



The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ - Yr C

22nd June, 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, Shane R,
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 **Anna Jackanic &
Charles Sexton.**

May they rest in peace

Upcoming Parish Masses & Events

Sat 21/06/25 Saturday 6pm Mass – Gisborne
Sun 22/06/25 Normal Sunday Masses
Sun 22/06/25 2pm - St. Brigid's Confirmation – St. Anne's
Sun 22/06/25 4:30pm - Holy Cross Confirmation – St. Anne's
Tue 24/06/25 5pm – Weekday Mass – Gisborne
Wed 25/06/25 9:15am – Weekday Mass – Gisborne
Thu 26/06/25 **NO WEEKDAY MASS**
Thu 26/06/25 Feast of the Sacred Heart – Kyneton SHC
Fri 27/06/25 9:15am – Weekday / Whole School Mass
Feast of the Sacred Heart – Gisborne
Fri 27/06/25 Warrina Communion Visits
Sat 28/06/25 Saturday 6pm Mass – Gisborne
Sun 29/06/25 Normal Sunday Masses
Sun 29/06/25 12pm – Baptism's - Gisborne

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

The feeding of the five thousand in today's Gospel is one of those anticipatory sharings in the heavenly banquet of the age to come.

We say this feeding is miraculous, and it was. A major part of the miracle is in the transformation of the Twelve. Our Lord did not personally feed the five thousand. He required his followers to get involved in alleviating hunger: 'You give them something to eat,' rather than leaving the crowd to fend for themselves, or resort to market economics. When they shared the food he had blessed, the miracle of the hospitality of God was multiplied throughout the crowd – extravagantly.

And so Our Lord gave his followers and the crowd a real taste of the future generosity of God in the heavenly banquet. But, it would not have happened had the inner groups of disciples not shared Jesus' vision and got involved in what seemed to be an impossible task.

The Last Supper was the greatest anticipatory meal which Our Lord shared with his disciples. And, at Mass, we are eating and drinking the *glorified* humanity of our Risen Lord Jesus Christ: the life of the future.

We could pause for a moment to identify the myriad of hungers in this world and resolve to fulfil Our Lord's Command: 'You give them something to eat'! so that Divine Generosity might transform human history.

mtate@bigpond.com**Sunday, June 22nd ~ 2025 Parish Confirmation**

The Parish of St Brigid's Gisborne, congratulates our 2025 Confirmation Candidates from St Brigid's Catholic Primary School, Holy Cross Catholic Primary School and those preparing through St Brigid's Parish Catechist Program.

All the Confirmation candidates gathered at Holy Cross Catholic Primary School for a special Confirmation preparation day together. Bishop Rene Ramirez who will be conferring the Sacrament of Confirmation on the candidates on their special day, met with the children to talk about the importance of this sacrament in their faith journey.

The Confirmation candidates will be presented in two masses this Sunday June 22nd at St Anne's Church in Sunbury. We thank Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish for accommodating numbers that our church would not hold.

2:00pm: St Brigid's Primary School + St Brigid's Parish Catechist Program Candidates

4:30pm: Holy Cross Primary School Candidates

We wish the Confirmation Candidates well not only on the day but as they continue their spiritual journey and growth in their faith.



Rosters & Events



Ministers for next weekend's Masses

Saints Peter & Paul – Year C

28th & 29th June, 2025

6:00pm Mass St. Brigid's Reader: B. Floreani Eucharist: N. Spiers	8:00am Mass St. Ambrose's Welcomer: J. White Reader: A. Dewar	Flowers: Trish Armstrong 
9:30am Mass St. Patrick's Reader: K. Petherbridge Eucharist: B. Stanchinotti	11:00am Mass St. Brigid's Reader: C. Fry Eucharist: T. Armstrong	

RECONCILIATION

Gisborne Church
Saturday 9-10am

Reconciliation will be available for a trial period of 3 months on a Saturday morning.

Reconciliation is also available by request before or after weekday Mass or at a suitable time arranged with Fr. Vincent.

THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES 2025-2026

Envelopes are now available in churches for those on the Thanksgiving Envelope program. Thank you for your support of St. Brigid's Parish TG program.

Archdiocesan Corpus Christi Procession

Sunday, 22 June 2025

beginning after the 11am Mass at **St Patrick's Cathedral** making our way through the CBD and concluding at **Federation Square.**

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.

CORAL EVENSONG with the ANGLICAN CHOIR

Once again, a couple of our talented St. Patrick's Choir members will be joining in the Coral Evensong with the Anglican choir.

Event: Coral Evensong at the Church of the Resurrection

Where: The Church of the Resurrection,
Honour Ave, Macedon.

Date: Sunday 22nd June

Time: 4:30pm

Please come along and support the combined church choir if you are free.

SPECIAL COLLECTION PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH

The total contribution from St. Brigid's was \$335

Thank you for your support.

St Brigid's Parish Finance Committee

Several years ago, the Archdiocese of Melbourne put in place a requirement that all Parishes establish a Parish Finance Committee (PFC), Summary of the Role of the Parish Finance Committee and why we need one.

