



Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Yr C

20th July, 2025

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CHILD PROTECTION - is everyone's responsibility

Check the Parish Website for:

Child Safety & Code of Conduct Policy
Parish Privacy Act / Professional Standards

A parent must accompany any child leaving the church during Mass.

Parish Email: gisborne@cam.org.au
Parish Website melbcatholic.org/s/gisborne
Parish Facebook Page www.facebook.com/stbrigidsparishgisborne

Secretary Hours Tuesday & Thursday 9:00am – 5:00pm**CONTINUING PRAYER LIST:**

Please pray for those who are in ill health:

**Eileen S, Corrine V, Anthony S,
Fran S, Helen K, George T, Diane M,
Marg P, Zoe F & Beth T.**

We pray for the recently deceased and for those who have
an anniversary at this time, especially

Agnes Haire, Irene McMurray & Flo Fitzgerald.
May they rest in peace

Upcoming Parish Masses & Events

Sat 19/07/25 9am-10am Reconciliation – Gisborne
Sat 19/07/25 Saturday 6pm Mass – Gisborne
Sun 20/07/25 Normal Sunday Masses
Tue 22/07/25 5pm – Weekday Mass – Gisborne
Tue 22/07/25 6pm – Parish Finance Committee Mtg
Wed 23/07/25 9:15am – Weekday Mass – Gisborne
Thu 24/07/25 9:15am – Weekday Mass – Gisborne
Fri 25/07/25 9:15am – Weekday Mass – Gisborne
Fri 25/07/25 Warrina Communion Visit
Sat 26/07/25 9am-10am Reconciliation – Gisborne
Sat 26/07/25 Saturday 6pm Mass – Gisborne
Sun 27/07/25 Normal Sunday Masses
Sun 27/07/25 12pm Baptism's – Gisborne

UPCOMING CHANGES at St. BRIGID'S PARISH

Those who attended Masses last weekend will have heard Fr. Vincent announce some changes that will be made in September to our Parish. For those who weren't able to attend last week, please be advised of the following changes:

Fr. Vincent will be appointed as Assistant Priest to St. Mary's Parish in Dandenong effective as of 17/09/25.

Fr. John Healy will be appointed as Parish Priest for St. Brigid's Parish effective as of 17/09/25.

Fr. John will remain the Parish Priest of St. Ambrose – Woodend, St. Mary's – Lancefield & Romsey and will continue to reside in the Woodend Presbytery.

Fr. Wahid Riad will be appointed as Assistant Parish Priest for St. Brigid's Parish effective as of 17/09/25.

Fr. Wahid will reside in the Gisborne Presbytery.

Fr. Wahid will come to us from the Catholic Parish of Castlemaine.

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

Jesus turned the customs and taboos of his society upside down. In this Gospel, against all the rules of segregation, Jesus is alone with women who are not his relatives, completely at ease with their hospitality. It is personal relationships, not gender determined relationships, which are important to him.

Further, here is Mary assuming the posture of a student at the feet of a Rabbi (teacher) listening to his teaching. We remember that Jesus had chosen his male disciples in order to teach them. Mary chooses Him to teach her! Maybe it was a counter-cultural step too far for Martha. Is that what she is really 'anxious and troubled' about?

Jesus was willing to upset the social conventions and religious taboos of his day in respect of women. What would be a good contemporary response of the Catholic Church?

The word 'cardinal' means hinge 'hinge of the door' – an essential part of the structure of the Church which is our home, in which we listen to the words of Jesus Christ. Could the College of Cardinals be supplemented to include women alongside the ordained male prelates? Outstanding women, religious or lay, could head some Vatican departments and take part in the election of the Pope.

That would be a strongly symbolic step with repercussions throughout the Church.

We could pause for a moment to pray for the Church to show a greater willingness to sit, like Mary, at the feet of Jesus so that we may hear his words: 'You have chosen the better portion.'

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Feast day this week – 22/07/25 – St. Mary Magdalene

A faithful disciple of Christ, Mary ministered to his needs after having seven devils cast out from her. Witnessed his



crucifixion, was present at his burial and was the first to see the risen Lord. Commissioned by Christ to proclaim the good news of his resurrection to the disciples. Remembered in the East as the "Apostle to the Apostles."



