

ST PATRICK'S PARISH

Embracing the communities of: Gunalda, Gympie, Imbil, Kandanga, Kilkivan, Rainbow Beach, Tin Can Bay, Widgee, and Woolooga

The community of St Patrick's Gympie and Surrounds acknowledges the traditional custodians of the land on which our parish stands of the land on which our parish stands.

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22nd Sunday Ordinary Time Year B 29th August 2021 Year of St Joseph

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN & VULNERABLE ADULTS PREVENT AND PROTECTION STATEMENT

The Archdiocese of Brisbane holds that children, young people and vulnerable adults are a gift from God with an intrinsic right to dignity of life, respect and security from physical and emotional harm. They will be treasured, nurtured and safeguarded by all.

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 pastors Frs. Adrian, Dom and William.

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

God of might, giver of every good gift,
put into our hearts the love of your name,
so that, by deepening our sense of reverence,
you may nurture in us what is good
and, by your watchful care,
keep safe what you have nurtured.
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.

Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain?
He who walks without fault;
he who acts with justice
and speaks the truth from his heart. R.

He who does no wrong to his brother,
who casts no slur on his neighbour,
who holds the godless in disdain,
but honours those who fear the Lord. R.

He who keeps his pledge, come what may;
who takes no interest on a loan
and accepts no bribes against the innocent.
Such a man will stand firm for ever. R.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Second Reading

James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27

A reading from the letter of St James

Be doers of the word.

It is all that is good, everything that is perfect, which is given us from above; it comes down from the Father of all light; with him there is no such thing as alteration, no shadow of a change. By his own choice he made us his children by the message of the truth so that we should be a sort of first-fruits of all that he had created.

Accept and submit to the word which has been planted in you and can save your souls. But you must do what the word tells you, and not just listen to it and deceive yourselves.

Pure, unspoilt religion, in the eyes of God our Father is this: coming to the help of orphans and widows when they need it, and keeping oneself uncontaminated by the world.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

James 1:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Father gave us birth by his message of truth,
that we might be as the first fruit of his creation.
Alleluia!

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 4:1-2, 6-8

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy
You may add nothing to the word which I speak to you - keep the commands of the Lord.

Moses said to the people: 'Now, Israel, take notice of the laws and customs that I teach you today, and observe them, that you may have life and may enter and take possession of the land that the Lord the God of your fathers is giving you. You must add nothing to what I command you, and take nothing from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God just as I lay them down for you. Keep them, observe them, and they will demonstrate to the peoples your wisdom and understanding.'

When they come to know of all these laws they will exclaim, "No other people is as wise and prudent as this great nation." And indeed, what great nation is there that has its gods so near as the Lord our God that has laws and customs to match this whole Law that I put before you today?'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 14:2-5

R. The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Gospel

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

You forget the commandments of God and hold on to human tradition.

The Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered round Jesus, and they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with unclean hands, that is, without washing them. For the Pharisees, and the Jews in general, follow the tradition of the elders and never eat without washing their arms as far as the elbow; and on returning from the market place they never eat without first sprinkling themselves. There are also many other observances which have been handed down to them concerning the washing of cups and pots and bronze dishes. So these Pharisees and scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not respect the tradition of the elders but eat their food with unclean hands?' He answered, 'It was of you hypocrites that Isaiah so rightly prophesied in this passage of scripture:

This people honours me only with lip-service,
while their hearts are far from me.
The worship they offer me is worthless,
the doctrines they teach are only human regulations.
You put aside the commandment of God
to cling to human traditions.'

He called the people to him again and said, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that goes into a man from outside can make him unclean; it is the things that come out of a man that make him unclean. For it is from within, from men's hearts, that evil intentions emerge: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, malice, deceit, indecency, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these things come from within and make a man unclean.'

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

PRIEST: Having listened to the Word of God, we bring our prayers and petitions to our loving Father knowing he always listens to us.

For our Church Leaders, may they be examples of God's love for all people, may they be servants to all people. Lord hear us

For the Governments of our world, may they all work together to help control the spread of the virus. May they ensure a fair distribution of vaccines to all countries. Lord hear us

For the people of Afghanistan. May respect and equality for the rights of all its people especially women and children be valued among all people. Lord hear us

For our health care professionals working in our hospitals caring for those affected by the virus. Keep them safe from harm. May they be blest abundantly for their service to those in need.