The PFC is an advisory body to the Parish Priest (PP) and assists him in the task of administering the parish finances, maintaining the parish properties, planning for future capital works and raising the necessary funds that sustain a vibrant parish.

The PFC is a separate body from the Parish Pastoral Council; it does not report to it and is not directly involved in the day to day management of the Parish finances. The members of the PFC are chosen for their management, accounting, legal and/or financial expertise. They are chosen to work with the Parish Priest.

Members chosen hold office for 3 years although they may be reappointed.

Members are to be honest, known for their integrity and actively committed to the practice of the faith.

Membership should consist of parishioners, including members of each of our school communities.

There are approximately 4 meetings a year. Please contact Frank Murone, Parish Finance Committee on 0418 995 010 to discuss any queries you may have for offering your services to the Parish Finance Committee.

OPEN HOUSE

Meet after 11am Sunday Mass at the Kaffee 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 \$394
Thanksgiving \$877

Thank you for your ongoing support through the Thanksgiving Program.

Introduction: Today we celebrate the solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ, which was also known as Corpus Christi. This special feast day is the occasion to reflect on the central place that the sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood holds in our tradition.

1st Reading: Genesis 14:18-20

We hear of the priest Melchizedek, who offers a sacrifice in bread and wine. We see in this offering a prefiguring of the offering of Jesus himself.

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

This is the oldest Christian witness to the Eucharist, in which St. Paul passes on what he received from the Lord, that every time we "eat this bread and drink this cup, we are proclaiming his death".

Gospel: Luke 9:11-17

We hear the miracle of the loaves and fishes in which Jesus' action and style of prayer are anticipations of what he did at the Last Supper.

Prayer of Intercession: Let us pray that the Eucharist always be the bread of life for a hungry world and the cup of salvation a world thirsting for fulfilment.

1. We pray that the Christian Church will always treasure the Eucharist as the summit of the Church's worship and the source of God's power in his presence in the Church.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

2. We pray that the time will come when Christians will have achieved such unity that all may be fed at the same table on Christ's Body and Blood.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

3. We pray that those who receive the sacrament of the Eucharist will live in a way that reflects an intimate union with Christ.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer

4. We pray for all our brothers and sisters throughout the world who suffer the pangs of hunger; that their sufferings may come to an end.

(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 *Anna Jackanic & Charles Sexton*. Lord, grant them your peace.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer

Please join in the parish Prayer.

Celebrant: Faithful God, as we bring our prayers before you and our own offerings in bread and wine, we ask you to accept them with, through and in the Lord Jesus, that we may become one body, one spirit in him, Christ the Lord. Amen.

Next week's readings: 1 Kings 17:17-24, Gal 1:11-19, Lk7:11-17

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 14:18-20

A reading from the book of Genesis.

Melchizedek brought bread and wine.

Melchizedek king of Salem brought bread and wine; he was a priest of God Most High. He pronounced this blessing:

‘Blessed be Abraham by God Most High,
creator of heaven and earth,
and blessed be God Most High for handing over your
enemies to you.’

And Abraham gave him a tithe of everything.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 109:1-4. R. v.4

R. *You are a priest for ever,
in the line of Melchizedek.*

1. The Lord's revelation to my Master:
‘Sit on my right:
I will put your foes beneath your feet.’ (R).
2. The Lord will send from Zion
your sceptre of power:
rule in the of all your foes. (R).
3. A prince from the day of your birth
on the holy mountains;
from the womb before the daybreak I begot you.
(R).
4. The Lord has sworn an oath he will not change.
‘You are a priest for ever,
a priest like Melchizedek of old.’ (R).

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians.

Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are proclaiming the death of the Lord.

This is what I received from the Lord, and in turn passed on to you: that on the same night that he was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took some bread, and thanked God for it and broke it, and he said, ‘This is my body, which is for you; do this as a memorial of me.’ In the same way he took the cup after supper, and said, ‘This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Whenever you drink it, do this as a memorial of me.’ Until the Lord comes, therefore, every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are proclaiming to his death.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation John 6:51-52

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord;
whoever eats this bread will live for ever.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 9:11-17

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

They all ate and were filled.

Jesus made the crowds welcome and talked to them about the kingdom of God; and he cured those who were in need of healing.

It was late afternoon when the Twelve came to him and said, ‘Send the people away, and they can go to the villages and farms round about to find lodging and food; for we are in a lonely place here.’ He replied, ‘Give them something to eat yourselves.’ But they said, ‘We have no more than five loaves and two fish, unless we are to go ourselves and buy food for all these people.’ For there were about five thousand men. But he said to his disciples, ‘Get them to sit down in parties of about fifty.’ They did so and made them all sit down. Then he took the five loaves and the two fish, raised his eyes to heaven, and said the blessing over them; then he broke them and handed them to his disciples to distribute among the crowd. They all ate as much as they wanted, and when the scraps remaining were collected they filled twelve baskets.

The Gospel of the Lord.

