## 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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## 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B 31 January 2021

#### 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 and Deacon William., who is 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.

Grant us, Lord our God, that we may honour you with all our mind, and love everyone in truth of heart. 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** Deuteronomy 18:15-20 A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

Moses said to the people: 'Your God will raise up for you a prophet like myself, from among yourselves, from your own brothers; to him you must listen. This is what you yourselves asked of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the Assembly. "Do not let me hear again" you said "the voice of the Lord my God, nor look any longer on this great fire, or I shall die"; and the Lord said to me, "All they have spoken is well said. I will raise up a prophet like yourself for them from their own brothers; I will put my words into his mouth and he shall tell them all I command him. The man who does not listen to my words that he speaks in my name, shall be held answerable to me for it. But the prophet who presumes to say in my name a thing I have not commanded him to say, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

#### **Responsorial Psalm**

Ps 94:1-2, 6-9

R. If today, you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us. Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord. R.

Come in, let us kneel and bend low; let us kneel before the God who made us for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand. R.

O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.' R.

**Second Reading** 1 Corinthians 7:32-35 A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

I would like to see you free from all worry. An unmarried man can devote himself to the Lord's affairs, all he need worry about is pleasing the Lord; but a married man has to bother about the world's affairs and devote himself to pleasing his wife: he is torn two ways. In the same way an unmarried woman, like a young girl, can devote herself to the Lord's affairs; all she need worry about is being holy in body and spirit. The married woman, on the other hand, has to worry about the world's affairs and devote herself to pleasing her husband. I say this only to help you, not to put a halter round your necks, but simply to make sure that everything is as it should be, and that you give your undivided attention to the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

#### **Gospel Acclamation**

Matthew 4:16

Alleluia, alleluia!

A people in darkness have seen a great light: a radiant dawn shines on those lost in death. Alleluia!

Gospel Mark 1:21-28

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Jesus and his followers went as far as Capernaum, and as soon as the Sabbath came Jesus went to the synagogue and began to teach. And his teaching made a deep impression on them because, unlike the scribes, he taught them with authority.

In their synagogue just then there was a man possessed by an unclean spirit, and it shouted, 'What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you

are: the Holy One of God.' But Jesus said sharply, 'Be quiet! Come out of him!' And the unclean spirit threw the man into convulsions and with a loud cry went out of him. The people were so astonished that they started asking each other what it all meant. 'Here is a teaching that is new' they said 'and with authority behind it: he gives orders even to unclean spirits and they obey him.' And his reputation rapidly spread everywhere, through all the surrounding Galilean countryside.

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:* Because our God is the only source of true happiness we gladly turn to the Lord to make known our needs.

For the discernment to recognise the false prophets of our time, we pray to the Lord:

For a deeper faith in the power of Jesus to deliver what he promises, we pray to the Lord:

For a wisdom that will sustain us in bad times as well as good, we pray to the Lord:

For the poor, that they will be sustained by a strong hope in the Lord and by our care for them, we pray to the Lord:

For political leaders throughout the world, that they will preach and pursue peace instead of power, we pray to the Lord:

For a deeper understanding of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount and the courage to put his principles and priorities into practice, we pray to the Lord:

*Presider:* God of love and compassion, we ask you to grant our prayers 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

#### **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, now and for ever.

Amen. Dismissal

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

#### Reflection

#### Beloved friends,

Our first reading from the book of Deuteronomy begins with a powerful statement made by Moses to the people of Israel. Moses said, "Your God will raise up for you a prophet like myself, from among yourselves, to him you must listen." At a deeper look, one begins to wonder; who is Moses talking about? And who can be greater than him in the context of someone who has played a symbolic role in the lives of the Israelites?

One thing to remember is that the book of Deuteronomy was written as the final words of instruction by Moses to the people of Israel. One can see it as the final will and testament of Moses. It displays the symbolic words of Moses that will act as a guide to the people of Israel. As one who received the Law from God, Moses was a *symbolic figure of authority* in the life of the people of Israel. This is important to remember, because people would refer to Moses as the source of their authority. Rabbis would make claims of their teaching as one that was handed over to them from their Rabbi, and their Rabbi from the Rabbi that came before them, until the authenticity of their teaching is traced down to Moses. This is why in the first century Jewish world, some scribes and pharisees would make statements that reflects the fact that Moses taught them something, and that is why they are making claims to whatever teaching or position they are maintaining. There is something symbolically strong with the name Moses that when you mention it, it carries some weight to it, some *Kavod* as it is said in Hebrew.

