



**OUR MISSION:**  
*Living and telling the good news of Jesus Christ,  
reaching out to all in love and service.*

**OUR VISION:**  
*To be an outward looking Church*

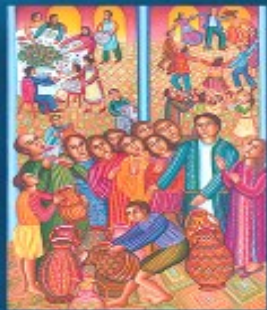
## SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

19th January 2025

*O God, your desire for creation is abundance. Elevate our vision and give us faith broad and wide enough to see your plenty. Amen*

Jesus did this,  
the first  
of his signs,  
in Cana  
of Galilee

JOHN 2:11



## Sentence & Prayer of the Day

**Sentence:** Jesus revealed his glory, and his disciples believed in him. John 2.11

**Prayer of the Day:** Bountiful God, whose Son revealed his glory at Cana of Galilee: help us to believe and obey, so that, as our Saviour promised, we may be filled with the wine of new life and show forth his joy and love; who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## Readings: This Sunday

Isaiah 62.1-5      Ps 36.5-10  
1 Corinthians 12.1-11      John 2.1-11

## Next Sunday

Nehemiah 8.1-3, 5-6, 8-10      Ps 19  
1 Thessalonians 5.12-24      Luke 4.14-21

## Sunday Services in our Region

- **Gympie** - Anglicare Building ► 8.30 am (see page 7 for location details)
- **Rainbow Beach** - Good Shepherd Church ► 9.30 am
- **Tin Can Bay** - St John Vianney's Catholic Church ► 7.30 am  
(1st & 2nd Sunday's)

# Prayers

## Pray for the Church:

**Worldwide:** *The Church of the Province of the West Indies*

**National:** *The Diocese of North West Australia*

**Our Diocese:** ● *The Parish of Redcliffe* ● *Oratory of the Good Shepherd, Society of the Sacred Advent, Society of St Francis* ● *Toowoomba Anglican School,*

**Local:**

*Toowoomba*

**Ministry:** *Ministry in Aged Care Homes-Gympie*

**MU Ministry:** *.Gracious Lord we bring before you the Diocese of Ruaha in Tanzania as they face many challenges to family life including unemployment and poverty. We pray that the Credit and Savings group in partnership with Tearfund will continue to fulfil its aim of spiritual and socio-economic transformation across the country. Amen.*

**In Need:** *Jim Alford; David Arthur; Azzrah; Nicholas Barrett; Bruce Barton; Annette Collins; Val Deans; Pam Dorman; Joyce Gall; Allan Gall; Peter Gall; Baby Louis; Jenny; Graham & Val McClurg; Shirley Summerville; Graham and Beris Trainer; Melodie Zylstra.*

**Thanksgiving for the life of:** *Lila Thompson*

*Lila's funeral will be held at the Cooloola Coast Crematorium Chapel on Wednesday, 22nd January at 10 am. Lila was a long term member of the Cooloola Coast congregation and will be sadly missed.*

## ABM Reflection

Isaiah gives hope as he prophesies the restoration and vindication of God's people and that they shall again be beautiful and restored to God's intimate presence. In the gospel we hear of a different transformation. It's a sign which reveals God's glory as water is turned into the wine of gladness.

- May our eyes be open to the signs of God's glory in the world around us, in miracles small or great.
- Give thanks for the work and witness of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan.

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## Parish Calendar

19/1 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday	20/1 3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday	21/1 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday	22/1 4 <sup>th</sup> Wed	23/1 4 <sup>th</sup> Thurs	24/1 4 <sup>th</sup> Fri	25/1 4 <sup>th</sup> Sat
2 <sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY 8.30 am St Peter's 9.30 am Rainbow Bch 5.30 pm St Peter's & Zoom						
<b>No mid-week services in January</b>						
26/1 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	27/1 4 <sup>th</sup> Monday	28/1 4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday	29/1 5 <sup>th</sup> Wed	30/1 5 <sup>th</sup> Thurs	31/1 5 <sup>th</sup> Fri	
3 <sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY 8.30 am St Peter's 9.30 am Rainbow Bch 5.30 pm St Peter's & Zoom	PUBLIC HOLIDAY AUSTRALIA DAY	9.30 am MU Service				



## This Week's Readings

### **First reading from the Prophet Isaiah 62.1-5**

<sup>1</sup>For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. <sup>2</sup>The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. <sup>3</sup>You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. <sup>4</sup>You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the Lord delights in you, and your land shall be married. <sup>5</sup>For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

*(Pause for reflection)*

Hear the Word of the Lord.

**THANKS BE TO GOD**

### **Psalm 36.5-10**

<sup>5</sup>Your unfailing kindness, O Lord, is in the heavens:  
and your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.

<sup>6</sup>**Your righteousness is like the strong mountains:  
and your justice as the great deep; you, O Lord, save both man and beast.**

<sup>7</sup>How precious, O God, is your enduring kindness:  
the children of Adam shall take refuge under the shadow of your wings.

<sup>8</sup>**They shall be satisfied with the good things of your house:  
and you will give them drink from the river of your delights.**

<sup>9</sup>For with you is the well of life:  
and in your light shall we see light.

<sup>10</sup>**O continue your merciful kindness toward these who know you:  
and your righteous dealing to those that are true of heart.**

### **A reading from 1 Corinthians 12.1-11**

<sup>1</sup>Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. <sup>2</sup>You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. <sup>3</sup>Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says 'Let Jesus be cursed!' and no one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except by the Holy Spirit. <sup>4</sup>Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; <sup>5</sup>and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; <sup>6</sup>and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone.

<sup>7</sup>To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. <sup>8</sup>To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, <sup>9</sup>to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, <sup>10</sup>to another the working of miracles, to

another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. <sup>11</sup>All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

*(Pause for reflection)*

Hear the Word of the Lord.

**THANKS BE TO GOD**

### **The Holy Gospel**

**The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 2.1-11**

**GLORY TO YOU, LORD JESUS CHRIST**

<sup>1</sup>On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. <sup>2</sup>Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. <sup>3</sup>When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' <sup>4</sup>And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' <sup>5</sup>His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' <sup>6</sup>Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. <sup>7</sup>Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. <sup>8</sup>He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. <sup>9</sup>When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom <sup>10</sup>and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' <sup>11</sup>Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

*(Pause for reflection)*

For the Gospel of the Lord

**PRAISE TO YOU LORD JESUS CHRIST**

## **REFLECTION**

### **Abundant Love**

We can depend on God's abundant love. Whether offering renewal to those without hope in Isaiah's time or changing water into wine at the wedding in Cana, God gives us extravagant gifts. The abundant gifts of God's Spirit work in the midst of the community of God's beloved people to reveal Christ, then and now.

**Isaiah 62:1-5** Using the image of the wedding feast, Isaiah reveals the abundant joy and love that God has for God's people. The prophet is speaking a word of comfort to a hurting and desolate people, returning home after exile in Babylon. In Hebrew culture, a name offered clues to one's identity. In receiving a new name from God, the people understand that their relationship with God is restored.

**Psalms 36:5-10** calls us to thankfulness for God's rich abundance in all times and places. God's unconditional love renews and restores us, even in our lowest moments.

**1 Corinthians 12:1-11** attests to the abundance of the Spirit's gifts. Those gifts are poured out upon all for the sake of the common good.

**John 2:1–11** In this miracle story unique to John’s gospel, Jesus’ ministry gains public awareness at a wedding in Cana of Galilee.

The disciples are there, as is Jesus’ mother, Mary, who seems to already know and trust in the works of Jesus. (Note, however, that the gospel of John does not refer to Jesus’ mother by name.)

The story itself begins simply enough, and there is no hint in the first few verses that a miracle is about to occur. Suddenly, “the wine gave out,” an embarrassing predicament for the hosts. Mary calls on Jesus to help.

Scholars disagree over Jesus’ use of the term “woman” in his reply to Mary. Some cite it as a term of respect, while others claim it would have been unusual for a son to refer to his mother in this way in that culture. Our ears may hear detachment in the exchange. In spite of that, Mary emerges as a strong character of faith. She trusts Jesus’ ability to respond to this need. Mary leads others to exercise such trust when she tells the servants: “Do whatever he tells you.” The fact that “servants” translates *diakonos*, a word used in the early church for “minister,” may be a subtle clue by the gospel writer about Mary’s significance. Some scholars, ancient and modern, saw Mary as having an important role in the early church. This story emerges as a strong witness to Mary’s faith and trust.

What is truly amazing in this story is the abundance of wine Jesus offers the wedding party. Imagine about 660 litres or 150 gallons of wine, and of the highest quality! Jesus provides the best wine at the end of the feast. This would have been unheard of in that time – a reversal of expectations. The steward is confused about the origin of the wine, though the servants who had drawn the water know.

Through the turning of the water into wine, Jesus is revealed. This miracle speaks of God bringing extravagance and abundance into everyday activities. God’s glory is revealed and the disciples believe in Jesus. The world – or at least the world of this wedding party – has been turned around.



As God’s people, we live with an abundant spirit that stands in contrast to many of the world’s realities. We imagine hope where there seems to be none, for we are guided by faith in God’s unending love. The Season after the Epiphany is a good time to reflect upon the ways that God’s abundant love and Spirit are at work among us. In what ways does Jesus’ life and ministry reveal God’s abundance to you? In what ways does God continue to bring abundance into the world today?

