

**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*

# HOLY WEEK SERVICES

## Palm Sunday

13th April

- 7.30 am St John Vianney's-Tin Can Bay
- 8.30 am St Peter's-Gympie
- 9.30 am Good Shepherd-Rainbow Beach
- 4pm *Classical Music Concert in St Peter's*

16th April

**Wednesday Service**  
12 noon  
St Peter's

A short service followed by light refreshment.

17th April

**Maunday Thursday**

5 pm  
St Peter's

**Agape Meal**

18th April

**Good Friday**

- 9.00 am St Peter's-Gympie Stations of the Cross follows this Service

- 9.30 am Good Shepherd Rainbow Beach

20th April

## Easter Day

- 8.30 am St Peter's-Gympie
- 9.30 am Good Shepherd-Rainbow Beach

**Church Locations**

- St Peter's Church: Corner Amy St & Lady Mary Terrace, Gympie
- Good Shepherd Church: 17-19 Carlo Road, Rainbow Beach
- St John Vianney's Church: Bream St, Tin Can Bay

# Sentence & Prayer of the Day

**Sentence:** At the name of Jesus, every knee shall bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Philippians 2.10–11

**The Prayer of the day:** Everlasting God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son to take our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross: in your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## Readings this Sunday

Isaiah 50.4-9a	Ps 31.9-18	Acts 10.34-43	Ps 118.1-2, 14-24
Philippians 2.5-11	Luke 19.28-40	1 Corinthians 15.9-26	John 20.1-18

## Prayers

### Pray for the Church:

**Worldwide:** *The Church of England*

**National:** *Ministry with the Aboriginal People of Australia*

**Our Diocese:** ● *The Parish of Gold Coast South* ● *Logan Multicultural Ministry*  
● *St Luke's Anglican School, Bundaberg*

### Local:

**Ministry:** *Ministry in Aged Care Homes*

**MU Ministry:** *Almighty God, we give thanks for the Mothers Union Triennial Conference held in Dogura, Papua New Guinea in September 2024. Pray that the outcomes of the conference in encouraging the study of God's Word, literacy and how to care for those coping with domestic violence and sorcery. Pray too for the Diocese of Canberra Goulburn with new leadership.*

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

13/4 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday	14/4 2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday	15/4 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday	16/4 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday	17/4 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday	18/4 3 <sup>rd</sup> Friday	19/4 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sat
<b>PALM / PASSION SUNDAY</b> 7.30 am Tin Can Bay 8.30 am St Peter's 9.30 am Rainbow Bch 4.00 pm Gympie Strings concert		5.00 pm Meditation @ St. P	9.30 am Cooinda Aged Care Noon Service @ St P Evening Bible Study <i>Pls enquire</i>	10.00 Homeless Connect 5 PM Agape Meal	9.00 am St Peter's 9.30 am Good Shepherd	
20/4 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday	21/4 3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday	22/4 4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday	23/4 4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday	24/4 4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday	25/4 4 <sup>th</sup> Friday	26/4 4 <sup>th</sup> Sat
8.30 am St Peter's 9.30 am Rainbow Bch	PUBLIC HOLIDAY	School recommences 9.30 am MU Service @ St. P 5.00 pm Meditation @ St. P 5.15 pm Community Action Board Meeting-SJ	Noon Service @ St P Evening Bible Study <i>Pls enquire</i>	Noon Regional Deanery 3.00 pm Bible Study @ St.P 5.30 pm Pitch-In Choir	Public Holiday	



## This Week's Readings

### First reading from Isaiah 50.4-9a

<sup>4</sup> The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he awakens— awakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. <sup>5</sup> The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backwards. <sup>6</sup> I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. <sup>7</sup> The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; <sup>8</sup> he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. <sup>9</sup> It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty? All of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up.

*(Pause for reflection)*

Hear the Word of the Lord.

**THANKS BE TO GOD**

### Psalm Psalm 31.9-18

<sup>9</sup> Have mercy upon me, O Lord, for I am in trouble:  
my eye wastes away for grief, my throat also and my inward parts.

<sup>10</sup> **For my life wears out in sorrow, and my years with sighing:  
my strength fails me in my affliction, and my bones are consumed.**

<sup>11</sup> I am become the scorn of all my enemies:  
and my neighbours wag their heads in derision.

<sup>12</sup> **I am a thing of horror to my friends:  
and those that see me in the street shrink from me.**

<sup>13</sup> I am forgotten like one dead and out of mind:  
I have become like a broken vessel.

<sup>14</sup> **For I hear the whispering of many:  
and fear is on every side;**

<sup>15</sup> While they plot together against me:  
and scheme to take away my life.

<sup>16</sup> **But in you, Lord, have I put my trust:  
I have said 'You are my God.'**

<sup>17</sup> All my days are in your hand:  
O deliver me from the power of my enemies and from my persecutors.

<sup>18</sup> **Make your face to shine upon your servant:  
and save me for your mercy's sake.**

## **A reading from Philippians 2.5-11**

<sup>5</sup> Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, <sup>7</sup> but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, <sup>8</sup> he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup> Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup> so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup> and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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## **The Holy Gospel**

**The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 19.28-40**

**GLORY TO YOU, LORD JESUS CHRIST**

<sup>28</sup>After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

<sup>29</sup>When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, <sup>30</sup>saying, ‘Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. <sup>31</sup>If anyone asks you, “Why are you untying it?” just say this: “The Lord needs it.”’ <sup>32</sup>So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. <sup>33</sup>As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, ‘Why are you untying the colt?’ <sup>34</sup>They said, ‘The Lord needs it.’ <sup>35</sup>Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. <sup>36</sup>As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. <sup>37</sup>As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, <sup>38</sup>saying, ‘Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!’ <sup>39</sup>Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, ‘Teacher, order your disciples to stop.’ <sup>40</sup>He answered, ‘I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.’

