

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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Second Sunday of Advent Year B 6 December 2020

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 and Father
Dominic & 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 and merciful God,
may no earthly undertaking hinder those
who set out in haste to meet your Son,
but may our learning of heavenly wisdom
gain us admittance to his company.

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 40:1-5, 9-11

A reading from the prophet Isaiah
Prepare the way for the Lord.

'Console my people, console them'
says your God.
'Speak to the heart of Jerusalem
and call to her
that her time of service is ended,
that her sin is atoned for,
that she has received from the hand of the Lord
double punishment for all her crimes.'
A voice cries, 'Prepare in the wilderness
a way for the Lord.
Make a straight highway for our God
across the desert.
Let every valley be filled in,
every mountain and hill be laid low,
let every cliff become a plain,
and the ridges a valley;
then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed
and all mankind shall see it;
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.'
Go up on a high mountain,
joyful messenger to Zion.
Shout with a loud voice,
joyful messenger to Jerusalem.
Shout without fear,
say to the towns of Judah,
'Here is your God.'
Here is the Lord coming with power,
his arm subduing all things to him.
The prize of his victory is with him,
his trophies all go before him.
He is like a shepherd feeding his flock,
gathering lambs in his arms,
holding them against his breast
and leading to their rest the mother ewes.
The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 84:9-14

R. Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us
your salvation.

I will hear what the Lord God has to say,
a voice that speaks of peace,
peace for his people.
His help is near for those who fear him
and his glory will dwell in our land. **R.**

Mercy and faithfulness have met;
justice and peace have embraced.
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth
and justice look down from heaven. **R.**

The Lord will make us prosper

and our earth shall yield its fruit.
Justice shall march before him
and peace shall follow his steps. **R.**

Second Reading: 2 Peter 3:8-14

A reading from the second letter of St Peter

We wait for new heavens and a new earth.

There is one thing, my friends, that you must
never forget: that with the Lord, 'a day' can mean
a thousand years, and a thousand years is like a
day. The Lord is not being slow to carry out his
promises, as anybody else might be called slow;
but he is being patient with you all, wanting
nobody to be lost and everybody to be brought to
change his ways. The Day of the Lord will come
like a thief, and then with a roar the sky will
vanish, the elements will catch fire and fall apart,
the earth and all that it contains will be burnt up.
Since everything is coming to an end like this, you
should be living holy and saintly lives while you
wait and long for the Day of God to come, when
the sky will dissolve in flames and the elements
melt in the heat. What we are waiting for is what
he promised: the new heavens and new earth, the
place where righteousness will be at home. So
then, my friends, while you are waiting, do your
best to live lives without spot or stain so that he
will find you at peace.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation Luke 3:4, 6

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his
paths:

all people shall see the salvation of God.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 1:1-8

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Make straight the paths of the Lord.

The beginning of the Good News about Jesus
Christ, the Son of God. It is written in the book of
the prophet Isaiah:

Look, I am going to send my messenger before
you;

he will prepare your way.

A voice cries in the wilderness:

Prepare a way for the Lord,

make his paths straight,

and so it was that John the Baptist appeared in

the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of

repentance for the forgiveness of sins. All Judaea

and all the people of Jerusalem made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. John wore a garment of camel-skin, and he lived on locusts and wild honey. In the course of his preaching he 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.'

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: Comforted by the promise that you care for us as a shepherd cares for his flock, we bring these needs to you with great trust.

For all those in leadership positions in our Church, in Rome, in our diocese, and in our parish, that they may be guided by the promptings of the Holy Spirit, we pray to the Lord:

For all who work in various governmental offices at every level, that they be true servants of the people who need their expertise and help in their daily lives, we pray to the Lord:

For all those who need consolation in their lives, because of the loss of a loved one or financial insecurity or fragile physical or emotional health, we pray to the Lord:

For all the homebound and hospitalised of our parish and for all those who care for them, that they may know joy in their lives, we pray to the Lord:

For all those who have died, especially Paul Graham, Lachlan Murray-Johns & Clint Haddow that they may be welcomed into God's house, to enjoy the fullness of life.

Presider: O God, comforter of all your people, make us ever aware that we have been baptised in the Holy Spirit and redeemed in the blood of your Son, Jesus, who lives and loves forever and ever. Amen.