Rosters & Events



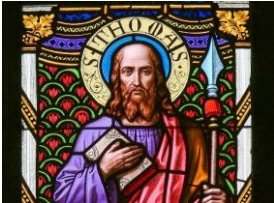
Ministers for next weekend's Masses

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C

26th & 27th July, 2025

6:00pm Mass St. Brigid's Reader: N. Spiers Eucharist: L. Scott	8:00am Mass St. Ambrose's Welcomer: J. White Reader: M. Hall	Flowers: T. Armstrong 
9:30am Mass St. Patrick's Reader: M. Redman Eucharist: D. Briffa	11:00am Mass St. Brigid's Reader: T. Armstrong Eucharist: K. Page	

**Feast day this week – 25/07/25 –
St. James the Apostle**



St. James was the son of Zebedee and the brother of John the Apostle. A fisherman from Galilee, summoned by Jesus together with his brother John.

They are called the 'Sons of Thunder' most likely in reference to their quick-temper. Along with Peter, James and John were among Jesus' closest friends and they were chosen to be witnesses to the Transfiguration and his agony in the garden. After Christ's death, James became the first apostle to be martyred when he was put to the sword by King Herod.

THANKSGIVING BY DIRECT DEBIT

If you would like to contribute to the Thanksgiving Program, you may do so by direct debit to the acct below:

**St. Brigid's Church Account
NAB**

BSB: 083 347

Acct: 6742 95773

Please use your surname and TG number as the reference.

PRIEST & PRESBYTERY BY DIRECT DEBIT

If you would like to contribute to the Priest & Presbytery expenses, you may do so by direct debit to the acct below:

**St. Brigid's Presbytery Account
NAB**

BSB: 083 347

Acct: 6672 72303

Please use your surname as the reference.



How many words can you make from
the letters in MARTHA AND MARY?

RECONCILIATION

Gisborne Church - Saturday 9-10am or by arrangement with Fr. Vincent.

OPEN HOUSE

Meet after 11am Sunday Mass at the Kaffeeine Bar for a coffee and chat.
Everyone Welcome!

SCRIPTURE STUDIES

Thursday – 10am
For all enquiries please contact
Bernie 0414 890 377

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

Should you have a loved one gravely ill and in need of anointing or the services of a priest, please call the Parish Landline on 5428 2591.

St Brigid's Parish Weekly Giving

Collections last week: Presbytery \$614
Thanksgiving \$1120

Thank you for your ongoing support through the Thanksgiving Program.

Introduction: Our Eucharistic celebration today is an occasion when we are invited to the table of the altar of the Lord, and we need to reflect whether we are more like Martha or Mary in our attitudes as related in the Gospel.

1st Reading: Genesis 18:1-10

We hear a story of desert hospitality, when three mysterious messengers announce a future birth. In fact it becomes the story of the Lord's appearance to Abraham, to announce that the promised birth of a son was imminent.

2nd Reading: Colossians 1:24-28.

We hear St. Paul's reminder to the Colossians that his ministry of spreading the Good News has meant suffering for him. He has been enabled to transform his suffering into joy because he understands the place of the cross in the Christian Paschal Mystery.

Gospel: Luke 10:38-42

This is a story of hospitality on the road. Martha and Mary share in the discipleship of Jesus, but their way of living brings tension in the household between the two sisters. We all need to reflect on what is "the one thing necessary".

Prayer of Intercession: We have reflected on readings of domestic hospitality which would resonate in the hearts of many people. Let us now reflect on our response to being with Jesus and our willingness to share his invitation to the banquet of life.

1. We pray for the Church: that it will be a place of welcome for all people.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

2. We pray that our coming together, with Christ in our midst, will make us conscious of his presence with us always, so that we can be prayerful in the midst of life's daily distractions.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

3. We pray that we always look to the Eucharist as the summit of our loving response to God, as it is also the source of God's strengthening of us.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

4. We pray for those suffering in any form, at this time. May the spirit of St. Paul's acceptance of his suffering inspire our people to find joy and hope in being transformed, even in the pain of life.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

5. We pray for ourselves and the special needs of all in our parish community. We pray for those who are sick – those on our parish prayer list – the frail, and for all who care for them. For the faithful departed: for those who have died recently and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially *Agnes Haire, Irene McMurray & Flo Fitzgerald*, that those who acclaimed Jesus as the Resurrection and the Life, may be raised up with Lazarus to eternal life.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Please join in the parish Prayer.