### **Connecting scripture and life**

Jesus shows that there is more than enough, but we tend to live with an attitude of scarcity rather than abundance. (There’s not enough time, resources, food, jobs, affordable housing, etc.) And he offers the best at the wedding, not leftovers.

- **How can we respond with abundance and abundant love to the needs of our neighbours and community?**
- **How can we give our best to those who are in need?**
- **How might mission change in your congregation if you offered the best to others? If you approached mission with an attitude of abundance?**

# NEWS AND NOTICES

## SERVICES AT ST PETER'S

At this stage we are still able to access St Peter's Church for our Sunday Services. As you can see from the picture the scaffolding has been erected without the front and side doors being obstructed.

Any updates to this information will be announced at Sunday Services and via Facebook and email.



Please note there are **no mid-week services this month** ie Tuesday, 5.30 pm and Wednesday, 12 noon services are in hiatus.

Please refer to the Parish Calendar on page two for service information.

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The meeting is scheduled for  
**Sunday, 23rd February at 9.30 am.**

Please join us for this important milestone in our Parish year.

**Nomination forms for Wardens, Parish Councilors and Nominators** are at the back of the church. Completed forms to be placed in the *Nominations* box.

**Please speak with Fr Shaji if you have any questions about serving on the Parish Council.**

Please have narrative reports (emailed or posted) with the Church Office by Friday, 14th Feb. please.



**FANCY THAT OP SHOP HAS OPENED FOR 2025**  
We're at 204 Mary St just up from the Empire Hotel  
Pop in and have a look at the amazing array of bric-a-brac, clothes and many other items we have.  
We're open each weekday from 9 am to 3 pm and Saturday mornings 9 -12 noon.  
We look forward to seeing you soon.

## HOPE<sup>25</sup>

### *Easter to Pentecost in 2025*

*Imagine every Anglican Church, in every town and city, in every suburb and community, all working in the same season to proclaim hope in our uncertain world.*

Remembering our Parish mission is '**Living and telling the good news of Jesus Christ, reaching out to all in love and service**'.

Together, let's embark on a journey of faith, reaching out to touch hearts, inspire minds, and illuminate lives with the boundless hope found in Jesus Christ.

#### **Will you join us?**

We're studying HOPE 25 this year for Lenten Studies. Availability of books will be advised in February.

#### **Prayer for HOPE 25**

God of Hope

You call on us to be your witnesses in this uncertain world;

By your Spirit awaken in us a true vision of your kingdom, a greater certainty of our salvation, and a deeper dedication to your service;

That through our words and actions the same Spirit may bring many who are lost to be found, and for them to celebrate the hope that we can only have in Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen

#### **NEW PARISH CENTRE - Current Situation:**

Tenders for the building have been sent to the following builders: Carfax Commercial; Manage Design Build (MDB) & Sutton Building Solutions.



**'TAP, SWIPE, INSERT' for Sunday Giving:** EFTPOS is now available at the back of the church for contactless giving. The Offertory Plate will not be passed around during the Service. Instead, there is a plate at the back of the church where you can give your Sunday Offering. Your support is appreciated!



# Fancy That Op Shop

204 Mary St, Gympie Phn: 0493 378 944

Monday to Friday 9 am to 3 pm

Saturday 9 am to 12 noon

Closed Public Holidays

An outreach of



## PARISH PANTRY - DONATIONS



Non-perishable food items: canned foods, pasta & sauce, snack foods, long life milk, cereals, rice, tea, coffee, tuna snacks, muesli bars, 2-Minute noodles & toiletries etc. Please leave at St Peter's or church office (Tues-Fri). Thank you for your support of this community outreach

### Sunday's ZOOM information

**Topic:** St Peter's Sunday Evening Service **Time:** Each Sunday @ 05:30 PM

**Join Zoom Meeting** via computer or mobile device (*Click or type link into your web browser*) <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7246788483> **Meeting ID:** 724 678 8483:

No password required

*Please note ZOOM connection information does not change each week.*

## How to contribute financially to our Church

For those who would like to contribute, please see the options below.

- 1) **Deposits may be made by internet transfer from your bank direct to our Church Bank Account using the following information:**

**Account Name:** Anglican Parish Gympie **BSB:** 704-901 **Account Number:** 0000 5910  
Please use all the four zeros when entering the Account No. & Reference your donation  
**E.g. "Giving General" "..... Appeal" "Giving Tree", "Shoe Box" etc**

- 2) **Using the QR Code to donate via Commonwealth Bank BPoint Credit Card website**

**A) If viewing on your computer or smart phone** - click on the QR Code and it will take you to the B-Point website to make a donation by credit card **OR**

**B) If reading a printed copy of pew sheet** - hover your smart phone over the QR Code to link you to the BPoint website

**Our bank details are already linked so you only need to add your details, credit card number & reference:**

- 3) **Parish Direct via ANFIN** - An easy way of giving regularly:

Forms are available at the back of the Church or Church Office.



## Parish Contacts

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