

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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24th Sunday Ordinary Time Year B 12th September 2021
Year of St Joseph
Safeguarding Sunday

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

Let us pray.
Look upon us, O God,
Creator and ruler of all things,
and, that we may feel the working of your mercy,
grant that we may serve you with all our 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

First Reading

Isaiah 50:5-9

A reading from the prophet Isaiah
I gave my body to those who struck me.
The Lord has opened my ear.
For my part, I made no resistance,
neither did I turn away.
I offered my back to those who struck me,
my cheeks to those who tore at my beard;
I did not cover my face
against insult and spittle.
The Lord comes to my help,
so that I am untouched by the insults.
So, too, I set my face like flint;
I know I shall not be shamed.
My vindicator is here at hand.
Does anyone start proceedings against me?
Then let us go to court together.
Who thinks he has a case against me?
Let him approach me.
The Lord is coming to my help,
who dare condemn me?
The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 114:1-6, 8-9

R. I will walk in the presence of the Lord,
in the land of the living.

I love the Lord for he has heard
the cry of my appeal;
for he turned his ear to me
in the day when I called him. **R.**

They surrounded me, the snares of death,

with anguish of the tomb;
they caught me, sorrow and distress.
I called on the Lord's name.
O Lord my God, deliver me! **R.**

How gracious is the Lord, and just;
our God has compassion.
The Lord protects the simple hearts;
I was helpless so he saved me! **R.**

He has kept my soul from death,
my eyes from tears
and my feet from stumbling.
I will walk in the presence of the Lord
in the land of the living. **R.**

Second Reading

James 2:14-18

A reading from the letter of St James
Faith without good works is dead.
Take the case, my brothers, of someone who
has never done a single good act but claims
that he has faith. Will that faith save him? If
one of the brothers or one of the sisters is in
need of clothes and has not enough food to live
on, and one of you says to them, 'I wish you
well; keep yourself warm and eat plenty,'
without giving them these bare necessities of
life, then what good is that? Faith is like that: if
good works do not go with it, it is quite dead.
This is the way to talk to people of that kind:
'You say you have faith and I have good deeds;
I will prove to you that I have faith by showing
you my good deeds - now you prove to me that
you have faith without any good deeds to
show.'
The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Galatians 6:14

Alleluia, alleluia!
My only glory is the cross of our Lord Jesus
Christ,
which crucifies the world to me and me to the
world.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 8:27-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

You are the Christ ... the Son of Man was destined to suffer much.

Jesus and his disciples left for the villages round Caesarea Philippi. On the way he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say I am?' And they told him. 'John the Baptist,' they said, 'others Elijah; others again, one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he asked, 'who do you say I am?' Peter spoke up and said to him, 'You are the Christ.' And he gave them strict orders not to tell anyone about him.

And he began to teach them that the Son of Man was destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and to be put to death, and after three days to rise again; and he said all this quite openly. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. But, turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said to him, 'Get behind me, Satan! Because the way you think is not God's way but man's.' He called the people and his disciples to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.'

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: Taking up our crosses, we offer our prayers, ever mindful of God's mercy for us and for all people.

For Pope Francis and all bishops of the Church. May their voices be heard in their calls to humanity for peace through justice.

Lord, hear us.

For our world in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic. May all people suffering from the effects of social isolation be led to a sense of hope and confidence as Jesus promised to all.

Lord, hear us.

Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults. Give us the wisdom and courage to listen with open hearts, see with open eyes, and speak out to ensure children and vulnerable adults are safe, loved, respected, and cared for. May we also pray for those who have been harmed. Give them courage to seek the truth and to heal.

Lord, hear us.

For our Faith Community as we engage with the journey of the Plenary Council. We also pray for the 'Take the way of the Gospel' journey towards missionary renewal, humbly acknowledging that it will take time and effort. May the courage and guidance of the Holy Spirit help us to adapt to current ever-changing realities.

Lord, hear us.

For the sick of our parish and for all who have asked for our prayers. We pray for those who have died recently, especially Connie Corfield,

Robert Riddle, Nellie (Jean) Greaney and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they be welcomed into the eternal kingdom. Lord, hear us.

PRIEST: Receive our prayers of petition, O Gracious God, so that all people may walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living. 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:

Even the briefest of surveys reveals that we are immersed in a sea of religious beliefs and ideologies. When this year's census data is published "no religion" will have been ticked by a growing percentage of the population. The percentage owning their affiliation to a particular religion or church will in all likelihood have decreased from the previous census 6 years ago. What the figures give little insight into is the personal beliefs of the those who responded. I wonder what a category like "personal beliefs" would have scored. Even though others may disagree, I sense that all people believe in something, something that helps them make sense of day to day living and the big issues of life, like suffering and death, heart break and betrayal, generosity and selfishness.

I identify as a Catholic Christian. For me, Jesus is THE revelation of the inner life of God and he is the one who has a personal interest in me and a desire that I embrace the way he lived and looked at life. Jesus identifies with the church, the people who have responded to his call to follow him and who make him present in the societies in which they live. These people have confronted the darkness of self-absorption and the realization that they lack God's power to maintain control. They accept they are not all-powerful or all-knowing. For me, Jesus is not a figure "out there" but more one who "in here", in here, with all the joys and sorrows of life, with all its beauty and its messiness.

When Jesus, in today's gospel, asks his friends who others say he is and then who they, his friends and disciples, say he is, he asks a question that sets Jesus apart from Abraham, Moses, the Buddha, Confucius, Mohammed.

I cannot recall any of them putting such a question to those who followed them and accepted what they taught. For those religious leaders and philosophers they, as individuals, were not central, only the teaching they brought. None of these followers see themselves as the body of any of them in the way we speak of being the body of Christ.

Not so with Jesus. What he wants is for each and every disciple to have, to cherish and develop a personal relationship with Him as an individual. He wants us to encounter him and respond to him.

Peter's answer "you are the Christ" is absolutely correct. Jesus is the long awaited Messiah, the anointed one, who initiates the final stage of human history. He is what every human being is called to be by the Father. Immediately and disconcertingly, Jesus proceeds to instruct the disciples about the path of suffering and death (you can hear the words of the prophet Isaiah about the servant who suffers for the liberation of the people and who remains faithful to God through it all). Peter, no doubt with the others voicing their agreement with his words, rejects what Jesus says. Messiahs, God's anointed don't follow such a path. That is for less important people. The terse response Jesus utters "Get behind me, Satan (prosecuting attorney)" shows Peter has touched a nerve. Jesus had considered what kind of Messiah he would be. He chose the path that embraced not rejected suffering.

Where he walks, we walk if we wish to be faithful to him and bring his new way of living to others. We are not stoics (stiff upper lip types) or masochists. We are realists. We know the world we live in. We know the beliefs we can profess but put them to one side if they mean we reject Jesus as the one who guides. Jesus brings wisdom from above and we accept that.

Fr Adrian



SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY 2021

SEPTEMBER 12, 2021

The Parish and the Diocese of Brisbane are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and people at risk in our community. May our message be that child protection and the dignity of every person is the responsibility of every adult. You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at: www.catholic.org.au/safeguardingsunday.

Prayer

Gracious God,
you love and care for all of your children, especially the smallest and most vulnerable.
We entrust to you the lives of children and adults at risk who have been sexually abused,
and whose trust and innocence have been destroyed. Help us to hear their cries of pain
and to take responsibility for those whose lives have been broken. Help us to recognise the hurt felt
by those wounded by abuse, and the failure to be heard. We pray that with the help of your grace
communities and families will find understanding and support, so that now and in the future their
wounds may be healed and they may find lasting peace. Let your grace and love fall gently now
upon our children and adults at risk, giving them the inner strength, peace and resilience to seek
out assistance when required. We ask this prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives
and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever.

Amen

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 12.09.2021

		9.00 am		5.30pm
	Welcomer	P Tobin		A Eames
	Commentator	S O'Brien		C Johnstone
	Reader 1	I Laherty		K Lisle
	Reader 2	D Dillon		K Mooney
	Communion Minister	D Curtain		E Shields
	Power Point/iPad	<i>Volunteer</i>		<i>Volunteer</i>
	Morning Tea	<i>Hollow Log</i>		

Gympie Sunday Ministry Roster 19.09.2021

		9.00 am		5.30pm
	Welcomer	M Green		R Perissinotto
	Commentator	C Cash		J O'Brien
	Reader 1	M Campbell		M Newton
	Reader 2	I Laherty		T Hallam
	Communion Minister	I Laherty		B Doak
	Power Point/iPad	<i>Volunteer</i>		<i>Volunteer</i>
	Morning Tea	<i>Hilltop Rollers</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 Gloria Donald, 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 Robert Riddle, Connie Corfield, Jean (Nellie) Greaney 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

SEASON OF CREATION

From September 1 to October 4, Christians around the world celebrate the Season of Creation. The theme for 2021 is “A home for all? Renewing the oikos of God”, oikos is the Greek word for home or household.

