

ST PATRICK'S PARISH

Mass centres: Gunalda, Gympie, Imbil, Kandanga, Kilkivan, Rainbow Beach, Tin Can Bay, Widgee

As we gather we acknowledge the Gubbi Gubbi people and the Indigenous elders of this area, those who once lived here and into whose sacred space our forebears came, changing forever an older way of life

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11th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B 13th June 2021
Year of St Joseph

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Gathering of the Community

Greeting

In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Blessed be God,
who enables us, through the Spirit,
Bless the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God for ever.

Introductory Remarks

Today, we, the people of God,
gather to hear and respond to God's word,
to return praise and thanks.
We look forward to that day
when we will once more celebrate the Eucharist,
as Christ commanded us to do in his memory.
Our community makes its worship
in union with the Church throughout the world,
with Francis. our Pope, Mark our bishop, Ken his
assistant, our pastors Frs Adrian and Dom and
Deacon 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, strength of those who hope in you,
graciously hear our pleas,
and, since without you mortal frailty can do nothing,
grant us always the help of your grace,
that in following your commands
we may please you by our resolve and our deeds.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the
Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Procession of the Word of God

May the Word of God always be heard in this place,
as it unfolds the mystery of Christ before us
and achieves our salvation within the Church.

First Reading

Ezekiel 17:22-24

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

I have made the small tree great.

The Lord says this:

'From the top of the cedar,
from the highest branch I will take a shoot
and plant it myself on a very high mountain.
I will plant it on the high mountain of Israel.
It will sprout branches and bear fruit,
and become a noble cedar.
Every kind of bird will live beneath it,
every winged creature rest in the shade of its
branches.
And every tree of the field will learn that I, the
Lord, am the one
who stunts tall trees and makes the low ones
grow,
who withers green trees and makes the
withered green.
I, the Lord, have spoken, and I will do it.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 91:2-3, 13-16

R. Lord it is good to give thanks to you.

It is good to give thanks to the Lord
to make music to your name, O Most High,
to proclaim your love in the morning
and your truth in the watches of the night. **R.**

The just will flourish like the palm-tree
and grow like a Lebanon cedar. **R.**

Planted in the house of the Lord
they will flourish in the courts of our God,
still bearing fruit when they are old,
still full of sap, still green,
to proclaim that the Lord is just.

In him, my rock, there is no wrong. **R.**

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 5:6-10

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

*Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are
intent on pleasing the Lord.*

We are always full of confidence when we remember
that to live in the body means to be exiled from the
Lord, going as we do by faith and not by sight - we
are full of confidence, I say, and actually want to be
exiled from the body and make our home with the

Lord. Whether we are living in the body or exiled
from it, we are intent on pleasing him. For all the
truth about us will be brought out in the law court of
Christ, and each of us will get what he deserves for
the things he did in the body, good or bad.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower;
all who come to him will live for ever.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 4:26-34

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark
*The mustard seed, the smallest of all the seeds, grows into the
biggest shrub of all.*

Jesus said to the crowd, 'This is what the kingdom of
God is like. A man throws seed on the land. Night
and day, while he sleeps, when he is awake, the seed
is sprouting and growing; how, he does not know.
Of its own accord the land produces first the shoot,
then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when
the crop is ready, he loses no time; he starts to reap
because the harvest has come.'

He also said, 'What can we say the kingdom of God
is like? What parable can we find for it? It is like a
mustard seed which at the time of its sowing in the
soil is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet once
it is sown it grows into the biggest shrub of them all
and puts out big branches so that the birds of the air
can shelter in its shade.'

Using many parables like these, he spoke the word
to them, so far as they were capable of
understanding it. He would not speak to them
except in parables, but he explained everything to his
disciples when they were alone.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Reflection on the Readings

Profession of Faith

In union with the whole Church, let us profess our
faith.

**I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,**

At the words that follow, up to and including 'the Virgin Mary', all bow.

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father
almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living and
the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen.**

General Intercessions

Presider: Jesus is forever sewing seeds of the Kingdom in our midst let us pray for a world-wide harvest of peace and justice through our own actions.

For the Church: that we, the Church, be sower of seeds: seeds of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness gentleness and self-control Lord hear us

For the Pope: that his concern for harmony with God's creation lead us all to seek justice for the poor. Lord hear us

For our Parish: that we continue the work of Jesus in growing the Kingdom, by living Christlike lives and reaching out to others. Lord hear us

For those who are ill, for their careers, and for those in lockdown in Victoria: that they may know the comfort of our prayers.

For the recently deceased especially Fay Connell,..... and for those whose anniversary of death occurs around this time, that they will make their home with the risen Lord for ever. Lord hear us

Presider: O God, at whose bidding the seed will sprout and the shoot grow toward full stature, hear the prayer of your assembled people. Make us trust in your hidden ways, that we may pray with confidence and wait for your kingdom now growing in our midst. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in

the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever... 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.

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

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

Eleventh Sunday in the Ordinary Time

Beloved friends,

We come back again to the Ordinary Time of the year, and today, as I think about the Gospel, I reflect back on the experience of seeing my mother take care of her garden.

My mother loves her garden. I have seen how she takes care of it, nurtures it and prunes the crops to grow. It is fascinating how much time she spends making sure that what she planted, grows up well. It fills her with joy when her garden is green, and the crops are looking so healthy and producing good fruits. Of course, the fruits of her garden, its greenness and richness of her produce depends on many factors – good soil, water, sunshine, and many other things. Just like my mother, any person planting something believes that whatever is planted will hopefully grow well. The period between when a seed is planted and when it starts sprouting, is something we don't really know about or have control over. And yet the seed is growing in the soil while we might be sleeping or just going about our daily life.

In the parables of our Gospel today, Jesus illustrates the Kingdom of God like a seed which the sower throws in the soil and while the sower is asleep or awake, the seed keeps growing. How? The sower does not know. Jesus goes on and likens the Kingdom of God to that of a mustard seed, which when it's planted is the smallest of seeds, but when it grows, it becomes so big of a shrub that the birds of the earth take shelter in its shade.

In these parables, Jesus demonstrates that big things start in small and insignificant ways. We can say that real change starts small and in ways that are totally unfamiliar to our dictates of power and control. We like to do things in big ways, ways that demonstrate that we have control over our lives, without having to start small. And yet, all the things that totally change our lives are things that we may not have predicted, things that were totally happening in small, insignificant ways. This is the pattern of how real change happens. Instead of big things and pronounced ways that we want things to happen, real change almost happens secretly, step-by-step, in ways totally unbeknownst to us.

In our First Reading from Prophet Ezekiel, he spoke of how a shoot will be taken from the branch of the Cedar of Lebanon (the largest tree known to the people at that time), and planted on a high mountain, and it will grow, sprouting branches and bearing fruit so that all kinds of birds will live beneath it. Real transformation starts at the bottom and is very small, until it grows big. Sometimes we want to stay at the top, with the 'bigness' of things and holding onto power as the definition of our being, but as counterintuitive as it might sound, the journey of powerlessness is what will bring real change within us. It is a quiet growth and is a kind of development that happens almost secretly, step by step. When you encounter people, who have gone through the journey of powerlessness, who have allowed this arduous, slow and almost secret, step by step process to transform them, they are the people you can trust. They have some kind of *gravitas* about them, some kind of *substance* that gives hope for life.

Knowing this *mustard-seed-pattern-of-life*, is something that teaches us to trust a God who is secretly working in our life day-by-day, night-by-night and in ways we do not know. This is the inside job of God in your life. You can trust it, allow it, and know that it is happening. We can let go and trust that God is in-charge, and we are not. Just like the mustard seed, we are slowly being changed, being transformed, being enlarged by God. This is something that enables us to be patient with ourselves, even when we think the absolute worst of ourselves. It should allow us to be patient with life, with our partner, with our children, with our family, and to be able to forgive reality for what it is. Growth happens in the dynamics of *three steps forward and two steps backward*. It is never a linear line. We may feel small and the smallness of everything in our lives, but God is working wonders secretly in our lives while we are sleeping and while we are going about our days.

Just like my mother takes care of her garden, we are being taken care of in the garden of God that we are planted. This is how God works, God is in-charge of this garden, and we are not. Inside this garden, we can grow to something real, something so big that the birds of the air will find shelter in us as Prophet Ezekiel said in our First Reading today. We can grow in such a way that people can find in us a life that is believable, a hope that is real, and a love that they can truly trust. This is our calling, and this is who we are as children of God.

And may God bless you!
Fr Dom.

Gympie Sunday Ministry Roster 13.06.2021

		9.00 am		5.30pm
	Welcomer	D. Leidel		H. Lunn
	Commentator	D. Griffin		T. Hallam
	Reader 1	S. O'Brian		S. Lunn
	Reader 2	N. Gambling		M. Newton
	Communion Minister	William		William
	Power Point/iPad	<i>Volunteer</i>		<i>Volunteer</i>

Gympie Sunday Ministry Roster 20.06.2021

		9.00 am		5.30pm
	Welcomer	P. Tobin		A. Eames
	Commentator	S. O'Brien		M. Rush
	Reader 1	I. Laherty		M. Norris
	Reader 2	D. Dillon		K. Mooney
	Communion Minister	D. Curtain		B. Doak
	Power Point/iPad	<i>Volunteer</i>		<i>Volunteer</i>

Celebrations of the Eucharist: St Patrick's Gympie:

Sunday 9.00 am live-streamed mass. Please register at the Parish Website before midday Friday if you wish to participate. (The Rosary will be said 8.30 am before Mass each Sunday)

Sunday 5.30 pm. Please register at the Parish Website before midday Friday if you wish to participate.

Monday 7.00 am

Tuesday 9.00 am. 30-minute adoration and benediction after mass.

