

and singing the praise of the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 71:1-2, 7-8, 10-13

R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

O God, give your judgment to the king,
to a king's son your justice,
that he may judge your people in justice
and your poor in right judgment. **R.**

In his days justice shall flourish
and peace till the moon fails.

He shall rule from sea to sea,
from the Great River to earth's bounds. **R.**

The kings of Tarshish and the sea coasts
shall pay him tribute.

The kings of Sheba and Seba
shall bring him gifts.

Before him all kings shall fall prostrate,
all nations shall serve him. **R.**

For he shall save the poor when they cry
and the needy who are helpless.

He will have pity on the weak
and save the lives of the poor. **R.**

Second Reading

Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the
Ephesians

You have probably heard how I have been
entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you,
and that it was by a revelation that I was given the
knowledge of the mystery. This mystery that has
now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy
apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in
past generations; it means that pagans now share
the same inheritance, that they are parts of the
same body, and the same promise has been made
to them, in Christ Jesus, through the gospel.
The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 2:2

Alleluia, alleluia!

We have seen his star in the East;
and have come to adore the Lord.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 2:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Matthew

We have come from the East to worship the king.
After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea
during the reign of King Herod, some wise men
came to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the
infant king of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his
star as it rose and have come to do him homage.'
When King Herod heard this he was perturbed,

and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him 'for this is what the prophet wrote: And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah, for out of you will come a leader who will shepherd my people Israel.'

Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.

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: Before we bring our gifts of bread and wine and our very selves to the Lord, we make known our needs to the one who has given his whole life to us:

For Church leaders - our pope, bishop, pastor and parish staff - that their leadership be blessed, encouraged and bear fruit, we pray to the Lord:

For national, state and local civic leaders, that their leadership be creative, courageous and unselfish, we pray to the Lord:

For the members of our faith community, that we accept the call to be the light of the world, leading others to Jesus, we pray to the Lord:

For all who live in the darkness of war, poverty, starvation and disease, that our help may bring them the light of a better life, we pray to the Lord:

For the ill, the dying, the persecuted and prisoners, that God's love and our love brighten their lives and confirm their hope, we pray to the Lord:

For all who have died, including Bishop Geoffrey Robinson, Sr Agatha Freeman pbvm, Manolo Kidd Fernandez that the eternal light of God's life shine on them, we pray to the Lord:

Presider: God of life, light and love, help us this week to radiate your presence to those we live with and work with. 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.

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

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.

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Reflection Deacon William

Normally when the president or any other big-name comes into town, they travel in convoy. There'll be people in the front and the back with crowds on either side. One of the great sights of any World Youth Day is the Pope riding around in the Popemobile, waving to the people or walking among them.

The word Epiphany means *manifestation* or *reveal*. Christianity understands it to be the manifestation of Jesus to the Gentiles or the East's wise men. Yet early usage of the word Epiphany often referred to the Roman emperor's state visits. Since they believed that the emperor was a deity, crowds would gather to pay homage to this grand occasion.

There are two instances in Matthew's Gospel, whereby Jesus passes through the crowds in the same way the Roman Emperor did. The first was Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem.

In this instance, crowds were shouting "Hosanna to the Son of David, blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord," with praise and joy on their lips.

The second instance differed tremendously, and that was Jesus' Way of the cross. Both instances gathered crowds and both instances focused on one person.

The first instance was filled with the light and life of fulfilment, and the second instance was filled with the shame and the disgust of infamy.

Yet in an extremely deeper sense, the road to Calvary displays the unlikely *manifestation* of the one who hangs upon the cross. If Jesus' Epiphany to the Gentiles occurred at birth, then the cross was Jesus Epiphany to the whole of creation that freedom and redemption come at a price.

In the crucifixion of Christ, Jesus manifests a drive and singlemindedness that carries the burdens and sufferings of a lived experience all the way to the gates of death.

Yet as we know, the story does not end there. In fact, the most important Epiphany occurs afterwards, and of course, that's the **resurrection**. Jesus' resurrection is the sure hope that death is not the end and that new life is available to all. This Epiphany marks the final moments when all will be enthralled into God.

These Epiphany moments of Christ mark the ordinary cycles of human life. Beginning at birth, through the midst of the suffering of daily living and ultimately concluding in what seems like the final hymn.