So, to hear in this passage that Moses in his final days was saying to the people that God will send another person, God will raise someone from them to speak to them and for them, and that person, they must listen to, it meant that this supposed person would be greater than Moses. In their normal gradation of importance, they would listen to God, and then to Moses; and since God would speak to Moses and Moses would convey the message to them, Moses was placed really up there in the highest level for humans. So, who could this person that God will raise up from among them be? Who is this person that they are meant to listen to be?

To get a sense of that, we come to our Gospel reading today. Jesus was in the synagogue teaching on a Sabbath, and he taught so well that his teaching made a deep impression on the people listening that they began to say, 'who is that man that teaches with *authority* unlike the scribes?' The key word here is *authority* (bear that in mind, because it reminds you of Moses who has this *symbolic power of authority* among his people and generations to come). While Jesus was teaching, a man possessed by an unclean spirit

began to shout, 'what do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth?" Jesus commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. The man was freed from the unclean spirit and the people who gathered were astonished that they began to say, 'Here is a teaching that is new, and with *authority* behind it: he gives orders even to unclean spirits and they obey him." Jesus' reputation rapidly spread everywhere through all regions of the Galilean countryside.

One might ask, was Jesus teaching something new that he made a deep impression on the people? The answer is no. Jesus was not teaching something new, it was the same message, but the manner he taught was filled with *authority* that people were astonished. Bishop Robert Barron said that the Greek word (es ousia) used to describe the way Jesus taught meant in the English translation that he taught out of his own substance. Jesus taught out of his own substance of divinity and humanity that people were deeply touched from the depth of their being. There is something that Jesus mirrored to them, something of their own glory, something of their own divinity, something of their own humanity and something of their own substance in God. It was not only that he taught them with authority, but Jesus also set a man, who was possessed with unclean spirit, free. When the man said to Jesus, "What do you want from us?" he was referring to himself in the plural because he was possessed by many. This is what the devil does, it divides us from the inside and conquers so that we don't have a life that is willed only to God. (Just a side note, it's interesting that the first casting out of evil spirit that Jesus did in the bible was done in a synagogue, in a sacred space, which tells us that there is no place that we will not encounter the devil.) Jesus set the man free from the unclean spirit that possessed him; he taught the people and healed them from the depth of their hearts, from their ignorance and ways of thinking, and he set them free to live the new kind of life that he was ordering through his works and teachings, and many people came to listen to him. This became a testament to those words of Moses and from many prophets of old, of the one who will come and set his people free and people are called to listen to him.

And so, my dear friends, may we listen to what God is speaking in our hearts even at this time of the pandemic. May we be free from the spirit that splits our will so that we cannot devote our hearts wholly to God, and may we come to know that in Jesus we have seen the God who always wants to set us free. And as we revel in that, may we come to listen and hear what God is speaking to us about our own divinity and humanity even in the mess and sometimes, the chaos of our daily lives, Amen.

And may God bless you! Fr Dom.

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### Sunday Ministry Roster 31.01.2021

	9.00 am	5.30 pm
Welcomer	Dina Leidel	Anita Eames
Commentator	Pauline Daunt	T Hallam
Reader 1	Shirley O'Brien	Kathy Lisle
Reader 2	Stephanie Vale	Rita Perissinotto
Communion Minister	Arlene Towner	
Power Point/iPad	Volunteer	Volunteer
Camera operator	Volunteer	

Sunday Ministry Roster 07.02.2021

 -	9.00 am	5.30pm
Welcomer	Margaret Green	Jean Garner
Commentator	Donna Griffin	Jill O'Brien
Reader 1	Nen Gambling	Maria Norris
Reader 2	Mark Newton	Kathy Lisle
Communion Minister	David Curtain	Berry Doak
Power Point/iPad	Volunteer	Volunteer
Camera operator	Volunteer	

# 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. 30 minute adoration and benediction after mass. Australia Day Mass