All are welcome to join Queensland Churches Environment Network in celebrating the start of Season of Creation for 2021, from 7.00pm on Wednesday September 1, 2021 (event also to be livestreamed at <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/multimedia/web-cast/>)

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:
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

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. A book with a few dinner dates already listed will be left 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.

Lions International

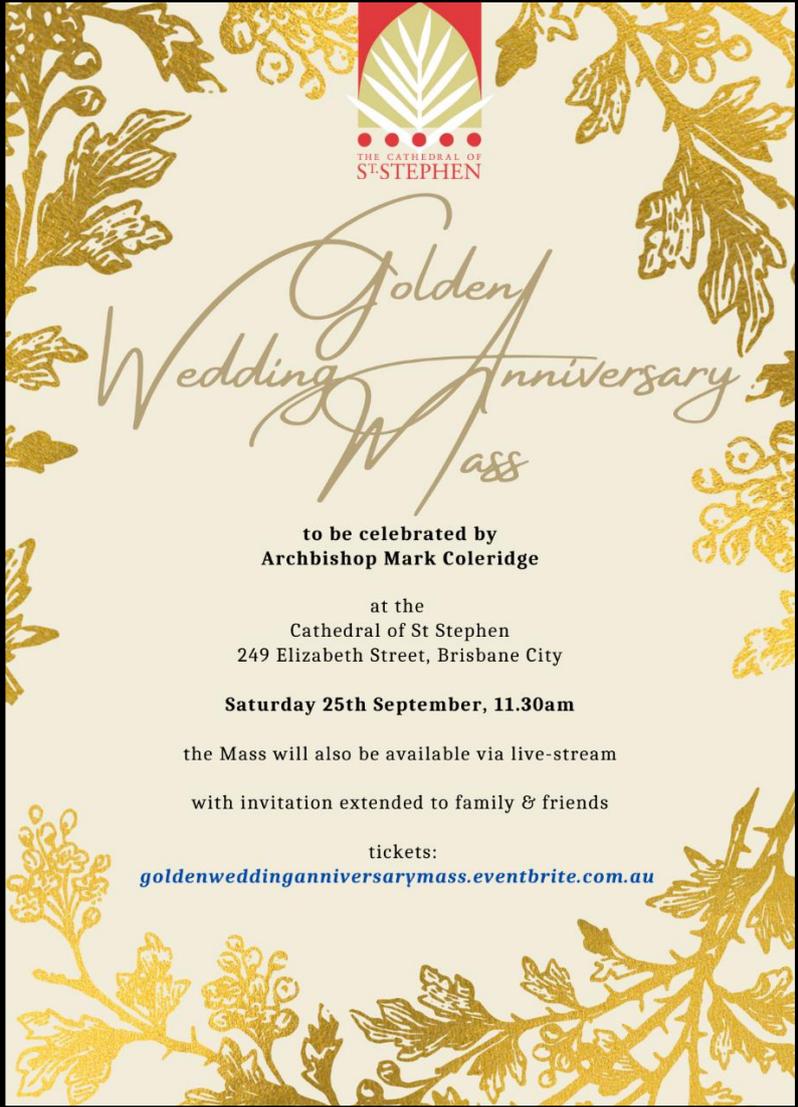


The Lions are holding a Community Morning Tea starting the 9th September from 10.00 am to 11.30am at Senior Citizens Centre, then every 2nd Thursday of the month. Cost; \$5.00 includes morning tea and lucky door prize and entertainment. Pre-purchase tickets at Lions Op Shop (near Brown Jug Café)

or by phoning 0492 993 991 between 9.00am and 3.00pm.

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.




THE CATHEDRAL OF
ST STEPHEN

*Golden
Wedding Anniversary
Mass*

**to be celebrated by
Archbishop Mark Coleridge**

at the
Cathedral of St Stephen
249 Elizabeth Street, Brisbane City

Saturday 25th September, 11.30am

the Mass will also be available via live-stream
with invitation extended to family & friends

tickets:
goldenweddinganniversarymass.eventbrite.com.au

Position Vacant

Position Vacant – Youth Ministry Coordinator

Applications are open for a position at the Albany Creek Catholic Parish. A person who is able to establish and develop a youth ministry program within the parish is required for 15 hours per week.

<https://clientapps.jobadder.com/68451/aob-internal-career-opportunities>

Application close: 30 September 2021

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 – 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

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/355466/pastoral-associate-sunnybank-parish>

Applications close: 1 October 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 sign up 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)

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