



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

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

4th May 2025

Loving God, dare we have the chance to offer forgiveness. Dare we find that gospel moment that brings new life to those who have hurt others. Dare we offer justice to those who have been unjust to us and find you with us as we build communities of justice and grace. Amen



Sentence & Prayer of the Day

Sentence: To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honour and glory and might for ever and ever. Revelation 5.13

Prayer of the Day: Almighty God, through your only Son you overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that we who celebrate our Lord's resurrection, may, through the renewing power of your Spirit, rise from the death of sin to the life of righteousness; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Readings: This Sunday

Acts 9.1-6

Psalm 30

Revelations 5.6-14

John 21.1-19

Next Sunday

Acts 9.36 - 43

Ps 23

Revelation 7.9-17

John 10.22-30

Sunday Services in our Region

- **Gympie:** St Peter's Church ► 8.30 am & 5.30 pm in person & via Zoom (See pg 8)
- **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:

Pray for the Church:

Worldwide: The Church of Ireland

National: The Diocese of Ballarat

Our Diocese: • The Parish of Kilcoy • Toowoomba hospital chaplaincy • Canterbury College, Waterford

Local:

Ministry: Bible Study Groups

MU Ministry: Our Father, please make us a people who will show forth your honour, for we wish above all that your name will be honoured among all people. Pray for the Mothers Union in Uppershire, Malawi as members are actively identifying and responding to the challenges that individuals and families face. May they have opportunity to share their faith in Jesus. Amen.

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.

ABM Reflection

In today's Gospel reading the disciples do not immediately recognise the risen Jesus, just as the disciples on the road to Emmaus and Mary Magdalene in the garden at the tomb did not. However, when he commands them to throw out the nets and they bring in a full catch (cf Luke 5) they realise exactly who he is.

• Lord, help the scales to fall from my eyes so that I recognise you each time I encounter you in the world.

• Give thanks for the work and witness of the Church of the Province of Myanmar.

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Fortnight Ahead

4/5 1 st Sunday	5/5 1 st Monday	6/5 1 st Tuesday	7/5 1 st Wednesday	8/5 2 nd Thursday	9/5 2 nd Friday	10/5 2 nd Sat
3 rd Sunday of Easter 7.30 am Tin Can Bay 8.30 am St Peter's-Kidz Church 9.30 am Rainbow Bch 5.30 pm St Peter's & Zoom	Public holiday Labour Day	5.00 pm Meditation @ St. P	Noon Service @ St P Evening Bible Study Pls enquire	3.00 pm Bible Study @ St.P 5.30 pm Pitch-In Choir	OFFICE CLOSED Parish admin Training 9-5pm	
11/5 2 nd Sunday	12/5 2 nd Monday	13/5 2 nd Tuesday	14/5 2 nd Wednesday	15/5 3 rd Thursday	16/5 3 rd Friday	17/5 3 rd Sat
4 th Sunday of Easter 7.30 am Tin Can Bay 8.30 am St Peter's 9.30 am Rainbow Bch 5.30 pm St Peter's & Zoom	9.30-12 Mainly Music	5.00 pm Meditation @ St. P	Noon Gympie Minister's Network meeting Noon Service @ St P Evening Bible Study Pls enquire	10.00 Homeless Connect 3.00 pm Bible Study @ St.P 5.30 pm Pitch-In Choir		9.00 am Parish Council @ St P



This Week's Readings

First reading from Acts 9.1-6

¹Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ²and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?' ⁵He asked, 'Who are you, Lord?' The reply came, 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.'

(Pause for reflection)

Hear the Word of the Lord.

THANKS BE TO GOD

Psalm 30

¹ I will exalt you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up from the depths:
and have not suffered my foes to triumph over me.

² **O Lord my God, I cried to you:**

and you have made me whole.

³ You brought me back, O Lord, from the land of silence:
you saved my life from among those that go down to the Pit.

⁴ **Sing praises to the Lord, all you his faithful ones:**

and give thanks to his holy name.

⁵ For if in his anger is havoc, in his good favour is life:
heaviness may endure for a night, but joy comes in the morning.

⁶ **In my prosperity I said 'I shall never be moved:**
your goodness, O Lord, has set me on so firm a hill.'

⁷ Then you hid your face from me:
and I was greatly dismayed.

⁸ **I cried to you, O God:**

and made my petition humbly to my Lord.

⁹ 'What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the Pit:
can the dust give you thanks, or declare your faithfulness?

¹⁰ **'Hear, O Lord, and be merciful:**

O Lord, be my helper.'

¹¹ You have turned my lamentation into dancing:
you have put off my sackcloth and girded me with joy,

¹² **That my heart may sing your praise and never be silent:**

O Lord my God, I will give you thanks for ever.

A reading from Revelation 5.6-14

⁶Then I saw between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders a Lamb standing as if it had been slaughtered, having seven horns and seven eyes,

which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. ⁷He went and took the scroll from the right hand of the one who was seated on the throne. ⁸When he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell before the Lamb, each holding a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. ⁹They sing a new song: 'You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slaughtered and by your blood you ransomed for God saints from every tribe and language and people and nation; ¹⁰you have made them to be a kingdom and priests serving our God, and they will reign on earth.' ¹¹Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, ¹²singing with full voice, 'Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honour and glory and blessing!' ¹³Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing, 'To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honour and glory and might for ever and ever!' ¹⁴And the four living creatures said, 'Amen!' And the elders fell down and worshipped.