Lord hear us

For our Parish Community, may we be of service to each other, may we be ready to support one another during the coming week.

Lord hear us

For all who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith. May they enjoy the fullness of life in the kingdom prepared since the foundation of the world.

Lord hear us

PRIEST: With confidence in your promise Father we pray you answer our prayers which come to you 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:

We start off our readings with a few verses from Deuteronomy. Moses instructs the people to observe the commandments of the Lord, also known as the Law. To provide a little more incentive, he says that others will see your wisdom and understanding if you obey the Law. Moses knows that following the Law can truly change a person if it pierces beyond just a surface level.

‘Torah’, which is the Hebrew word we translate into ‘Law’, falls somewhat short as a translation. Law denotes a legal system to observe, but the Jewish people understood the Torah as a ‘light’ that shines forth, leading and guiding them. Observance of the Law was not seen as following an oppressive ‘set of rules’, but as a virtuous and purifying venture.

We see in our Gospel Jesus challenging the customs and practices that were additional extras but emphasised in a way that strayed from its original intent. Their intention may have been good, but their focus on the ritualistic practice blinded them to the actual work that needed to be done internally – a conversion of heart.

When Jesus speaks to the people, he starts off by saying ‘Listen’ and then speaks to the heart of the situation. The things that come from within reveal more about the person than those that are on the exterior. Rather than relying on the observance of a practice of human origin, Jesus challenges the crowds to observe the internal movements of a heavenly origin. God created us, and we were formed with an in-built God radar, for it was God who knit you in your mother’s womb (Ps 139:13).

Jesus’ instruction to listen was more than just a passing comment, but a nugget of treasure disguised in plain sight. Listening, with God in mind, is not sitting down and waiting to hear something audibly. Listening is finding the nuggets of God hidden in plain sight. St Ignatius of Loyola knew of this listening. He designed the examen as a way of tuning into the movements of God.

The examen begins with thanks to God for the day. After having thanked God, we then invite the Holy Spirit to guide us through the day. We replay our day with the Holy Spirit. We examine with a focus on where we felt the good spirit leading us and where the bad spirit may have been leading us. In the end, you submit the exploration to God as an offering with St Ignatius’ Suscipe prayer.

When we listen, not just audibly, but examining our lives for hints of God, we begin to listen with our hearts. God speaks to us all the time, and the listening disciple is in tune with God’s voice. God’s language is silence and, in the silence, we unearth our hidden treasures.

In James’ letter, which serves as an exhortation, it says, ‘accept and submit to the word that has been planted in you.’ We are God’s handiwork, knit with love, time and careful consideration. During our creation, God planted a word deep within us that came to life as God breathed on our ancestors Adam and Eve. St James invites us to get in tune with that word planted in the gardens of our hearts.

Perhaps this week, we might take some time to examine our lives in prayer. Spend some time speaking God’s language of silence. May we find the treasure hidden right before us in our days and learn to see the heart of the situation through the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

God Bless

Fr William

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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 – 1.00 pm
Friday	8.30 am - 1.00 pm

Please Note: Office phone will not be attended between 8.30 am to 9.30 am each Friday as we hold a staff meeting at this time. Please leave a message and we will return your call.

Gympie Sunday Ministry Roster **29.08.2021**

	9.00 am		5.30pm
Welcomer	P Geary		A Eames
Commentator	P Daunt		
Reader 1	S Vale		Youth mass
Reader 2	I Laherty		
Communion Minister	D Curtain		B Doak
Power Point/iPad	<i>Volunteer</i>		<i>Volunteer</i>
Morning Tea	<i>Servant Community</i>		

Gympie Sunday Ministry Roster **05.09.2021**

	9.00 am		5.30pm
Welcomer	E Missen		H Lunn
Commentator	S O'Brien		M Newton
Reader 1	M Campbell		S Lunn
Reader 2	N Gambling		B Lipke
Communion Minister	K Garner		R Perissinotto
Power Point/iPad	<i>Volunteer</i>		<i>Volunteer</i>
Morning Tea	<i>Ramblers</i>		

**Celebrations of the Eucharist:
St Patrick's Gympie:**



**St Patrick's Parish
Gympie and Surrounds**

Sunday 9.00 am live-streamed mass. The Rosary will be said 8.30 am before Mass each Sunday

Sunday 5.30 pm.

Monday 7.00 am

Tuesday 9.00 am Children's Mass 30-minute adoration and benediction after Mass.

Wednesday 5.30 pm combined with evening Prayer

Thursday 7.00 am

Friday 5.30 pm

MASS SCHEDULE

ALL MASS CENTRES

SUNDAY MASS

DAY	WEEK 1	WEEK 2 & 5	WEEK 3	WEEK 4
Saturday	Kandanga 5.00 pm	Tin Can Bay 5.00 pm	Rainbow Beach 5.00 pm	Rainbow Beach 5.00 pm
Sunday	Gunalda 7.00 am	Rainbow Beach 7.00 am	Gunalda 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		Kandanga 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 5 pm				
Sunday	Rainbow Beach 7.00 am	Gunalda 7.00 am		Gunalda 7.00 am	Gunalda 7.00 am

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 below)

Your prayers are asked for Robert Riddle, Laurie Walsh, Michelle Connell, Adam Asher, Kevin McKay, Lillian Rouse, Carolyn Gargan, Laurie Walsh husband of Eileen, Moya Robertson, Ronell Asher, Mark Thompson, Bret Argar, Maree Walker, Brian Langton, Dot & John McCabe, Baby Ivy Adele, Maree Friswell, Gerri & Colin Willison, Basil Garner, Peter Nicholls, Joanne Dodt, Mary Merrin, Joe Costello.

Prayer: 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 Lorraine Punter and Catherine Connors and those whose anniversaries fall around this time.

QUEENSLAND QR

We are using the Queensland QR code in Gympie only.
You'll need to download the "Check In Qld App" via
the App Store/Google Play. If you have any questions
about the use of the app please contact the Parish Office.



Mass Attendance

Following the recent counts of attendees at Sunday Masses, numbers are such that for the time being it will not be necessary to book in for weekend Masses. You are welcome to come along to whichever Mass you wish to attend, without a prior booking. However, as is the current practice, you will need to register as you arrive, preferably using the Check In Qld App.

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 Parish Centre. If you have changed your address please ring the office.

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 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 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.

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.

<https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/multimedia/on-demand-web-casts/>

Monday to Friday masses: 8.00am

Sunday: 8.00 am and 10.00 am

MASS ON TV Channel 10 6 am each Sunday

HEAVENLY MUSIC

Sing to the Mountains!

We're calling all singers and musicians of the parish to join in our 9am choir. If you can sing, come along, if you cannot sing, come along. All are welcome. Practice Friday's 3.00 pm
We are currently without a musician so if you feel up to the task come and join us.
See you then!

PIETY STORE



The Piety store will be open most weekends. Opening times are half an hour **before** both masses. We have a wide selection of religious items to enrich your faith.

MEN'S AFTERNOONS

The **Men's Afternoons are held on the Fourth Thursday of the Month.** Next is **Thursday 23rd September** at 12.30 pm until 2.30 pm. The meetings are now held in the **Parish Centre.** For transport assistance please contact the parish office, 5482 1213.

ST PATRICK'S CARE AND CONCERN GROUP

St Pat's Care and Concern Group reaches out to help parishioners who may appreciate some extra support. During these covid days, much of our support is by phone contact.

Our group meets monthly at 1:15pm on a Tuesday. Meeting dates for 2021 are as follows:

7th September, 6th October, 2nd November Mass of Remembrance, 7th December Christmas Break Up.

CATHOLIC LEADER

Catholic Leader is now available and copies will be at the back of the church.

A reminder it only comes out once a month and it costs \$4.00

RCIA PROGRAM

If there is anyone interested in joining the RCIA program,
please contact the parish office on 5482 1213

SACRAMENTAL UPDATES / REMINDER



St Patrick's Parish
Gympie and Surrounds

St Patrick's Sacramental Dates

St Patrick's Parish
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14 Church St, Gympie
(07) 5482 1213

St Pat's would like to welcome those children preparing for 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.