*(Pause for reflection)*

For the Gospel of the Lord

**PRAISE TO YOU LORD JESUS CHRIST**

## **REFLECTION**

### **Palm, Passion Sunday**

These stories recall a triumphal entry into Jerusalem followed by suffering and death. But Jesus is not a passive victim. He acts with defiance and trust. Those who wield violence and death, even disciples, cannot stifle his faithful witness. Jesus speaks truth to power and extends grace to sinners; his innocence reveals the gospel’s cruciform message – one of self-sacrificial love.

**Isaiah 50:4–9a** and **Psalms 31:9–16** assert faithful witness in the face of life-threatening circumstances. The prophet does so by depicting defiance before those who torture him, defiance energized by reliance on God. The psalmist asserts such

witness by daring to raise lament before God, confessing the terror he faces by staking claim on God's steadfast love, which saves.

**Philippians 2:5–11** affirms the humility and obedience of Christ, which take ultimate shape on the cross. The closing verses convey the trust that such passion does not end in death, but results in life and praise of God.

**Luke 19:28–40** The gospel writer tells us that people spread their cloaks on the road and throngs of disciples shout triumphantly because of the deeds of power they have witnessed along their journey with Jesus. Jesus has told them, however, that the ultimate revelation of his identity and salvation will be his betrayal, death, and resurrection (Luke 9:22). Jesus enters Jerusalem riding on the back of a donkey, recalling the messianic promise: "Your king comes to you...humble and riding on a donkey" (Zechariah 9:9). Kings serve by ruling, but Jesus rules by serving, even to the point of suffering and death. Living with the destructive power of the Roman empire, those who follow Jesus into Jerusalem, with all its risks and uncertainty, do so with joy because their hope is not in the fleeting power of Rome, but rather in the endless, eternal power of God revealed in the life of Jesus.



In these passages, we move beyond the jubilant crowds of followers toward the true revelation of Jesus' identity and purpose on the cross. Jesus' passion unfolds as those in power abuse an innocent man. Psalmist and prophet and Philippians all lend perspectives on what it means to refuse to repay evil with evil, and to choose instead to speak and act with gracious forbearance and unswerving trust in God's purposes. The question posed in these passages is not simply what we make of Christ's passion in the words and deeds that Luke records. The more fundamental question is this: What does Christ's passion make of us?

### **Connecting scripture and life**

- Where and in whom do you see the suffering of Christ most poignantly today? What does hearing these stories commission the church, and you, to do in response?
- What might it mean for you, for your congregation, to trust God as Jesus does in these stories?
- Why are these stories of passionate trust vital for understanding what awaits all creation next Sunday?

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# NEWS AND NOTICES

## EASTER FLOWERS

Donations towards **Memorial Flowers for Easter** may be made in memory of a loved ones passed.

**Please contact the Church office with names before Thursday (17th) this week - Leave a message on phone , email or ring during office hours 9-3 pm Tuesday to Friday.** Donations may be placed in an envelope and into the collection bowl or made online. Contact details and how to donate on line are on page 8 of this bulletin.



**TODAY**



**Anglican Church** **Gympie & Region** with **Gympie Strings**

presents  
**Flute quartet**  
with Mozart soloist  
**Maria Brereton**

*Liebesleid by Fritz Kreisler*  
*Skaters waltz by Emil Waldteufel*  
*Teddy bears' picnic and more.*

**Sunday, 13th April**  
**at 4 pm**

In St Peter's Church - Cnr Amy St &  
Lady Mary Tce, Gympie

Entry: Gold coin donation to benefit Gympie Strings  
Light refreshments to follow.

## ST PETER'S MIDDAY WEDNESDAY SERVICE

### **We're Back! St Peter's Wednesday Service**

Join us at 12 noon this coming **Wednesday**, (16th) for a short service followed by light refreshment.

We look forward to seeing familiar and new faces joining us for this short service. Light refreshment and fellowship follow.

### **St Peter's Sunday 5.30 pm Service**

The 5.30 pm Service is in hiatus for the next two weeks. We'll recommence on Sunday, 27th April



## Agape Meal for Maundy Thursday 17th April at 5 pm

ALL WELCOME: A sign up sheet is at the back of the church.  
If anyone would like to make a soup or bring a plate of cut up fruit please contact May Nash.

## Episcopal Visit & Confirmations



We are pleased to announce that the Bishop for the Northern Region, the Right Reverend Sarah Plowman, will be visiting St Peter's on Sunday, 31st August 2025. If you would like to be Confirmed or Baptised and Confirmed please speak with Fr Shaji or contact the Church office.



# LENT APPEAL 2025

175 YEARS ANNIVERSARY 1850 - 2025



Please put your donation in an envelope marked "Lent appeal" and place in the offering bowl or donate online - see pg 8



*Helping women break free from violence, injustice and oppression*

### Date Claimers:

- ◆ 25th April ANZAC Day (Friday): Fr Shaji will be in Rainbow Beach officiating memorial services.
- ◆ 28th April (Monday): Mainly Music recommences at St John's Place.

### NEW PARISH CENTRE - Current Situation:

Tenders have been received and are currently under review



**'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!



## 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 Ex: "Giving", "... Appeal".**

- 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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