

11th October 2026



**You're
Invited!**

Loving God, thank you for inviting us to your table of grace and love. Open our hearts to receive your invitation and help us to share your welcome, peace and compassion with everyone we meet. Amen.

Weekly Pastoral Reflection

Jesus describes God's kingdom as a great wedding banquet, prepared with generosity and open invitation. Yet some refuse to come because other things seem more important. The invitation is still extended today. God welcomes us to a life of grace, forgiveness, love and community, but accepting the invitation also calls us to allow God's love to change us. We cannot simply come to the table and remain untouched by the One who welcomes us. The parable invites us to ask what keeps us from God: busyness, fear, possessions, resentment or our own priorities? God's invitation is wider than we imagine, and there is a place for everyone. This week, may we not only hear the invitation, but respond by becoming people who extend God's welcome to others.

Sentence & Prayer of the Day

Sentence: This is our God for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation. *Isaiah 25.9*

Prayer of the Day: Saving and healing God, you have promised that those who have died with Christ shall live with him: grant us grace to be continually thankful for all you have done for us, and in that thankfulness to be eager to serve and live for others, so that we and all your children may rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

Readings

First Reading from Exodus 31.1-14

¹When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron and said to him, 'Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.' ²Aaron said to them, 'Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me.' ³So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron. ⁴He took the gold from them, formed it in a mould, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!' ⁵When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, 'Tomorrow shall be a festival to the Lord.' ⁶They rose early the next day, and offered burnt-offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel. ⁷The Lord said to Moses, 'Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the

land of Egypt, have acted perversely; ⁸they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshipped it and sacrificed to it, and said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" ' ⁹The Lord said to Moses, 'I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. ¹⁰Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation.' ¹¹But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, 'O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? ¹²Why should the Egyptians say, "It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth"? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. ¹³Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, "I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it for ever." ' ¹⁴And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.
Hear the Word of the Lord.

THANKS BE TO GOD.

Background: While Moses is on Mount Sinai, the Israelites become impatient and make a golden calf. They turn from trusting God to creating something they can see and control. Moses intercedes for them, and God shows mercy.

Meaning and Relevance today: The golden calf represents our tendency to replace God with things we can control, possess or depend upon. We too can create our own "golden calves": money, success, possessions, reputation, politics, technology or even our own opinions.

Reflection question: *What have I allowed to take the place of God in my life?*

Psalm 19

¹ Praise the Lord; O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good:
and his mercy endures for ever.

² **Who can express the mighty acts of the Lord:
or fully voice his praise?**

³ Blessed are those who act according to justice:
who at all times do the right.

⁴ **Remember me, O Lord, when you visit your people with your favour:
and come to me also with your salvation,**

⁵ That I may see the prosperity of your chosen:
that I may rejoice with the rejoicing of your people,
and exult with those who are your own.

⁶ **We have sinned like our ancestors:
we have acted perversely and done wrong.**

²⁰ At Horeb they made themselves a calf:
and bowed down in worship to an image.

²¹ **And so they exchanged the glory of God:
for the likeness of an ox that eats hay.**

²² They forgot God who was their saviour:
that had done such great things in Egypt,

²³ **Who had worked his wonders in the land of Ham:
and his terrible deeds at the Red Sea.**

²⁴ Therefore he thought to destroy them:
had not Moses his servant stood before him in the breach,
to turn away his wrath from destroying them.

Second Reading from Philippians 4.1-9

¹Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. ²I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. ³Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. ⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. ⁸Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Hear the Word of the Lord

THANKS BE TO GOD

Background: Paul writes to a Christian community he deeply loves, encouraging them to stand firm, live in harmony, rejoice, pray and focus their minds on what is good.

Relevance today: In a world filled with anxiety, conflict and constant information, Paul invites us to slow down, pray, practise gratitude and deliberately fill our minds with what is true, honourable and life-giving.

