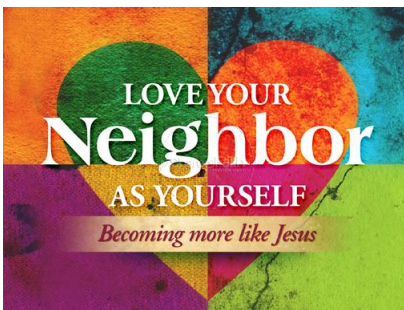


25th October 2026



*Loving God, teach us to love you
wholeheartedly and to recognise your image
in every person we meet. May our lives
become a living expression of your love in our
homes, our church and our community.*

Amen.

Weekly Pastoral Reflection

Jesus makes the Christian life remarkably simple: love God with all your heart, soul and mind, and love your neighbour as yourself. Everything else flows from these two commandments. In our busy world, it is easy to make faith complicated, turning it into arguments about beliefs, traditions or religious rules. Jesus brings us back to the centre. Love God. Love your neighbour. Love the person who is difficult to love. Love not only in words, but through patience, forgiveness, generosity and practical care. This week, may our faith become visible through the love we give and receive.

Sentence & Prayer of the Day

Sentence: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: you shall love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets. Matthew 22.37–40

Prayer of the Day: O God, whose Son has taught us that love is the fulfilment of your law: stir up within us the fire of your Holy Spirit, and pour into our hearts your greatest gift of love, so that we may love you with our whole being, and our neighbours as ourselves; 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 Deuteronomy 34.1-12

¹Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the Lord showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, ²all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, ³the Negeb, and the Plain—that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees—as far as Zoar. ⁴The Lord said to him, ‘This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, “I will give it to your descendants”; I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there.’ ⁵Then Moses, the servant of the Lord, died there in the land of Moab, at the Lord’s command. ⁶He was buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. ⁷Moses was one hundred and twenty years old when he died; his sight was

unimpaired and his vigour had not abated. ⁸The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab for thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended. ⁹Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, because Moses had laid his hands on him; and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the Lord had commanded Moses. ¹⁰Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face. ¹¹He was unequalled for all the signs and wonders that the Lord sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land, ¹²and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

Hear the Word of the Lord.

THANKS BE TO GOD.

Biblical background: Moses reaches the end of his journey and sees the Promised Land from Mount Nebo, but does not enter it. He dies, and Israel remembers him as the great servant of God who knew the Lord face to face.

Meaning and relevance today: Moses reminds us that faithfulness is not always about seeing the final result. We are often called to prepare the way for others and trust God with what comes next. Our lives are part of a larger story.

Reflection question: *What can I faithfully hand on to others, even if I may not see the final outcome?*

Psalm 90.1-6; 90.13-17

¹ Lord, you have been our refuge:
from one generation to another.

² **Before the mountains were born or the earth and the world were brought to be:
from eternity to eternity you are God.**

³ You turn us back into dust:
saying 'Return to dust, O children of Adam.'

⁴ **For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday passing:
or like one watch of the night.**

⁵ You cut them short like a dream:
like the fresh grass of the morning;

⁶ **In the morning it is green and flourishes:
at evening it is withered and dried up.**

¹³ Relent, O Lord; how long will you be angry?:
take pity on your servants.

¹⁴ **O satisfy us early with your mercy:
that all our days we may rejoice and sing.**

¹⁵ Give us joy for all the days you have afflicted us:
for the years we have suffered adversity.

¹⁶ **Show your servants your work:
and let their children see your glory.**

¹⁷ May the gracious favour of the Lord our God be upon us:
prosper the work of our hands, O prosper the work of our hands!

Second Reading from 1 Thessalonians 2.1-13

¹You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain,
²but though we had already suffered and been shamefully maltreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of

great opposition. ³For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, ⁴but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. ⁵As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; ⁶nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, ⁷though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. ⁸So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us. ⁹You remember our labour and toil, brothers and sisters; we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you while we proclaimed to you the gospel of God. ¹⁰You are witnesses, and God also, how pure, upright, and blameless our conduct was towards you believers. ¹¹As you know, we dealt with each one of you like a father with his children, ¹²urging and encouraging you and pleading that you should lead a life worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory. ¹³We also constantly give thanks to God for this, that when you received the word of God that you heard from us, you accepted it not as a human word but as what it really is, God's word, which is also at work in you believers.

Hear the Word of the Lord

THANKS BE TO GOD

Biblical background: Paul reflects on his ministry among the Thessalonians. He did not preach for personal recognition or financial gain, but with gentleness, integrity and genuine care, like a parent caring for their children.

Meaning and relevance today: Christian ministry is not about status or power. It is about sharing the gospel with sincerity and allowing our lives to support the message we proclaim.

Reflection question: *Does the way I live strengthen or weaken the message of faith that I share with others?*

The Holy Gospel

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 22.34-46

GLORY TO YOU, LORD JESUS CHRIST

³⁴When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, ³⁵and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. ³⁶'Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?' ³⁷He said to him, ' "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." ³⁸This is the greatest and first commandment. ³⁹And a second is like it: "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." ⁴⁰On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.' ⁴¹Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: ⁴²'What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?' They said to him, 'The son of David.' ⁴³He said to them, 'How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, ⁴⁴"The Lord said to my Lord, 'Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet' " ?' ⁴⁵If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?' ⁴⁶No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

For the Gospel of the Lord

PRAISE TO YOU LORD JESUS CHRIST

Biblical background: A Pharisee asks Jesus which commandment is greatest. Jesus answers with the heart of the Jewish faith: love God with all your being and love your neighbour as yourself. Jesus then asks how the Messiah can be both David's son and David's Lord.

Meaning and relevance today: Jesus brings the whole law into focus through love. Love of God and love of neighbour cannot be separated. Our faith is ultimately measured not simply by what we know, but by how we love.

Reflection question: *Who is God asking me to love more intentionally this week?*

News & Notices

MU GATHERING: 27th Oct at 9.30 am: Eucharist Service & morning tea at St Peter's.
MU AGM will be held on 24th Nov at 10.30 am St Peter's then moving to end of year luncheon at Sportsclub at 12.

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 LUNCH GATHERING: A FREE, informal gathering, with lunch provided on 3rd Nov starting 12 noon. Come for the social aspect, enjoy lunch and watch the Cup events on a big screen. All welcome. RSVP to church office (details below) for catering purposes by 2 pm Friday, 30th Oct. or put your name on the list at the back of the church.

PARISH PANTRY: Donations of non-perishable food supplies such as, tin soup, tuna, canned vegetables, noodles, rice, snack foods, long life milk, quick meals in a packet.

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 | **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.

Thanksgiving for the life of: *Daphne Horne*

Daphne's funeral will be at St Peter's on Wednesday, 28th Oct, at 10.30 am.

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.

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

If you can't be at
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



**ST. PETER'S
PARISH CENTRE**
15 Amy Street, Gympie



FREE



**Delicious
Lunch**
with a glass of wine

A casual, social
gathering.
**ALL
WELCOME**



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.

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