Please note changes of dates for those who may have the old information sheet.

Confirmation 2021

Date	Session	Time/ Location
Monday 26th July	Parents Information Night	6:30pm/ Parish Centre
Sunday 1st August	Enrolment Mass Gympie	9:00am/ St Pat's Church
Monday 2nd August	First Meeting	3:30pm/ Parish Centre
Sunday 8th August	Sunday Mass – 'Pray for me cards'	9:00am/ St Pat's Church
Monday 9th August	Second Meeting	3:30pm/ Parish Centre
Sunday 15th August	Sunday Mass – Receive Creed	9:00am/ St Pat's Church
Monday 16th August	Third Meeting	3:30pm/ Parish Centre
Monday 23rd August	Fourth Meeting	3:30pm/ Parish Centre
Monday 30th August	Rehearsal	6:30pm/ St Pat's Church
Thursday 2nd September	Celebration of Confirmation	5:30pm/ St Pat's Church

SHARING A MEAL

Jesus had plenty of meals with people in their homes.

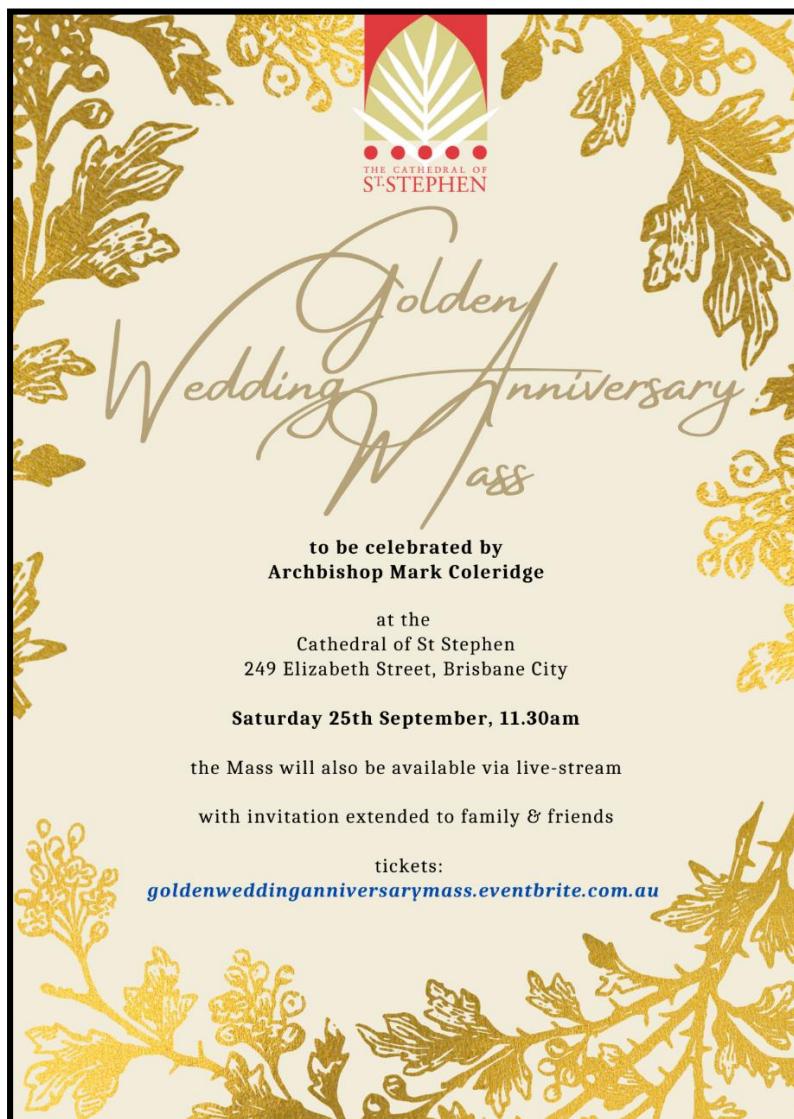
As a way of connecting with more people, the priests of the Parish would like to begin regular meals with the parishioners.