Wednesday 5.3opm combined with Evening Prayer

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

Schedule						
DAY	WEEK 1	WEEK 2 & 5	WEEK 3	WEEK 4		
Saturday	Kandanga	Tin Can Bay	Rainbow Beach	Rainbow Beach		
,	6.oo pm	6.00 pm	6.00 pm	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 4	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	Gunalda 7.00 am
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#### **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 Bret Argar, Maree Walker, Brian Langton, John McCabe, 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 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 <u>Fourth Thursday</u> of the Month next is Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> February, at 12.30 pm until 2.30 pm. Will now be held in the Parish Centre, for transport assistance please contact the parish office, 5482 1213. (\*Please note change of Day, date & venue),



The resources can be found on the Liturgy Brisbane website at <a href="https://www.liturgybrisbane.net.au/prepare/sunday-readings-and-family-prayer/">https://www.liturgybrisbane.net.au/prepare/sunday-readings-and-family-prayer/</a> and will be updated each week.

#### WEBCAST CELEBRATIONS OF THE EUCHARIST AND OTHER PRAYERS

**ST PATRICK'S** Sunday 9.00 am. Live stream: go to the Gympie parish website – <a href="https://www.stpatsgympie.net.au">www.stpatsgympie.net.au</a> 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

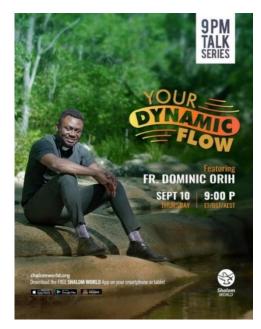
PIETY STORE will be open most weekends. Opening times are half and hour **before** both masses. We have a wide selection of religious items to enrich your faith.

Lenten Program, Home, Church Gatherings

Will be commencing on

23.02.2021

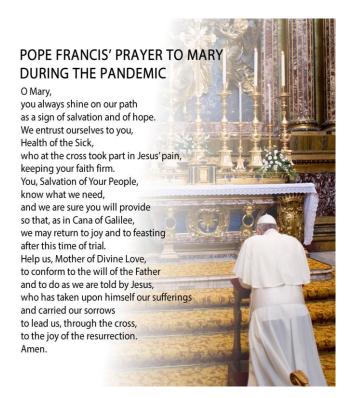
If you are interested in participating, please let us know. 54821213



## Your Dynamic Flow"

Use link to watch all 12 Episodes

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



#### **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 15 February 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.

#### **Position Vacant – Business Teacher**

Applications are open for the above position at the Brisbane Catholic Education School St Mary's College, Maryborough. The position is a fixed-term part-time position of 24 hours per week.

For additional information, please visit the Brisbane Catholic Education website <a href="https://bcejobs.nga.net.au/cp/index.cfm">https://bcejobs.nga.net.au/cp/index.cfm</a> and to vacancies.

This position involves working with children. The appointment of successful applicants will be subject to satisfactory employment screening for child related employment in accordance with the law.

Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.





## St Patrick's Sacramental Dates

St Pat's would like to welcome those children preparing for the Reception of Holy Communion and Confirmation in 2021. We also warmly invite those who have recently moved from other parishes to join us on this Sacramental journey. If you would like to learn more about the Sacraments, please contact the Parish Office.

#### **First Holy Communion 2021**

Date	Session	Time/ Location
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> February	Parents Information Night	6:30pm/ Parish Centre
Sunday 21st February	Enrolment Mass Gympie	9:00am/ St Pat's Church
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February	First Meeting	3:30pm/ Parish Centre
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	Second Meeting	3:30pm/ Parish Centre
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Third Meeting	3:30pm/ Parish Centre
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Fourth Meeting	3:30pm/ Parish Centre
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Rehearsal	6:30pm/ St Pat's Church
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Celebration of Reception of Holy Communion	9:00am and 5:30pm/ St Pat's Church

#### **Confirmation 2021**

Date	Session	Time/ Location
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Parents Information Night	6:30pm/ Parish Centre
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> July	Enrolment Mass Gympie	9:00am/ St Pat's Church
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> July	First Meeting	3:30pm/ Parish Centre
Sunday 1st August	Sunday Mass – 'Pray for me cards'	9:00am/ St Pat's Church
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> August	Second Meeting	3:30pm/ Parish Centre
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> August	Sunday Mass – Receive Creed	9:00am/ St Pat's Church
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> August	Third Meeting	3:30pm/ Parish Centre
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> August	Fourth Meeting	3:30pm/ Parish Centre
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> August	Rehearsal	6:30pm/ St Pat's Church
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> August	Celebration of Confirmation	5:30pm/ St Pat's Church