Proclamation of Praise

My soul glorifies the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God, my Saviour.
He looks on his servant in her nothingness;
henceforth all ages will call me blessed.
The Almighty works marvels for me.
Holy his name!
His mercy is from age to age,
on those who fear him.
He puts forth his arm in strength
and scatters the proud-hearted.
He casts the mighty from their thrones
and raises the lowly.
He fills the starving with good things,
sends the rich away empty.
He protects Israel, his servant,
remembering his mercy,
the mercy promised to our fathers,
to Abraham and his sons forever.

Lord's Prayer

At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

**Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done**

**on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us,
and lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.**

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.



THE ARCHBISHOP OF BRISBANE

30 November 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Census data of recent years has shown that only about 8 - 10% of the approximately 700,000 people in the Archdiocese who identify as Catholic actually come to Mass. As the Church in Brisbane, we want to do everything we can to reach those who don't join us for worship. To this end, early in 2021 the Archdiocese will be launching a large-scale campaign to invite all baptised Catholics to discover the deeper meaning of their baptism. The campaign will include advertising in the Brisbane Times, Westfield shopping centres, Triple M and also online and social media platforms.

To help us reach as many people as possible, we will need your help to get the word out. In January, Evangelisation Brisbane will be providing each parish and community with fliers, posters, and fence banners, as well as a campaign launch video. In this video I will provide a homily on the readings of the day and invite your parishioners to engage with the campaign (through prayer for the opening of hearts, accompaniment to those who are seeking, and welcoming new faces in the churches). The video is to be played in place of the Sunday homily on the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, 7 February 2021.

The team at Evangelisation Brisbane will be in contact shortly with more details.

I look forward to joining you in welcoming our brothers and sisters home.

As always in the Lord,



Archbishop of Brisbane

The Most Reverend Mark Coleridge

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Reflection

The gospel attributed to St Mark is a gospel in a hurry. The breathless pace does not come through clearly in translation. Apparently though in the Greek, the connector word “and” is used again and again. When you listen to someone young or old who has a story they want you to hear, the words just tumble out. And then this happened, and then that happened, and then the other thing happened.

The Gospel of Mark is the one we will be immersed in through the ordinary time (the green time) of 2021 so it would be a good idea right now to set ourselves the task of reading the gospel from start to finish. Even though the arrangement of the writings we call Gospels in the New Testament places Mark second in the line-up of the four Gospels – Matthew, Mark, Luke and John – studies show that it is the earliest of the four to be written.

In keeping with the observation that Saint Mark tumbles out the story in a hurry, he also begins his account by cutting to the chase. John the Baptist is the first person Mark introduces us to. John dresses and acts like the prophet Elijah centuries before him. He challenges people to change their behaviours. He calls them to symbolise that decision by letting him immerse them in the waters of the Jordan. Mark introduces Jesus as one coming from Nazareth to John and being baptised.

Matthew and Luke only come to the adult Jesus and John after stories of his conception, birth and childhood. St John, the last of the Gospels to be written, goes cosmic, starting with the Word dwelling in the heart of the divine. In the beginning was the word and the word was with God and the Word was God. With St Mark we walk with the adult John and Jesus from the very beginning. As the opening sentence says: the beginning of the Good News about Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

All four gospels have John the Baptist as a key player in the arrival and acceptance of the good news. John is not pre-match entertainment such as was presented at the grand finals and the State of origin football games. John is a man on a mission. John is a man with a mission given him by God.

Holding him as an infant eight days old, his father Zechariah proclaimed: “as for you, little child, you shall be called a prophet of God, the most high. You shall go ahead of the Lord to prepare his ways before him, to make known to his people their salvation through forgiveness of all their sins, the loving kindness of the heart of our God who visits us like the dawn from on high.”

The mission of John is to prepare the way for Jesus, the Lord. He challenges those who come to him to clear the path to the Lord of all obstacles so that people can walk surely. His teaching, if adopted, clears away anything that hinders clear vision of God. John was not a miracle worker apart from the miracle that he was himself. His job was to whet appetites for the one who can satisfy hungers, give sight, heal wounds and strengthen trembling limbs.