Reflection question: *What would change if I brought my anxieties to God before carrying them alone?*

The Holy Gospel

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 22.1-14

GLORY TO YOU, LORD JESUS CHRIST

¹Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ²'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴Again he sent other slaves, saying, "Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet." ⁵But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶while the rest seized his slaves, maltreated them, and killed them. ⁷The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. ⁸Then he said to his slaves, "The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet." ¹⁰Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. ¹¹'But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹²and he said to him, "Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?" And he was speechless. ¹³Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." ¹⁴For many are called, but few are chosen.'

For the Gospel of the Lord

PRAISE TO YOU LORD JESUS CHRIST

Background: Jesus tells a challenging parable about a king who prepares a wedding banquet for his son. Those originally invited refuse to come, so the invitation is extended to others. Yet one guest arrives without a wedding garment.

Relevance today: God's table is wider than we imagine. No one is beyond God's invitation. Yet discipleship means more than simply accepting an invitation. It means allowing God's love to reshape how we live.

Reflection question: *Have I simply accepted God's invitation, or am I allowing God's grace to change the way I live?*

News & Notices

GOLD RUSH FESTIVAL FINALE - COMBINED CHURCH SERVICE: October 18th at 4:00 pm at Stan Baker Hall in Cooloola Christian College, 1 College Rd, Southside. All welcome. Sausage Sizzle & Snowcones. Tea and Coffee provided.

ALL SOULS DAY: 1st Nov 2026. Names of loved ones passed may be added to the list at the back of the Church to commemorate those who have gone before us to their eternal rest. You may also contact the office to leave names- Office details below.

MELBOURNE CUP LUNCHEON: Tues, 3rd Nov, starting 11 am, for a delicious lunch and watch the race on a big screen. Come dressed up, enjoy a Fashion Parade by Fancy That Op Shop, Sweeps. \$25 per person. Bookings call Church Office - details below. A List is also at the back of the church.

PARISH PANTRY: Thank you for your continued donations of non-perishable food supplies for our community assistance pantry.

THIS WEEK: Sun: 8.30 am & 5.30 pm Gympie; 9.30 am Rainbow Beach |

Mon: 9.30 am Mainly Music | **Tue:** 5.00 pm Meditation | **Wed:** 12.00 noon Service. | **Thurs:** 1 pm Bible Study

Sunday's 5.30 pm ZOOM Link: Zoom information is the same each week

Web address: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7246788483> **Meeting ID: 724 678 8483**

Prayers for those in need

Jim Alford; David Arthur; Azzrah; Nicholas Barrett; Pam Dorman; Jill, Holly & Alby; Christian Ford; Joyce Gall; Allan Gall; Peter Gall; Glennys; Jenny; Lillian Lochel; Val McClurg; Daniel Saunders; Shirley Summerville; Graham and Beris Trainer; Robyn Vagg; Melodie Zylstra.

How to contribute to our Church financially

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 **Accnt Number:** 0000 5910
Please use all the four zeros when entering the Accnt No.

THE GOLD RUSH FESTIVAL FINALE

Stan Baker Hall - CCC
1 College Road Southside

GOD IS GOLD

Come and discover the treasure
that is worth more than gold.

Sunday 18th October
4pm

Everyone welcome.



**Sausage Sizzle
& Snowcones**

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Tea & Coffee Provided

**Combined Church
Service**

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Flemington,
be at
St. Peter's!



MELBOURNE CUP

Celebration

*Good food,
great company,
fun and
fashion!*



TUESDAY
3RD NOVEMBER 2026
Starting at 11:00 am



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PARISH CENTRE**
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\$25
per person



**Delicious
Lunch** 
with a glass of wine



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by Fancy that
Op Shop



Sweeps
Great prizes
to be won!



Watching the Race
on a Big TV

*Dress up, bring your friends
and enjoy a fantastic day! ♥*



St Peter's Anglican Church
Gympie

Bookings essential.

Contact Marissa on
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All Souls' Day

May the souls of the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

1st November 2026



Names of loved ones passed may be placed on the list at the
back of St Peter's or contact the church office (54822628 or
0408745024)

Names will be read out during the Service

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