Wednesday 5.30 pm combined with evening Prayer

Thursday 9.30 am Healing Mass

Friday 5.30 pm Reconciliation at 4.45 pm



PLEASE NOTE: As from the 6th June 2021 the Saturday night masses will commence at 5.00pm not 6.00pm

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

CHURCH UPDATES

MASS BOOKING

Go to the parish website and scroll down to the Join Us button just above the livestreamed mass video section, and click to join for either the 9am mass or 5:30pm mass on Sunday. The link will take you to Eventbrite where you will choose the date for the mass you want to attend, and then follow the prompts to fill your details and in seconds, you are done. Please be charitable by not booking for more than one Sundays in a go.

Those who don't have emails or are unable to do computer/internet bookings, please call the parish office and the staff will assist you to get a spot for mass.

Mass is live streamed from St Patrick's at 9.00 am so those allocated a seat are asked to be in the church by 8.30 am. Allow time to sanitise and sign in. Please bring your glasses: they make finding your name a little easier!! With the 5.30 pm mass, come in at about 5.00 pm to allow yourself time to sign in and sanitise. Your glasses are also a great help!

We have Launched our new website. We hope to display, with this new site, the friendly and welcoming face of the Catholic Gympie region. If you have any questions or queries regarding the website, please contact the Parish Office during Office hours.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

(if you would like your loved one prayed for, please let us know so we can add them to the list)

Your prayers are asked for Kevin McKay, Pat Carroll, Lillian Rouse, Carolyn Gargan, Laurie husband of Eileen, Moya Robertson, Ronell Asher, Mark Thompson, Bret Argar, Maree Walker, Brian Langton, John McCabe, Baby Ivy Adele, Maree Friswell, Gerri & Colin Willison, Basil Garner, Leon Garner, Peter Nicholls, Peter & Marie Corfield, Billy Balkin, Joanne Dodt, Mary Merrin, Joe Costello.

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 Fay Connell, Nevil Miers Don Blenkinsopp and those whose anniversaries fall around this time especially Raymond Rankin

FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF THE PARISH

"If you have changed your weekly giving from envelopes to electronic transfer, please advise the Parish Office on 5482 1213 as not all names have been notified from the banking agencies" envelopes are now available for pick up from the back of the Church.

Use the envelopes and drop them off at the parish office. Those at Mass, can place their offerings in the baskets in front of the altar.

Arrange a **direct debit** from your financial institution to the parish

Transfer funds electronically online. To make these transfers the details to use are:
Gympie Parish BSB 064-786 Account Number 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. www.archbne.org/bzw.

Weekday mass: 8.00 am

Sunday: 8.00 am and 10.00 am

MASS ON TV Channel 10 6 am each Sunday

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.

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.



(414)9358021071556

NEW 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.

WILLIAMS ORDINATION

William will be Ordained a Priest on the 29th June, the Celebration is being held in Brisbane 7 pm to 9 pm

The Celebration will be live streamed from the Cathedral. The parish hopes to pick up the live streaming in the church and anyone interested can come along on the night to watch the celebration. Please let the office know if you will be watching the live streaming at St Patrick's.

Gift for William: William would like to take a one-night holiday to Fraser Island and to Skydive so any monetary contributions towards this gift would be appreciated. Donations can be left at the Parish Office or given to the Priests at any of the Masses.

MEN'S AFTERNOONS

The Men's Afternoons are held on the Fourth Thursday of the Month. Next is Thursday 24 June 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.



Are you interested in joining one of our church Ministries?
We need readers, welcomers, Communion Ministers, altar servers, musicians and singers for St Patrick's church. If you are interested, please contact the parish office. All training will be provided.

If you are already a volunteer, then please check that the office has your current and correct contact details.



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:

13th July, 3rd August, 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 comes out once a month and it costs \$4.00

DATE CLAIMERS

Bible Studies Mark

From: 01.07.2021 for 4 Thursdays

If you're interested in being involved come along to the Parish Centre at 5.00pm Thursday. We look forward to seeing you there.

Bible Society. Date claimer for proposed Luncheon at the Church of Christ Hall Friday 23rd July. Please contact Narelle on 5483 2128

Date Claimer: Wednesday 04.08.2021

Feast of St John Vianney

Mass Tin Can Bay Church at 9.00 am

National Count of Attendance

Weekend	1-2.05.2021	Total number of people attending Mass	218
Weekend	8-9.05.2021	Total number of people attending Mass	218
Weekend	15-16.05.2021	Total number of people attending Mass Female 137 & Male 95	232
Weekend	22-23.05.2021	Total number of people attending Mass	254
	0-17 25, 18-29 9,	30-49 27, 50-69 74, 70+ 119	

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

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

Discovering Sophia: God's Wisdom Within – A Quiet Weekend Retreat for Women

A Quiet Weekend with opportunity to explore our life story and our experiences of the wisdom growing within us since the moment of our birth...Sophia, the wisdom of God within.

Come and experience a time of guided prayerful reflection.



Facilitated by Grace Harwood (Dragonfly Ministries)

Dates: Friday 18 June 6pm to Sunday 20 June 3pm

Place: Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, Wellington Street, Ormiston

Cost: \$370 (\$340 for pensioners, f/t students and unemployed) includes all accommodation, meals (an additional fee for special diets of any kind), resources, spiritual direction and facilitation.

To register or enquire contact:

grace@dragonflyministries.net.au or 0409 524 283 (also Grace)

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.