

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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Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Year A 22nd November 2020



A time to rejoice.

This Thursday, 26 November, Dominic, Olivia, Christy, Natalie, Mia, Erin, Jack, Jordan, Nathaniel, Sera, Casey and Braxton complete their preparation for celebrating the sacrament of confirmation in St Patrick's Church. Some were confirmed at their baptism (the practice of the Eastern Catholic churches), those of the Latin rite will receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit and be sealed with the oil of chrism. This is the second of the three sacraments of initiation into the life of the Church. We are grateful to their parents and sponsors for journeying with them and raising them in the practice of the faith by loving God and our neighbour. May all of them keep the flame of faith alive in their hearts.

Celebration of the Word

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

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 pastor, Father Adrian and Fr
Dominic 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 ever-living God,
whose will is to restore all things
in your beloved Son, the King of the universe,

grant, we pray, that the whole creation, set free from slavery, may render your majesty service and ceaselessly proclaim your praise.

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 Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

The Lord says this: I am going to look after my flock myself and keep all of it in view. As a shepherd keeps all his flock in view when he stands up in the middle of his scattered sheep, so shall I keep my sheep in view. I shall rescue them from wherever they have been scattered during the mist and darkness. I myself will pasture my sheep, I myself will show them where to rest - it is the Lord who speaks. I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and make the weak strong. I shall watch over the fat and healthy. I shall be a true shepherd to them.

As for you, my sheep, the Lord says this: I will judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and he-goats.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 22:1-3, 5-6

**R. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.**

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.

Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose. **R.**

Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit.
He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name. **R.**

You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.

My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. **R.**

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.

In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. **R.**

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in the proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death. And when everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will be subject in his turn to the One who subjected all things to him, so that God may be all in all.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation Mark 11:9, 10

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!

Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 25:31-46

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left.

Then the King will say to those on his right hand, "Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me." Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?" And the King will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me." Next he will say to those on his left hand, "Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me." Then it will be their turn to ask, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?" Then he will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me." And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the virtuous to eternal life.'

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 one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,

At the words that follow, up to and including 'and became man', all bow.

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory

to judge the living and the dead

and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

General Intercessions

Presider: Let us ask God to hear and answer our prayers, which we offer in union with Christ our King.

That God's people will serve Christ the King by caring for the spiritual and physical needs of his least ones, let us pray to the Lord:

That leaders of governments will recognise the rights of the oppressed and honour the dignity of all, let us pray to the Lord:

That Jesus will come quickly to save those who wait in suffering, pain and despair, let us pray to the Lord:

That we who worship here will know the goodness and kindness of the Lord at this table, let us pray to the Lord:

That those who have died, especially Lachlan Murray-Johns & John Pott will find everlasting joy around God's throne, let us pray to the Lord:

Presider: Almighty and eternal God, you willed to renew and restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of the universe. Help us to live the truth of his kingship by serving our sisters and brothers with our whole heart. 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

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

Only once in the Gospels does Jesus admit to being a king. He makes this admission to Pontius Pilate, the Roman governor of the occupied country of Palestine. Jesus is in custody having been arrested earlier that evening. He has had his last meal with his disciples. He will die in the afternoon of the next day by crucifixion, a humiliating form of execution reserved for slaves and rebels.

From time to time, the people had wanted to proclaim him a king. In many ways this desire is understandable. Much of what he said to the people in his teaching was about the kingdom of God or the kingdom of heaven which he said was coming. However, what he was talking about and what the people were thinking were two different things. The people wanted a king like David a thousand years before. They wanted freedom from Roman rule. They wanted a warrior who would go into battle for them and lead them to victory.

Jesus did proclaim a kingdom but it would come into existence not by force of arms but by freely choosing to look at reality as he himself looked at reality. In his reply to Pilate, Jesus links his idea of King to truth. He proclaims that this was the mission entrusted to him when he came into the world. He was to bear witness to the truth. The truth about God, the truth about being a human being, the truth about existence. People would embrace truth when they embraced him. The famous reply in the Gospel of John has Jesus saying to the apostle Thomas: “I am the way, the truth and the life.”

Whenever anyone really chooses to look at reality as Jesus looks at reality they come alive to the fullest way of living imaginable. What the “new sighted” people see is that we are encountering God and interacting with God in doing the ordinary stuff of life. The final judgement scene in chapter 25 of the Gospel of Matthew has people being welcomed with a blessing or dismissed with a curse on the basis of what each of them did or neglected to do to someone in need. “I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison you came to see me.” “For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and imprisoned and you never visited me.” To respond to those in need is to live the truth of being human and the greatest way of giving glory to God.