John stayed true to his mission and paid for it with his life. As we live these weeks of Advent waiting the people who live and work with us have a right to see us living holy and saintly lives as Saint Peter says in the second reading. Don't be put off by such words. To be holy and to live as a saint is to be a man, a woman, a boy or a girl full of life and a gift to others.

Fr. Adrian

Sunday Ministry Roster 06.12.2020

10.00 am			5.30 pm	
	Welcomer	Margaret Green		Jean Garner
	Commentator	Tom Bushell		Jill O'Brien
	Reader 1	Isabel Laherty		Maria Norris
	Reader 2	Stephanie Vale		Maureen Hillcoat
	Communion Minister	Ian Laherty		Elizabeth Shields
	Power Point/iPad	Annrose Royins		<i>Volunteer</i>
	Camera operator	Connor Garret		

Sunday Ministry Roster 13.12.2020

9.00 am			5.30 pm	
	Welcomer	Erlinda Missen		Dina Leidel
	Commentator	Donna Griffin		Narelle Gruar
	Reader 1	Peter Campbell		Maureen Rush
	Reader 2	Nen Gambling		Carol Johnston
	Communion Minister	David Curtain		Mary Cauchi
	Power Point/iPad	<i>Volunteer</i>		<i>Volunteer</i>
	Camera operator	<i>Volunteer</i>		

Parish News:

RCIA Meeting – Thursday 10 December 5.00 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.

Father Dom's Talk Series on Shalom World TV

To watch Fr Dom's Talk Series called "Your Dynamic Flow" **live** on Shalom World TV every Thursday at 8pm, use this link <https://www.shalomworld.org/watchlive>

To watch EPISODE12 aired last week, use this link: <https://youtu.be/cicxPugRpO8>

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

Celebrations of the Eucharist:

St Patrick's Gympie:

Sunday 9.00 am live-streamed mass. Note: From 29 November 2020, 1st Sunday of Advent mass will start at 9.00 am to avoid the higher temperatures later in the day. 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.

Tuesday 9.00 am.

Wednesday 5.30pm followed by Evening Prayer

Friday 5.30 pm Reconciliation before Mass

St Therese Gunalda: 7.00 am 1st Sunday of the month

Next Mass: Sunday: 6 December. Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion on other Sundays.

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

Masses in the other churches will be looked at in due course.

Christmas Masses

Rainbow Beach:

St Peter the Fisherman

7.00 am Christmas Day

Gympie:

Christmas Eve: 4.00 pm, 6.00 pm, 8.00 pm

Christmas Day: 9.00 am

Central to the story of the birth of Jesus is that Mary and Joseph could find no accommodation in Bethlehem. They had not booked ahead. We look forward to welcoming you at Christmas celebrations of mass but you do need to book ahead. Go to the www.stpatsgympie.net.au and choose which mass you wish to participate in.

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 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, 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 Dick Cumming, Maree Friswell, 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 Paul Graham 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.

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**, next is **Thursday 17th December** will commence with a sausage sizzle at 12.45 pm until 2.45 pm. 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



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.

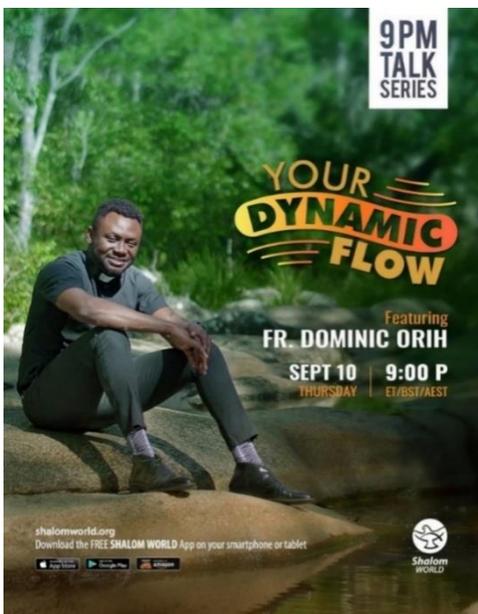
I also have Columban calendars and God's Word for sale along with Christmas cards. There is a box in the shop for the priests to take with them when they attend other churches. The cost of the items are on the lid of the box.

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. This [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.



