## **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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**25th Sunday Ordinary Time Year B 19th September 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**

Let us pray.

O God, who founded all the commands of your sacred Law

upon love of you and of our neighbour,

grant that, by keeping your precepts,

we may merit to attain eternal life.

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**

Wisdom 2:12, 17-20

A reading from the book of Wisdom

Let us condemn him to a most shameful death.

The godless say to themselves,

'Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man, since he annoys us

and opposes our way of life,

reproaches us for our breaches of the law

and accuses us of playing false to our upbringing.

Let us see if what he says is true,

let us observe what kind of end he himself will have.

If the virtuous man is God's son, God will take his part

and rescue him from the clutches of his enemies.

Let us test him with cruelty and with torture,

and thus explore this gentleness of his

and put his endurance to the proof.

Let us condemn him to a shameful death

since he will be looked after - we have his word for it.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

## **Responsorial Psalm**

Ps 53:3-6, 8

R. The Lord upholds my life.

O God, save me by your name;

by your power, uphold my cause.

O God, hear my prayer;

listen to the words of my mouth. R.

For proud men have risen against me,

ruthless men seek my life.

They have no regard for God. R.

But I have God for my help.

The Lord upholds my life.

I will sacrifice to you with willing heart

and praise your name for it is good. R.

## Second Reading

James 3:16 - 4:3

A reading from the letter of St James

Justice is the harvest of peacemakers from seeds sown in a spirit of peace.

Wherever you find jealousy and ambition, you find disharmony, and wicked things of every kind being done; whereas the wisdom that comes down from above is essentially something pure; it also makes for peace, and is kindly and considerate; it is full of compassion and shows itself by doing good; nor is there any trace of partiality or hypocrisy in it. Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness.

Where do these wars and battles between yourselves first start? Isn't it precisely in the desires fighting inside your own selves? You want something and you haven't got it; so you are prepared to kill. You have an ambition that you cannot satisfy; so you fight to get your way by force. Why you don't have what you want is because you don't pray for it; when you do pray and don't get it, it is because you have not prayed properly, you have prayed for something to indulge your own desires.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

## **Gospel Acclamation**

cf 2 Thessalonians 2:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

God has called us with the gospel

to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Alleluia!

## **Gospel**

Mark 9:30-37

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of humanity ... All who wish to be first must make themselves the servants of all.

After leaving the mountain Jesus and his disciples made their way through Galilee; and he did not want anyone to know, because he was instructing his disciples; he was telling them, 'The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him.

They came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the road?' They said nothing because they had been arguing which of them was the greatest. So he sat down, called the Twelve to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.' He then took a little child, set him in front of them, put his arms round him, and said to them, 'Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

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:** If we remain in Christ we have His word that whatever we ask for will be granted. United with Him we bring our petitions before the Father.

For the leaders of our Church, may they show by example that they are servants to all people. Lord hear us

For the Governments of our world, may they be true servants of the people they govern, may they always have a concern for the disadvantaged. Lord hear us

For the Plenary Council Assemblies: that the Assemblies to be held will renew the Church making it humbler and hopeful. Lord hear us

For our Doctors, for all who work in our hospitals, caring for people during the pandemic. May they be blest abundantly for their service of care 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 other in times of difficulty. Lord hear us

For all who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith. May the fullness of peace promised by Jesus be their reward, especially Nancy Blowers, Fr Vince Dwyer, Bevan Costello, Fr Dan Carroll & Shirley Heeney. 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.

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Beloved friends,

In the Gospels, Jesus was always on the move; and it appears that he was heading to Jerusalem. Now, Jerusalem was the place he was crucified. There is something peculiar as he was telling his disciples of how the Son of Man would die. He did this while he was on his way to Jerusalem through Galilee. It reflects what his mission was all about and where it was heading – to the cross. Jesus’ ministry, life and mission involves a dying that will lead to life, a life that means body broken, and blood poured out to give life to the world.

After Peter’s confession of faith that he is the Christ, Jesus told the disciples that the Son of Man would die an excruciating death on a cross. Six days later, he took Peter, James and John up on a high mountain and was transfigured. He brought them down the mountain to face the challenges of the day with the other disciples. There, people were already waiting for him so that he can heal the sick. A man who was deaf and dumb was brought to him and he healed him. And when they left there through Galilee and hiding from the people, Jesus began to tell them that the Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of his enemies, he will be put to death, and he will be raised to life after three days. His disciples didn’t understand this, and they were afraid to ask him about it. Instead, they were busy arguing who was the greatest among them. After all that Jesus had taught them about where his mission was heading, their priority was who will be the greatest among them. They missed the point of what he has been teaching them all along. This is where our Gospel was situated today.

It is very fascinating to know their priorities, - who was the greatest, the first among them. It may sound absurd to us now, but that is precisely how many of us have ordered our lives. We think that for us to know our worth, we have to put others down to feel great. If we can just put them one click below us, then we can feel good that we are better than them. This has become the bane of our society, people crushing others to get to the point. We naïvely believe that to get to the top we have to crush others beneath us. Society tells us that to be the first and the greatest, we have to crush others below us. That might be the way of the world, a product of the conversational wisdom, but that is not the way of God which is the way of the cross.

