




<p>MASS TIMES DURING THE WEEK: Monday 7.00 am, Tuesday 9.00 am Wednesday 9.00 am, Thursday 7.00 am, Friday 5.30 pm <i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Church Chapel 3.00 – 5.00 pm Friday</i> Evening Prayer — Liturgy of the Hours: Every Wednesday after 5.30 pm Mass</p> <p>RECONCILIATION: Saturday 11.00 am – 11.30 am</p> <p>PRAYERS FOR THE SICK Your prayers are asked for Ken Murray, Mary Brander, Michelle Newton, Jan Fagan, Joe & Rose Ryan, Seth Green, Ronni Rosenthal, Peter Corfield, Antonio Harmer (Great Grandson of Doreen Garrahy), Jeanette Leis, Mary Merrin, Basil Garner, Joe Costello, Katrina Murdoch, Marie-Therese Los, Maree Walker, Ruth Webb</p> <p>THE DECEASED: Let us remember in our prayers those loved ones who died recently especially Rosa Ryan and those whose anniversaries fall around this time.</p> <p>Reminder: to all those who require gluten free hosts to please notify priest prior to Mass beginning. Thank you</p> <p>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’.</p>	<p>MASS TIMES FOR NEXT WEEK-END Saturday (Vigil) 04.01.2020</p> <p>Kandanga 6.00 pm</p> <p>Sunday 05.01.2020</p> <p>Gunalda 7.00 am Gympie 9.00 am Widgee 11.00 am Gympie 5.30 pm</p> <p>Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion Saturday Tin Can Bay 6.00 pm Sunday Rainbow Beach 7.00 am</p>	<p>A brief overview of the Community Council for 2019. We said farewell to Father Pat Cassidy and welcomed Father Adrian Farrelly and Father Dominic Orih The year has seen many renovations to the whole inside of the Presbytery and Office. A new kitchen and bathrooms installed. Floor covers, plumbing and electrical wiring replaced and then painted throughout. The Parish took over the payment of the Community Bus from Care and Concern. We make a donation of \$1000 a year. Primary School- Mrs Geaney has attended most meeting and kept us up to date with curriculum, social, renovations and fundraising events. The P & F supply many things including the new playground equipment. The College- Sadly because of illness in his family Mr Newton has been on leave. Trish Gabbana presented a very good report about all Churches in the Mary Valley. A decision in the future will have to be made on where we would be best served having a church. The Kilkivan church has been closed. Care and Concern is operating well with catering for funerals, visitation and cook-ups to have meals in the freezer for anyone in need. All Souls Day Mass was well attended with morning tea to follow. Liturgy- Music players are still our biggest concern, not enough of them. TV’s installed in the Church with the schools contributing to the cost. Easter and Multicultural Mass were both well attended. The decision was made to have no Midnight Mass. The RCIA journey has 7 with sponsors. The Sacramental Program had nine participants. A Deanery Pastoral Council meeting was called in October and all parishes voted overwhelmingly to keep it going. The first meeting for 2020 will be held on February 29 at Kingaroy. Cherish Life- Mr Garner reports on activities like movies and bus trips to Brisbane to join with others to March for the unborn children. We have made an in kind donation to Priceless House by giving them the grey house free of charge for a few months. They are a Pregnancy support group. Safe Guarding Children- the Parish has been audited and we are almost up to date with all the registrations of volunteers that are required. The Community Council would like to take this opportunity to thank all Parishioners who take part in any way in our liturgy and community. Wishing you all a Christmas full of God’s blessings.</p>	<p>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</p>
<p>A message from Archbishop Coleridge</p> <p>In recent days there has appeared in various parts of the Archdiocese and beyond a brochure concerning the proposed legislation on the seal of the sacrament of penance. It is anonymous and has not been produced or distributed with my approval.</p> <p>Whatever its good intentions, it personalises the issue against the Premier in a way that is inaccurate and unhelpful - and which may also be counterproductive.</p> <p>There are other more constructive ways of making the Church's position known and responding to the proposed legislation.</p> <p>Therefore, I ask that the brochure not be circulated in any church or chapel of the Archdiocese of Brisbane.