The hope is that, through a simple meal and fellowship, deeper connections will be made and sustained into the future. Beginning on the 26th of July there will be a book with a few dinner dates at the entrance of the Church.

Parishioners are invited to select a date (already listed in the book) and reserve their dinner date with the priests. You will have the option of inviting the priests over for a meal at your place, or coming for a meal at the presbytery prepared by the priests. If you decide to come to the presbytery for a meal, please indicate how many will be attending and any dietary requirements.

ANNUAL GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

The Annual Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass will be held on Saturday 25 September 2021 @ 11.30am at St Stephen's Cathedral. Due to the current COVID situation, we won't open up the bookings until Monday 13 September.



Position Vacant

Position Vacant – Booval Parish

Applications are open for a position at the Booval Parish. A person with excellent administration and secretarial skills is required for a part time 3-year contract position of Parish Secretary for 20 hours per week, 5 hours on a Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday.

For additional information, please visit the Archdiocese of Brisbane website-
<https://clientapps.jobadder.com/68451/aob-internal-career-opportunities/350411/parish-secretary-booval>

Closing date – 22 September 2021

St Patricks' College Gympie - Teacher

We are seeking an enthusiastic, motivated and dedicated teacher to join our school community. This is a Term 4 full time position teaching a combination of English, Humanities and Religious Education.

In this role, you will be expected to:

- Support the liturgical and prayer life of the school,
- Create a nurturing and ordered learning environment which is learner centred, supportive, cooperative and aligned with relevant curriculum policies, documents and practices,
- Collaboratively develop and implement quality curriculum programs and appropriate pedagogy,
- Proactively engage with professional renewal practices to enhance student outcomes, and
- Work with the leadership team, teachers and other staff members in contributing to the professional life of the school.

To be successful in this role, you will be able to meet the following criteria:

- A clear understanding of the Australian Curriculum,
- An ability to work in partnership with colleagues, students and parents/carers,
- Effective communication and interpersonal skills,
- Proven organisational skills,
- Attend in detail to innovative and creative practices,
- An ability to identify and cater for different learning styles,
- Competent at integrating digital technology into a contemporary learning environment, and
- This position requires classroom teaching of Religious Education, applicants MUST be Catholic.

Applicants are required to address these points in the “letter of application” section of the online application form.

Apply online at www.bne.catholic.edu.au Applications close on Friday 3 September.

Position Vacant – Pastoral Associate

Applications are open for a position at the Sunnybank Parish. The Pastoral Associate will be required to coordinate children and their families preparing for the Sacraments. The applicant will also be involved in Liturgy preparation, Adult Education and Pastoral Care of Parishioners. The applicant will require recent study and practice in the Sacraments of Initiation and Theological qualifications are essential.

The position is permanent part time 28 hours per week (Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, and Sunday)

For additional information, please visit the Archdiocese of Brisbane website
<https://clientapps.jobadder.com/68451/aob-internal-career-opportunities>

Applications close: 30 September 2021

Position Vacant – Maroochydore Parish

Applications are open for a position at the Maroochydore Catholic Parish. A person with an understanding of liturgical life within a parish is required for a part time position for 8 hours per week over 2 days (Wednesday & Thursday).

<https://clientapps.jobadder.com/68451/aob-internal-career-opportunities/340167/sacramental-coordinator-maroochydore>

Applications close: 30 August 2021

Position Vacant – Youth Ministry Coordinator

Applications are open for a position at the Maroochydore Catholic Community. A person who is able to establish and develop a youth ministry program within the parish is required for 8 hours per week over 1 day which is negotiable.

<https://clientapps.jobadder.com/68451/aob-internal-career-opportunities/340182/youth-ministry-coordinator-maroochydore-parish>

Application close: 30 August 2021

Position Vacant – Parish Secretary

Applications are open for a position at the Zillmere Parish. A person with excellent administration and time management skills required for a part time position of Parish Secretary working 24 hours a week, Tuesday to Friday (9am to 3.00pm).

For additional information, please visit the Archdiocese of Brisbane website

<https://clientapps.jobadder.com/68451/aob-internal-career-opportunities/345762/parish-secretary-zillmere-parish>

Applications close: 31 August 2021

Position Vacant – Parish Secretary

Applications are open for a position at the Goodna Parish. A person with excellent administration and time management skills required for a part time position of Parish Secretary working 24 hours a week, Tuesday to Friday 8.30am to 3pm.