Celebrant: Father, help us not to worry and fret so much in our lives. Keep us close to your Son, for in him is the fullness of life. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Next week's readings: Genesis 18:20-32; Colossians 2:12-14; Luke 11:1-13

ST. BRIGID'S GISBORNE PARISH PRAYER

God our Father, we thank you for all the blessings we enjoy in our parish family of St. Brigid's Gisborne.

Many have laboured to build our parish. May we all work together and hand in hand stand together.

May our parish be filled with holiness and prayer, faith and love.

May all who come here find a welcoming home, comfort in their needs and strength for their journey.

St. Brigid, St. Patrick, St. Ambrose and St. Colmcille watch over us always we pray, that with faith we grow and learn.

We make our prayer in Jesus name.

Amen.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth,

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, (*all bow*)

born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; "he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead;

he ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church,

the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body and life everlasting. Amen

The Living Word

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First Reading

Genesis 18:1-10

A reading from the book of Genesis.

Lord, do not bypass your servant.

The Lord appeared to Abraham at the Oak of Mamre while he was sitting by the entrance of the tent during the hottest part of the day. He looked up, and there he saw three men standing near him. As soon as he saw them he ran from the entrance of the tent to meet them, and bowed to the ground. 'My lord,' he said, 'I beg you, if I find favour with you, kindly do not pass your servant by. A little water shall be brought; you shall wash your feet and lie down under the tree. Let me fetch a little bread and you shall refresh yourselves before going further. That is why you have come in your servant's direction.' They replied, 'Do as you say.'

Abraham hastened to the tent to find Sarah. 'Hurry,' he said, 'knead three bushels of flour and make loaves.' Then running to the cattle Abraham took a fine and tender calf and gave it to the servant, who hurried to prepare it. Then taking cream, milk and the calf he had prepared, he laid all before them, and they ate while he remained standing near them under the tree.

'Where is your wife Sarah?' they asked him. 'She is in the tent,' he replied. Then his guest said, 'I shall visit you again next year without fail and your wife will then have a son.'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 14:2-5. R. v.1

(R.) *The just will live in the presence of the Lord.*

1. Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain?
He who walks without fault;
he who acts with justice
and speaks the truth from his heart;
he who does not slander with his tongue. (R.)
2. He who does no wrong to his brother,
who casts no slur on his neighbour,
who holds the godless in disdain,
but honours those who fear the Lord. (R.)
3. He who keeps his pledge, come what may;
who takes no interest on a loan
and accepts no bribes against the innocent.
Such a man will stand firm for ever. (R.)

Second Reading Colossians 1:24-28

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Colossians.

The mystery hidden for centuries has now been revealed to his saints.

It makes me happy to suffer for you, as I am suffering now, and in my body to do what I can to make up all that has still to be undergone by Christ for the sake of his body, the Church. I became the servant of the Church when God made me responsible for delivering God's message to you, the message which was a mystery hidden for generations and centuries and has now been revealed to his saints. It was God's purpose to reveal it to them and to show all the rich glory of this mystery to pagans. The mystery is Christ among you, your hope of glory: this is the Christ we proclaim, this is the wisdom in which we thoroughly train everyone and instruct everyone, to make them all perfect in Christ.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

See Luke 8:15

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy are they who have kept the word with a generous heart and yield a harvest through perseverance.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 10:38-42

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Martha took up the duties in the house. Mary chose the better part.

Jesus came to a village, and a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. She had a sister called Mary, who sat down at the Lord's feet and listened to him speaking. Now Martha who was distracted with all the serving said, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister is leaving me to do the serving all by myself? Please tell her to help me.' But the Lord answered: 'Martha, Martha,' he said, 'you worry and fret about so many things, and yet few are needed, indeed only one. It is Mary who has chosen the better part; it is not to be taken from her.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