</p>	<p>LITURGY ROSTER for next weekend: 05.01.20 Welcomers: 9.00 am N Dooley, D Leidel 5.30 pm M Hillcoat, J Garner Ministers of the Word: 9.00 am V Mort, M Newton, T Bushell 5.30 pm M Norris, J O’Brien, M Rush Ministers of Holy Communion: 9.00 am * A Williams, N Wright, A Towner * D Dillon, M Green I Laherty, G Lausa 5.30 pm * K Garner, E Shields * B Doak, M Cauchi, C Johnston Altar Servers: 9.00 am 5.30 pm Musicians: 9.00 am iPad 5.30 pm E Carroll</p> <p>NEXT SUNDAY’S READINGS: First Reading: Isaiah 60: 1-6 Second Reading: Ephesians 3: 2-3, 5-6 Gospel Matthew 2: 1-12</p>	<p>Prayer for Rain Almighty God, we are in need of rain. We realise now, looking up in the clear, blue sky, what a marvel even the least drop of rain really is. To think that so much water can really fall out of the sky, which now is empty and clear! We place our trust in You. We are sure that You know our needs. But You want us to ask you anyway, to show You that we know we are dependent on You. Look to our dry hills and fields, dear God, and bless them with the living blessing of soft rain. Then the land will rejoice and rivers will sing Your praises, and the hearts of all will be made glad. Amen. From Catholic Online</p> <p>In time of bushfires 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>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: “Ramblers” Everyone is very welcome.</p>
<p>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</p>	<p>Prayer for Rain Almighty God, we are in need of rain. We realise now, looking up in the clear, blue sky, what a marvel even the least drop of rain really is. To think that so much water can really fall out of the sky, which now is empty and clear! We place our trust in You. We are sure that You know our needs. But You want us to ask you anyway, to show You that we know we are dependent on You. Look to our dry hills and fields, dear God, and bless them with the living blessing of soft rain. Then the land will rejoice and rivers will sing Your praises, and the hearts of all will be made glad. Amen. From Catholic Online</p> <p>In time of bushfires 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>Cathedral Guides & Welcomers Cathedral Guides & Welcomers invite you to an information session on Thursday 6 February 2020 at 10.30 am to discover the delights of volunteering with the Cathedral Guides & Welcomers. The meeting will be held in the Hanly Room of the Francis Rush Centre. If you enjoy meeting people; love your Cathedral and revel in good art and juicy history, the rewards of becoming a volunteer with the Cathedral Guides and Welcomers is beyond measure. A comprehensive training program is offered. If this ministry appeals to you, please contact the Cathedral on 3324 3030 or email deveryc@bne.catholic.net.au, by Friday 24 January 2020.</p>	<p>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</p>
<p>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.</p>			<p>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.</p>
			<p>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</p> <p>LAST WEEKEND’S COLLECTIONS Total 2nd Collection \$1337.20 Total 1st Collection \$1234.35 Thank you</p>

<p>Gloria Mass Shalom R: Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to people of goodwill. 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. R 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. R 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. R</p> <p>RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Happy are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.</p> <p>GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, and the fullness of his message live within you. Alleluia!</p> <p>Holy Holy: 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>MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION: The mystery of faith: Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.</p> <p>AMEN: Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen,</p> <p>LAMB OF GOD: 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>Musician Recruitment Drive At the Parish Community Council meeting (formerly Pastoral Council) we saw the need to increase the number of musicians across the parish. 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.</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>Do you know the date of your baptism?</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>  <p>Feast of the Holy Family - A Vocation View: Families are where kindness, humility, patience, and thanksgiving are lived and celebrated. People cannot truly teach these qualities unless they have experienced them.</p> <p>To talk to someone about your vocation, contact our office or visit our website 1300 133 544 vocation@bne.catholic.net.au</p>  </div> <div>  <p>Wishing you and yours a blessed Christmas and New Year.</p> <p>With love, The Cherish Life Team</p> <p>".....I have come that they may have life, and have it abundantly." Jesus (John 10:10)</p> <p>Cherish Life</p> </div>