The wisdom tradition tells us that *the way to the top is the way down*, or *the way down is the way up*. It is the way of the cross, the way of sacrificial love. This is why Jesus said to the disciples that if you want to be the first, you have to take the last place, and be the servant of all. He taught them this by picking up a little child and asking them to embrace a childlike character. At this time, children were not regarded as much. It was a very classed society that valued men, women, children and slaves in that order. A man always stood in a spotlight, but now, Jesus put the spotlight on a child. This is rather strange, controversial, and counterintuitive, but it is the way that takes you to the top before God. It is the way of sacrificial love, the way of the cross. A dying that will lead to life, a sacrifice that could heal others, and a downward path that leads upward.

The way that goes downward and ultimately leads to the top is something many of us disdain, because it doesn’t make sense to the conventional mind. Richard Rohr describes this in his book *Falling Upward* by saying: “We do not want to embark on a further journey if it feels like going down, especially after we have put so much sound and fury into going up (p. xix).” Just like the disciples were caught up with the idea of getting to the top above others by following Jesus, sometimes we are like the disciples thinking that being a Christian is to make us feel that we are better than others. In a way, we put others down by feeling morally superior because they have not got their acts together. The way of the cross means that we have to die to all those things so that we can rise up to new life. To think that Jesus would settle a dispute among his disciples with a promotion of a childlike character is a clear indication of what his Kingdom is all about – sacrificial love. It is a *downward* *pattern* of sacrifice that gives lives to others, not take their lives away. Rohr further said in the book, “Such a down-and-then-up perspective does not fit into our Western philosophy of progress, nor into our desire for upward mobility, nor into our religious notions of perfection or holiness (p. xxi).” He asserts that: “Losing, failing, falling, sin, and the suffering that comes from those experiences – all of this is a necessary and even good part of the human journey (p. xx).” God works through all of them.

When we are caught up with the bad spirit of getting to the top so that we can feel good about ourselves and better than others, it breads disharmony and all kinds of wicked things. This is because the motivating spirit behind them is jealously, envy and wicked ambition. St James highlights this in our second reading by saying: “Wherever you find jealously and ambition, you find disharmony, and wicked things of every kind being done; whereas the wisdom that comes down from above is essentially something pure; it also makes for peace, and is kindly and considerate; it is full of compassion and shows itself by doing good….”

So may you my friend, embrace the wisdom that comes from above by doing good. And in doing good, may you follow the not-so-popular *downward movement* that leads to the top, because it is only in dying that you are born to new life.

And may God bless you!

Fr Dom.

**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 19.09.2021**

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|  |  | **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 | *Volunteer* |  | *Volunteer* |
|  | Morning Tea | ***Hilltop Rollers*** |  |  |

**Gympie Sunday Ministry Roster 26.09.2021**

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|  |  | **9.00 am** |  | **5.30pm** |
|  | Welcomer | D Leidel |  | H Lunn |
|  | Commentator | P Daunt |  | T Hallam |
|  | Reader 1 | M Ryan |  | S Lunn |
|  | Reader 2 | N Gambling |  | M Norris |
|  | Communion Minister | I Laherty |  | R Perissinotto |
|  | Power Point/iPad | *Volunteer* |  | *Volunteer* |
|  | Morning Tea | ***All Stars*** |  |  |



**Celebrations of the Eucharist:**

**St Patrick’s Gympie:**

**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** 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**

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| **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**

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| **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, Colin Willison, Basil Garner, Peter Nicholls, Joanne Dodt, Mary Merrin, Joe Costello, Anna Piggot and Colleen Raines.

**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 Nancy Blowers, Fr Vince Dwyer, Fr Dan Carrol, Bevan Costello, Shirley Heeney and those whose anniversaries fall around this time especially Robert Nutland (1st Anniversary)

**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.

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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.

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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](http://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/**](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**

**BAPTISM**



Today we welcome Mason Sami, son of Patricia and James Sami in baptism.

**Compulsory Training**

Training for Home Communion Ministers and Readers. The training will be held in the church

28th September - 1 to 2pm Home Communion Ministers

29th September—2 to 3pm Readers

**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

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| ***FAN THE FLAME PLENARY COUNCIL REFLECTION—Sept 18/19***  Fan the Flame  Towards Plenary Assembly One October 2021  ‘Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, wel-comes me;’  Mark 9:30-37  Our parishes in particular are challenged to renew the formation of chil-dren, young people and families who may not be strongly connected to the Church but who still have an ‘instinct for the faith’ which prompts them to seek the sacraments or engage in part with of the Church’s life.  (Instrumentum Laboris #133)  www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fantheflame/ |



**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.

The Lions are holding a Community Morning Tea 10.00 am to 11.30am at Senior Citizens Centre, 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)

**Lions International**

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 celebrated with Archbishop Mark Coleridge on **Saturday 25 September commencing at 11.30am**. The invitation is extended to family and friends.  Bookings are available via the following link: <https://goldenweddinganniversarymass.eventbrite.com.au> or telephone the Cathedral office on

07 3324 3030.

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**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**

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Applications close: 1 October 2021

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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](http://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**](mailto: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)

You can donate directly to the Gympie Conference: BSB: 064 786; Account Number: 100027023

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