"Your Dynamic Flow"

Use this link to watch EPISODE 1 of the Talk series:

https://youtu.be/Ua15_Hes0ik

Use this link to watch EPISODE 2 of the Talk series:

<https://youtu.be/WStEK2EZqKg>

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Use this link to watch EPISODE 11 of the Talk Series: <https://youtu.be/vGHbsLGNA4c>

Use this link to watch EPISODE 12 of the Talk Series:- <https://youtu.be/cicxPugRpO8>

Use this link to watch the talk series on Shalom World TV **LIVE – every Thursday** <https://www.shalomworld.org/watchlive> with daylight saving – The Talk Show starts at 8 pm instead of 9 pm
or replay version, use this link: <https://www.shalomworld.org/show/your-dynamic-flow>

To watch all the episodes, go to: <https://www.stpatsgympie.net.au/your-dynamic-flow>



This week we launch our Christmas Hamper Appeal, which provides food and gifts to needy families from Gympie and around our region. Last year we provided 150 hampers and 60+ Care Baskets, smaller gift baskets given to people who, while not necessarily poor in a money sense, had had a tough year and were experiencing loneliness, grief or ill health.

This year, going on the demand we have experienced throughout the year for Family Assistance, and the impact of COVID-19 in the community, we expect the demand to be high. To accomplish this enormous task, we rely heavily on the generosity of the community, which in Gympie is always amazing. Our Catholic parish and schools, together with the wider community, including some state schools, provide us with donations of money, food and toys. This year, as in past years, the Military Brotherhood Motorcycle Club of Cooloola are organising a Toy Run for us.



WHAT DO WE NEED?

Non perishable food, particularly Christmassy items

#Gifts for boys and girls to age 14, unwrapped

Wrapping paper, tinsel, bonbons, Christmas decorations

PLEASE HELP US TO HELP OTHERS

Enquiries sp4570@svdpqld.org.au or 0409421281

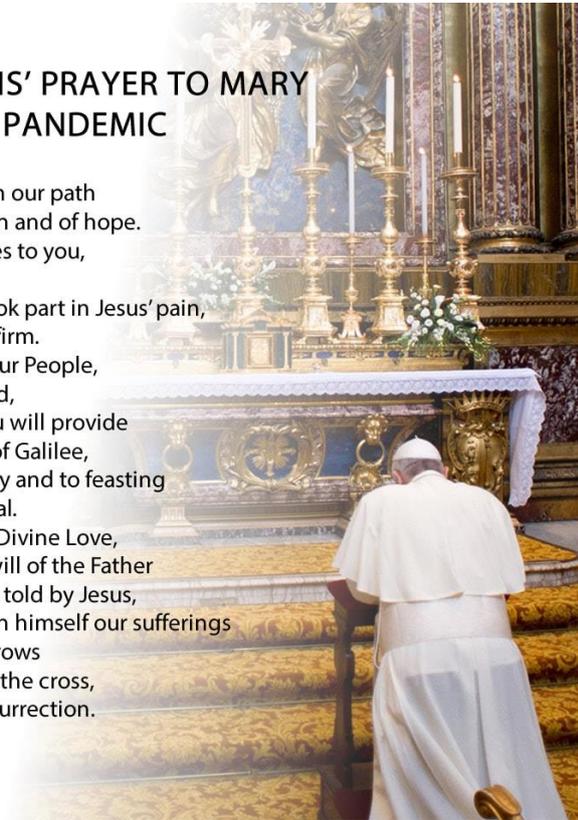
ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

Guidelines for applying for a Christmas Hamper

- Each family must come for an interview at John St during ordinary interview times ie Noon to 3pm Monday, Wednesday or Friday
- Applications for hampers open on Monday 2nd November and close on Friday 11th December
- A Centre Link Income statement is required for each partner in the family
- In the case of a family whose circumstances make it unsafe to come in person, it is acceptable for a social worker from the agency to come on their behalf
- Each family will be given a number and the information on where and when to collect their hamper
- Hampers include food items and toys for children to 14 years
- As usual, we ask that families receiving a hamper or voucher from elsewhere do not apply for a St Vincent de Paul Hamper, so that as many people in the Gympie community can be assisted
- If you are not in receipt of Centre Link payments but your circumstances have been impacted by COVID, please feel free to ask for a hamper this year.
- For further information, please contact sp4570@svdpqld.org.au or 0409421281

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.

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.

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