For additional information, please visit the Archdiocese of Brisbane website <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/> and to careers.

Closing date: 1st September 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.

A message from *Aid to the Church in Need Australia*: ACN Australia has launched a website for the Year of St Joseph. Sign up to receive monthly devotional emails to help you become closer to St Joseph in this special year. When you signup you can obtain a free copy of Fr Donald Calloway's Consecration to St Joseph book! To sign up visit www.yearofstjoseph.com.au



Volunteers needed for Centacare Transport Gympie

Centacare Community Services being a social services agency of the Archdiocese of Brisbane, run a friendly Transport Service in the Gympie Region for local vulnerable and isolated people for community access to medical appointments, shopping and social support. Drivers and Driver Support people are particularly in demand at present. Should you be interested please contact Transport Administration Officer, Veronica Murfitt on 07 5430 9365 or email veronica.murfitt@bne.centacare.net.au

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Have you heard of the Town of Nowhere?

It has a population as large as that of Gympie!! It is the fictional city where the homeless people of Queensland live.

The Town of Nowhere is the name of a campaign launched by QCOSS and strongly supported by St Vincent de Paul to highlight the huge issue of homelessness across Queensland.

The campaign is raising awareness, particularly ahead of next week's State Budget. Please go to townofnowhere.com, follow the link to more information and to a letter you can send to our local member.

Our local SVDP records show that currently we have over 50 recorded as No Fixed Address families, including single men or women, couples or adult (s) with children. We also have others staying with extended family or friends, unable to find a home of their own. A huge hidden issue in this community.

Mary Condon and Annette Robson (St Patrick's Conference SVDP)

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL GYMPIE

WINTER APPEAL.

Last year was a terrible year due to the pandemic. The flow on effect of this is still being felt by many people. The numbers facing homelessness are staggering. The three major factors leading to this are 1. The rise in unemployment. 2. The value of houses has risen to unbelievable highs. 3. The lack of Government Housing & the sharp fall in rental availability. The numbers of new clients seeking our assistance is growing each week.

St. Patrick's Conference of St. Vincent De Paul, Gympie desperately need your help to support these people especially through the cold Winter. **CAN YOU PLEASE HELP US TO HELP OTHERS?**

You can help in many ways & each is very much appreciated. On the tables at the church doors, there are the Winter Appeal envelopes. These can be used if you would like to support us financially. You will notice that these envelopes are addressed to the Conference here in Gympie. That way you are assured that any donations will be used locally to support those struggling in the Gympie area.
We are also in need of canned food especially soup & warm clean clothing esp. men's clothes & clean blankets. We also need good towels & tea towels. If you can assist in this way, we ask if you could drop your donations into the shop at 2 John St. Could you please clearly mark your donations: **ATT. CONFERENCE - WINTER APPEAL.**

THANK YOU & MAY GOD BLESS YOU.

Invitation

Should you know anyone who might benefit from the invitation below, please pass on this newsletter. We would welcome them to join us.

If you could assist in the letter box dropping Invitation leaflets in the area where you live, please contact the Parish Office on 5482 1213 or if you are able please take a bundle from the back of the church and pop into letterboxes in your area. Thanks in advance

Invitation

If you are a Catholic who has stopped coming to Mass because of COVID-19 or even before that, this invitation is for you. Whether you have been absent when the church was closed during the pandemic restrictions or whether you were away because some other issues have seen you angered, hurt, or just taking a sabbatical, we would like to invite you back to Mass.

St Patrick's Parish Family misses you and needs you. The upheaval in the Church with COVID-19 has "turned us upside down". But family remains family. The loss of any member, for whatever reason saddens all.

We would like to begin by simply inviting you to come and listen to the Lord's Word at his table. We hope you will think and pray about this invitation.

Mass Times at St Patrick's – Gympie:
Sunday, 9.00 am and 5.30 pm.
For Mass times at country churches,
please ring the Presbytery on
5482 1213
May God bless you.



St Patrick's Parish
Gympie and Surrounds