Pope Pius XI introduced the feast of Christ the King in 1925. He saw the feast as a way of rallying Catholics against what he denounced as secularism, an ideology which sidelines God from human affairs. At first, it was celebrated on the last Sunday in October but Pope Paul VI in 1969 transferred the feast to the last Sunday of the Church’s liturgical year (next Sunday is the first Sunday of Advent, the beginning of the liturgical year and the beginning of the Scripture readings of year B).

The church has had long associations with kings. The conversion to Christ of the Emperor Constantine was a mixed blessing for Christianity. From being leaders of a persecuted movement the bishops and other church leaders assumed positions of power and dressed accordingly. Popes and bishops lived in palaces and often behaved accordingly. Pope Francis chose to live in a unit in the Vatican complex rather than the papal palace.

Jesus knew the seductive power of being in a position of authority. To ensure authority is always exercised wisely he placed it in the context of service. “I came not to serve but to serve and to give my life as a ransom for many.” As his followers, we are not to lord it over other people. The truth he witnessed to in the world was that a fully alive human being was one who served the needs of others. These were the ones blessed by the Father. Those who neglected to live such a life of service were not cursed by God. They were cursed by themselves and lost what God wanted them to inherit from the foundation of the world.

We take the words of dismissal at mass to heart: Go in peace to love and to serve the Lord.
Fr Adrian

Sunday Ministry Roster

22.11.2020

10.00 am			5.30 pm	
	Welcomer	Peter Tobin		Jean Garner
	Commentator	Donna Griffin		Jill O’Brien
	Reader 1			Maureen Rush
	Reader 2	Peter campbell		Nen Gambling
	Communion Minister	David Curtain		Carole Johnston
	Power Point/iPad	<i>Volunteer</i>		<i>Volunteer</i>
	Camera operator	<i>Volunteer</i>		

29.11.2020

9.00 am			5.30 pm	
	Welcomer	Dina Leidel		Anita Eames
	Commentator	Pauline Daunt		Maureen Rush
	Reader 1	Shirley O'Brien		Carole Johnston
	Reader 2	Elizabeth Taylor		Rita Perissinotto
	Communion Minister	Arlene Towner		Mary Cauchi
	Power Point/iPad	<i>Volunteer</i>		<i>Volunteer</i>
	Camera operator	<i>Volunteer</i>		

Parish News:

RCIA Meeting – 26 November 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.

Eileen O'Connor: Eileen is on the road to being proclaimed a saint. She founded an order of religious women popularly known as the Brown Nurses or more correctly Our Lady's Nurses of the Poor. They cared for the sick and dying poor in their homes. Injured as a 3 year old she only grew to 115cm tall and was in constant pain. She died just before her 29th birthday. Cards to assist you praying are near the door.

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 EPISODE 10 aired last week, use this link <https://youtu.be/teVpSUSBgDU>

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. This begins next Sunday

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 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 2020 Mass / service times

St Patrick's Gympie

15.12.20 5:00 pm – Reconciliation 2nd Rite

24.12.20 4:00 pm 6:00 pm 8:00 pm

25.12.20 9:00 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 9am 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 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 Lachlan Murray-Johns & John Pott and those whose anniversaries fall around this time.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF THE PARISH

With Sunday masses suspended for the time being, please continue to support the parish financially. The ways to do this are:

"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** from 12.45 pm until 2.45 pm. Next is **Thursday 17th December** for transport assistance please contact the parish office, 5482 1213.

WEBCAST CELEBRATIONS OF THE EUCHARIST AND OTHER PRAYERS

ST PATRICK'S Sunday 10.00 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 9am to 9.30am each Sunday

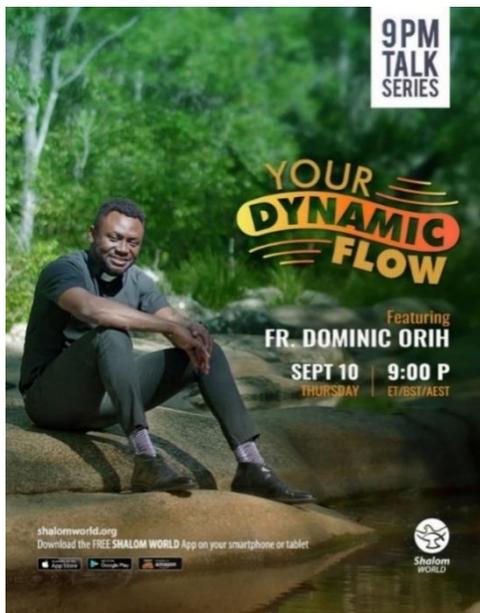
A limited supply of Columban calendars available for \$9 and A limited supply of 2021 God's Word for \$15.

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>

Use this link to watch EPISODE 3 of the Talk series:

<https://youtu.be/vhclJHNbk9c>

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<https://youtu.be/oyWwtMY24AA>

Use this link to watch EPISODE 5 of the Talk Series:

<https://youtu.be/JYDhVCfBPBI>

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Use this link to watch EPISODE 10 of the Talk Series: <https://youtu.be/teVpSUSBgdU>

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>

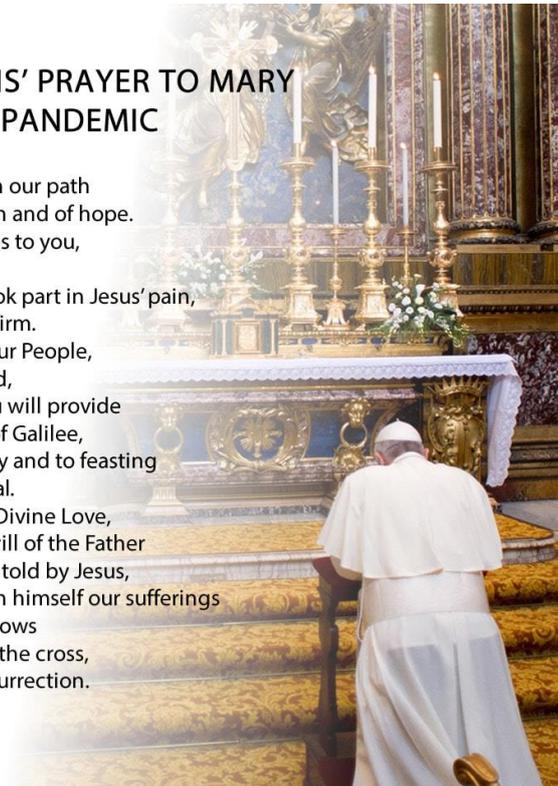
To watch all the episodes, go to: <https://www.stpatsgympie.net.au/your-dynamic-flow>



We welcome Deacon William (Will) Aupito Iuliano to our parish as of Tuesday 24.11.2020. William will be with us until his ordination to the Priesthood mid 2021

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.

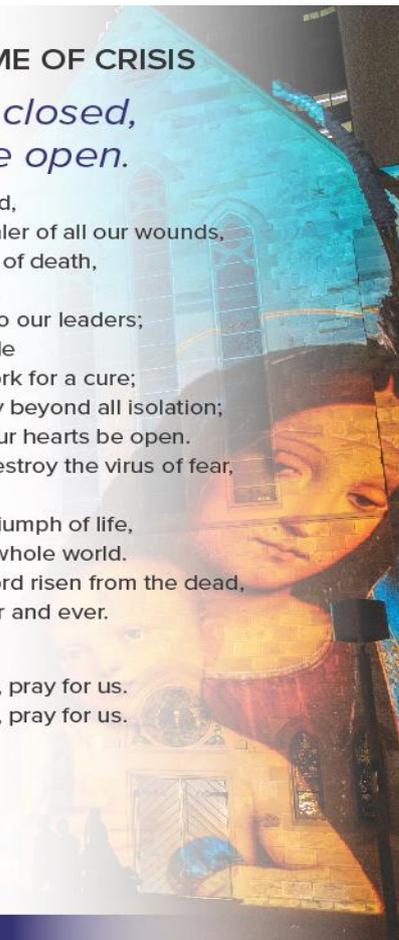
Holy Mary, health of the sick, pray for us.
St Joseph, guardian of us all, pray for us.

Most Rev. Mark Coleridge
Archbishop of Brisbane



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St. Patrick's Parish Gympie

Confirmation Preparation Program Dates



Rehearsal 23rd November 3:30 pm – 4:30 pm

Celebration of Confirmation Thursday 26th November 5.00 pm



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@svdpgld.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



- Caritas Australia's thoughts and prayers are with the people of the Philippines, Vietnam and Cambodia who have been devastated by unprecedented flooding after Typhoon Vamco hit the region - only weeks after being hit by Super Typhoon Goni, the strongest storm this year.
- Severe flooding has submerged towns up to 12 metres deep across the Cagayan region of the Philippines, **leaving tens of thousands of families trapped without electricity, clean water or road access.**
- Across the region, homes have been destroyed and livelihoods lost with **hundreds of thousands of people fleeing to evacuation centres, where the risks of spreading COVID-19 are high.**
- With your help, and with our church and NGO partners on the ground, we can provide vital support to those affected by this and other disasters as part of our Asia Emergency Appeal.
- **Donate today at www.caritas.org.au or by calling 1800 024 413 toll free.**