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<p>ST PATRICK’S PARISH</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>Parish Staff: Parish Priest Fr Adrian Farrelly, Associate Pastor Fr Dominic Orih, Office Administration Mrs Anne Williams and Mrs Vi Brown, Parish Associate Mr Tom Bushell, Local Safeguarding Representative Mr Ian Laherty Ph. 0460 573 349, Pastoral Council Chair Mrs Maureen Rush, Finance Council Mr Ken Garner, Principals St Patrick’s Primary Ms Sue Geaney, St Patrick’s College Mr Mark Newton Contact details: <i>Office Phone:</i> 07 5482 1213; <i>email:</i> gympie@bne.catholic.net.au; <i>Mail:</i> PO Box 1, Gympie 4570; <i>Parish website:</i> www.stpatsgympie.net.au; <i>Facebook:</i> St Patrick’s Parish Gympie</p>	<p>The Holy Family Year A 29th December 2019</p> <p>Families in our western societies come in all shapes and sizes. Many reflect what is prayed in the psalm of today’s mass. A married man and woman with children gathered around the family table. For others who never married but still had children identify as family. Other family units contend with the breakdown of the relationship of the couple who had the children and now struggle on as best they can. Yet other family units are led by same sex couples in registered or unregistered relationships with children being conceived and brought to birth in an bewildering array of arrangements as of themselves conception of children is not possible. Other couples for whatever reason have not been blessed with children but still see themselves families.</p> <p>Today’s feast fastens our attention on the family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. On reflection, their family is by no means an easy model for us to see what God is calling us in our families to be and to do. We call them “holy” and rightly so given the deep relationship that each of them had with the Father whose will they sought to obey at all times and in all circumstances. But can we identify with them?</p> <p>We can but we need to cast aside any voice big or small which says we ordinary human beings cannot be like them. One was the incarnate Son of God, his mother was conceived without sin, and her husband raised Jesus as his own. Being close to God does not mean that one is immune to the toils and troubles of life, that one has an easy path. Even a quick read of the gospels will dispel that idea. Especially the narrative Matthew composes. His account is much grimmer than Luke’s composition with its shepherds and choirs of angels. Joseph wonders should he marry in the first place. When he has done that and Jesus is born he has to flee from Bethlehem to Egypt to escape the massacre of infant boys ordered by Herod to eliminate future contenders to the throne. Did they experience in Egypt what refugee families in their millions experience today?</p> <p>As parents Joseph and Mary raised Jesus to maturity as a man and as a Jew. They watched him embark on a mission of preaching and healing. They worried about him. Had he lost his mind was something they seriously considered at one time? Finally, they went through what every parent dreads. They watched their child die before they did. More than that, they saw him executed as a common criminal.</p> <p>This is drama at its greatest. Different parts we and our families can easily identify with. Others we hope we shall never have to face. What we do gain from today’s feast is that we have within us the Spirit Jesus breathed on his disciples, his students, to complete his work on earth. Paul says it well: “You are God’s chosen race, his saints; he loves you and you should be clothed in sincere compassion, in kindness and humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with one another; forgive each other as soon as a quarrel begins. The Lord has forgiven you; now you must do the same. Over all these clothes, to keep them together and complete them, put on love. And may the peace of Christ reign in your hearts, because it is for this that you were called together as parts of one body. Always be thankful.</p> <p>Let the message of Christ, in all its richness, find a home with you. Teach each other, and advise each other, in all wisdom. With gratitude in your hearts sing psalms and hymns and inspired songs to God; and never say or do anything except in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.”</p> <p>Whatever shape our family takes, however solid or otherwise our relationships are may we never say or do anything except in the name of the Lord Jesus.</p>
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