I think this is the true Epiphany of the new year. This is also the Good News for every year. We have a saviour interested in the ordinary and even goes far enough to meet us as the doors of death to give us new meaning.

Generations of Christians before and after us stand around singing the joyous praise of victory. Jesus' Jesumobile carries him as the true King of life as we stand among the crowds.

At this moment, we can take King Herod's words in a new light. Herod ordered the Magi to "Go and find out all about the child," yet not with the malicious intent of a threatened King, but with the excitement and the expectation of a disciple ready to pay homage to the King of Life.

Sunday Ministry Roster 03.01.202

		9.00 am		5.30pm
	Welcomer	Anne Williams		Anita Eames
	Commentator	Pauline Daunt		Jill O'Brien
	Reader 1	Tom Bushell		Maureen Hillcoat
	Reader 2	Mark Newton		Maria Norris
	Communion Minister	David Curtain		Berry Doak
	Power Point/iPad	<i>Volunteer</i>		<i>Volunteer</i>
	Camera operator	<i>Volunteer</i>		

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	<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 Bishop Geoffrey Robinson, Sr Agatha Freeman pbvm, 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.

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



PIETY STORE will be open 8.30 am to 9 am & 5 pm to 5.30 pm each Sunday

The shop will be open 30 minutes before each mass from this weekend. I will however be having some time visiting relations out of state and I will endeavour to find a replacement for as many masses as I can. I will not be here for the Christmas masses.

I also have Columban calendars and God's Word for sale along with Christmas cards. There is a box in the shop for the priests to take with them when they attend other churches. The cost of the items are on the lid of the box.

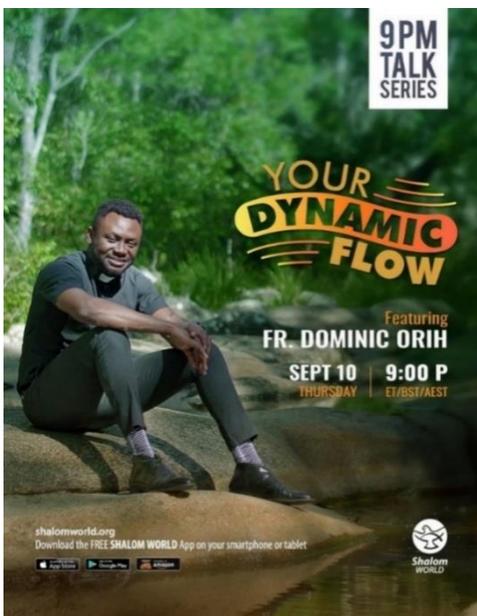


LITURGY
BRISBANE

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.



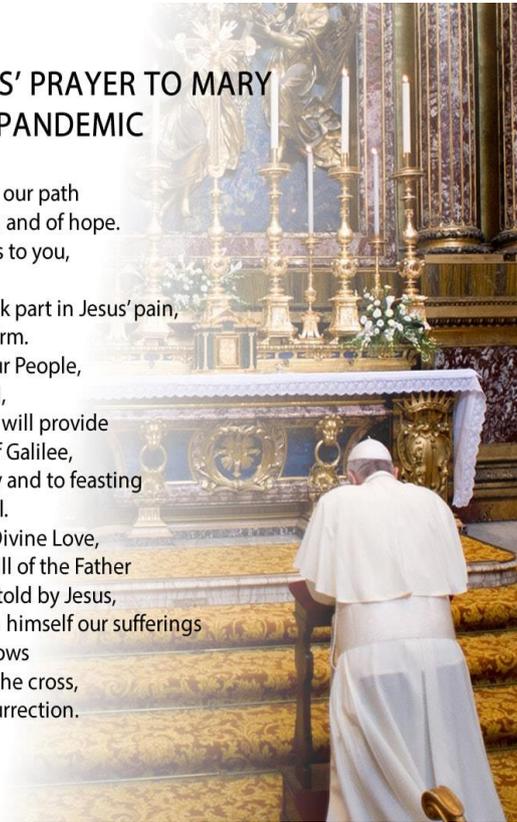
“Your Dynamic Flow”

Use link to watch all 12 Episodes

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

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.



Wishing you and yours
a blessed Christmas
and New Year.

With love,
The Cherish Life Team

*"....I have come that they
may have life, and have
it abundantly."*

Jesus
(John 10:10)

Cherish Life

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.