(Pause for reflection)

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THANKS BE TO GOD

The Holy Gospel

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according John 21.1.-19

GLORY TO YOU, LORD JESUS CHRIST

¹After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. ²Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. ³Simon Peter said to them, 'I am going fishing.' They said to him, 'We will go with you.' They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. ⁴Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵Jesus said to them, 'Children, you have no fish, have you?' They answered him, 'No.' ⁶He said to them, 'Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.' So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. ⁷That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord!' When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the lake. ⁸But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off. ⁹When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. ¹⁰Jesus said to them, 'Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.' ¹¹So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. ¹²Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, 'Who are you?' because they knew it was the Lord. ¹³Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish.

¹⁴This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead. ¹⁵When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, ‘Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?’ He said to him, ‘Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Feed my lambs.’ ¹⁶A second time he said to him, ‘Simon son of John, do you love me?’ He said to him, ‘Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Tend my sheep.’ ¹⁷He said to him the third time, ‘Simon son of John, do you love me?’ Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, ‘Do you love me?’ And he said to him, ‘Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Feed my sheep.’ ¹⁸Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.’ ¹⁹(He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, ‘Follow me.’

(Pause for reflection)

For the Gospel of the Lord

PRAISE TO YOU LORD JESUS CHRIST

REFLECTION

Going Global

There is something very daring and controversial in living the gospel of restoration and reconciliation. If we are made whole by the grace and love of God, then our invitation is to live that relationship in community. Imagine what it was like for those persecuted at Paul’s hand to listen to him now preach the gospel of love and grace to them.

Acts 9:1–20 How would Ananias feel when faced with the call to look for Paul, who had persecuted the early church so violently? This week’s reading from the book of Acts speaks of the change in one person because of the whole believing community: Ananias in his trust, and the rest of the community in accepting and including the one who once persecuted them. While this story is often told as the “conversion” of Paul, it also helps to talk of redemption, because conversion is usually about the individual but redemption is a broader concept; it changes all those involved. To reach out and include someone who once persecuted you is the hard edge of real gospel living.

It is natural to question what Ananias felt when called to bring healing to Paul, and to wonder what the community felt as they listened to the one who hurt them so violently. Hidden in the story is perhaps a resurrection image for the whole church; that of the three days’ wait between Paul being blinded and seeing again. There is a time of waiting for resurrection.

But transformation comes, as **Psalm 30** extols. The writer celebrates God, who transforms mourning into dancing and weeping into joy. At the heart of faith is the promise that pain and violence will be transformed. This is a powerful image of what God’s grace and love can do. It energizes a transformation rather than simply making everything better.

In **Revelation 5:11–14**, the community worships. It is an amazing image of a love that restores. The constant references throughout the book of the “slaughtered lamb” suggest that God can place more power in such a thing than in all the might of Rome, which was at the time rallied against the church. There is an irony in this image, for the lamb was slaughtered but now is risen.

The world may neither know nor acknowledge that, but the church does, and therein finds strength.

John 21:1–19 continues the story of restoration. Peter, who had three times denied knowing Jesus, is now asked three times if he loves him.

He is frustrated with being pushed on the issue, yet the symbol can be a strong one. Maybe Jesus asks us repeatedly to show our love and, in turn, to do what Jesus commands: feed the world with grace. ● ● ● ● ●

The story popularly known as “Paul’s conversion” may be more about the daring and controversial work of redemption or restoration, where the community offers the one who hurt that same community justice and grace. It is another example of the resurrection at work in the faith community.

Our call is to live the hard edge of the gospel that accepts in grace and offers justice to those who have been unjust towards that same community. What trust is required for you to risk transformation, especially in places of brokenness, so God’s Spirit may bring restoration, renewal, transformation? What stories do you know that began personally, spread locally, and became global?

Connecting scripture and life

God calls, restores, and commissions individuals and communities to serve as witnesses to the transforming and enduring ways of love – to live the “hard edge” of the gospel.

- **Where, today, is the church called to have courage and be part of God’s mission of reconciliation and peace?**

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NEWS AND NOTICES



Today we have the pleasure of welcoming Braden and Kelsey to St Peter’s for the baptism of baby Daisie. Kelsey is the great granddaughter of Val and Bill Deans.

We also welcome the extended Deans family to St Peter’s, and as we were unable to hold Val’s funeral here due to repairs to the building, we will remember Val in our prayers during the service.



MAINLY MUSIC IN RAINBOW BEACH

Next Thursday, 8th May, Rainbow Beach State School will celebrate Mother's Day with our Team from Mainly Music at 9.30 am. Supported by the RB Christian community.

Gympie Cemetery Trust



Invites you to a Mother's Day Remembrance Service

Friday 9th of May at Cassia Gazebo,
93 Cartwright Road, Gympie.

A Remembrance service will be conducted by a representative of the Minister's Network
at 1 pm.

Bookings Essential. Please RSVP -

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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.



ALL WELCOME

KIDZ CHURCH

4th May | THIS SUNDAY
8.30 AM - 9.30 AM

IN ST PETER'S CHURCH
CNR LADY MARY TCE & AMY ST. GYMPIE

FRIENDLY, RELAXED LESSONS ABOUT JESUS & HIS CHURCH

ALL WELCOME

CONCERT AT ST PATRICK'S CHURCH THIS AFTERNOON

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Sunday, 4th May at 2pm

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Gympie**

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NEW PARISH CENTRE - Current Situation:

A contract is likely to be signed in the next month after Diocesan approval.



'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.



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