



# St Patrick's Parish Gundagai



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## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent – 25 February 2024

### Tumut Mission

Tumut, Gundagai, Adelong, Batlow, and Talbingo.

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### Gundagai Mass Times

Tuesday	Rosary	10.30am
	Liturgy	11am
Wednesday	Liturgy	12noon
Thursday	Liturgy	12noon
Friday	Adoration	11am
	Mass	12noon
Last Friday of the Month	Uralba - Mass	
Saturday	Confession	5.00pm
	Mass	6pm

### Country Mass Times

Batlow	8am Confession
	8.30am 2nd Sunday
	5pm 4th Sunday
Adelong	8am Confession
	8.30am 1st/3rd Sunday
Talbingo	8.00am 5th Sunday
Tumut	10am Sunday

Roster	24 February	2 March
Acolyte	Bill Barton	Peter Gain
Reader	Peter F Reardon	Chris Baron
Offertory	Helen Turner & Max Horton	Dick Jones & Cheryl Bond
Sanctuary	Monica Reardon & Colleen Jones	Kathy Reardon & Helen Turner
Home Comm	Marie Nelson & Mary McCormick	Anne Elphick, Peter Gain & Monica Reardon
Altar Servers	Harry Peterson & Taite Johnson	Harry Peterson & Nick Quine
Counting	Bill Barton & Max Horton	Peter Gain & Denise Reardon
St. Vinnies	Baron	Pearce

### PRAYER REQUEST: the Mass Offerings are offered at/during Weekday Masses

Recently Deceased	Mass Offering	The Sick	Anniversaries
John Casey Anthony Pollack Annie O'Keefe John Turner Charles Hunt	Suzanne Jones, John Turner, Annie O'Keefe, Pat Monaghan, The Chalker family, Betty Levier, Genevieve Reardon, Nola Field, Frank Hindmarsh, Jill Young, James Kelly, Ron & Jean Hogan, Mellis family, Taylor family, Jenkins Family, Tanner family,	Bev Jones, Anne Masters, Michael J. Nelson, Don Smith, Maria Crowe, John Fitzpatrick, Amy Harris, Emma McDonnell, John Lloyd & his family, Margaret Carberry, Ailsa Patterson, Sister Anne Maree, Peter Hindmarsh	Alan Neiberding, Bob Nicholls, Joy Luff, Mary Ellen Fischer, Kevin Madigan, Geoffrey Smart, Eric Smith, Ian Eccleston, Arthur Eccleston, Jim Sullivan, Remie Field, Clem Barrington, Chris Ridding, Rita Sheahan



### Parish Pastoral Council

Peter Gain (Chair), Liz Knight, Kate Howe, Sarah Graham, Chris Baron, Verity Whittaker, Pete Reardon (Ex Officio), Fr Joseph Neonbasu

### Banking / Planned Giving

St Patricks Parish Gundagai  
BSB 062 786 AC 14943

**Plate Collection**  
\$821.95

### Sacraments

Confession - 5.00pm-5.45pm Saturday (Gundagai)  
Marriage - By appointment  
Baptism - During Friday Mass of Saturday at 2pm  
These forms on Parish Website, call or email to book.  
To arrange a Pastoral care visit please contact the office  
For Planned giving envelopes, contact the office

If you, or you know of someone, who is struggling and needs to talk to someone. Please arrange a Pastoral care visit by contacting the office on Ph 6947 4599 (Tue, Thur, Fri, 9am-2pm)



### St Patrick's Breastplate

Christ be with me, Christ within me  
Christ behind me, Christ before me  
Christ beside me, Christ to win me  
Christ to comfort me and restore me.  
Christ beneath me, Christ above me  
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger  
Christ in hearts of all that love me  
Christ in mouth of friend or stranger.  
St Patrick, pray for us. Amen

### Cursillo Retreat, 12-14 April,

#### St Clement's Retreat Centre, Galong

A Cursillo retreat which is led by an experienced local team offers you the opportunity to deepen and enrich your faith through a program of talks, meditations, discussion and prayer. Contact Irma and Joe at [irmandjoe@gmail.com](mailto:irmandjoe@gmail.com). Info: <https://bit.ly/cursillo24>  
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**midday on Thursday** each week for the bulletin.

### Special Dates leading up to Easter 2024

3 March	- 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent	10 March	- 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent
17 March	- 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent	24 March	- Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord – Holy Week
28 March	- Holy Thursday	29 March	- Good Friday
30 March	- Holy Saturday – Easter Vigil	31 March	- Easter Sunday
7 April	- 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter – Divine Mercy Sunday	8 April	- The Annunciation of the Lord

### Marriage Preparation Courses

Upcoming Marriage Preparation courses for engaged couples: *Engaged Encounter*- Sydney, Sat 24 & Sun 25 Feb. *FOCCUS* - Tues 9<sup>th</sup> April 5-9pm plus a private follow up session at CatholicCare. *SmartLoving* – online, 9 lessons, learn at your own pace when suits you. For more information or to register go to [www.marriagefamily.org.au](http://www.marriagefamily.org.au) Enquiries: Text Helena Zobec on 0405 440 463

### What is prayer?

Prayer, as we know, is communication with God the creator, the author of life and the strength of the journey. As growing up, my mother and father led us praying rosary every night. From this tradition, I understood that prayer is praying Rosary. However, in the Catechism of the Catholic Church, the Church teaches “Prayer is a surge of the heart; it is a simple look turned toward heaven, it is a cry of recognition and of love, embracing both trial and joy (CCC 2558). Rosary is one of the ways or prayers. It is a request, a wonder, an awe, listening and there are many more ways of prayer. As Mother Theresa of Calcutta once said, “Prayer is not asking. Prayer is putting oneself in the hands of God, at this disposition, and listening to his voice in the depths of our hearts.”

The Gospel for this second Sunday of Lent, we hear, Jesus taught three of his disciples; Peter, James and John to pray. He took them and led them up to a high mountain. At that moment prayer, they experience the wonder of God; Jesus was transfigured. Because of this beatific experience, Peter interceded to stay in that moment of the glory of God. But, there was the voice of God, “This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to Him.” The Father was requesting the disciples to listen to His Son. As St. John of the Cross once said: “We know that God loves us first. As in prayer, God prays first. Every morning, when we wake up from sleep, God, the Father begs us to receive His Son and make Him our friend that day.” As we walk this Lenten journey, let us allow ourselves with a humble heart listening to the voice of God through Jesus, His Beloved Son.

### PROJECT COMPASSION FOR ALL FUTURE GENERATIONS



Ronita is 22. She lives with her husband and two children in a barangay (local district) in Quezon City, which is situated in Metro Manila in the Philippines. Ronita left school when she became pregnant as a teenager. This could have had a life-long impact on her ability to find work and provide for her family but, thankfully, she heard about the Alternative Learning System (ALS) program run by the Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ), Caritas Australia's local partners in the Philippines. Through the FCJ, Ronita was able to re-enrol in her studies and continue learning in a safe and flexible environment – even with the arrival of her second child. After completing her ALS classes,



Ronita went on to earn her Grade 12 Senior High School Diploma. With her new diploma, Ronita has now secured a job at a call centre and is looking to a brighter future for her whole family. “I have now graduated senior school and I am so proud of myself,” she said. “I feel hopeful for the future... Now it's not impossible for me to achieve my dream... Thank you.” Please donate to Project Compassion. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow for all future generations. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish.