



Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Yr C

27th 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,
especially **Shirley Clark & Piere Durand** and for those
who have an anniversary at this time, especially
Alec Gardiner & Carmen Cutajar.

May they rest in peace

Upcoming Parish Masses & Events

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
Tue 29/07/25 5pm – Weekday Mass – Gisborne
Wed 30/07/25 9:15am – Weekday Mass – Gisborne
Thu 31/07/25 9:15am – Weekday Mass – Gisborne
Fri 01/08/25 9:15am – Weekday Mass – Gisborne
Sat 02/08/25 9am-10am Reconciliation – Gisborne
Sat 02/08/25 Saturday 6pm Mass – Gisborne
Sun 03/08/25 Normal Sunday Masses

UPCOMING CHANGES at St. BRIGID'S PARISH

Fr. Vincent will be appointed as Assistant Priest to St. Mary's Parish in Dandenong effective as of 19/09/25.

Fr. John Healy will be appointed as Parish Priest for St. Brigid's Parish effective as of 19/09/25.

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 19/09/25.

Fr. Wahid will reside in the Gisborne Presbytery.

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

CONGRATULATIONS Fr. BARRY TOBIN

Fr. Tobin will celebrate the 60th Anniversary of his Ordination as a Priest on 24th July, 2025.

What an amazing achievement and dedication to service.

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

People often imagine huge distance between Earth and a Heaven beyond the horizon of the universe. But Jesus Christ taught us to pray 'Thy will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven.'

How can this come about? Jesus identified two areas on which we need to focus to help make Heaven and Earth share the same space.

'Give us this day our daily bread.' This petition is very real for most inhabitants of the world – a plea for the necessities of life to stave off real hunger. If we respond to this plea, we can change a Hellish situation to a place where Heaven and Earth coincide.

'Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.' But, first to Shakespeare: 'The quality of Mercy is not strained. It falleth as the gentle rain of Heaven on to the place beneath.'

If we develop a hardness of heart which refuses to show forgiveness, then we are like earth concreted over and are unable to absorb God's forgiveness into our own lives.

When we forgive someone, we become more able to absorb the gentle rain of heavenly mercy and forgiveness.

So, Heaven and Earth need not be as distant as supposed. Our Lord has shown us how we can help make these dimensions of existence coincide.

We could take a moment to resolve to pray the 'Our Father' by our lives, helping to provide evidence for our acclamation:

'Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of Hosts,
Heaven and Earth are full of your Glory'

mtate@bigpond.com**FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK****Saturday 26th July**

Saints Joachim and Anne.

Joachim and Anne are Mary's parents. This feast honours the parents of the Virgin Mary and grandparents of Jesus.

Special Blessings to all Grandparents this weekend.



Rosters & Events



Ministers for next weekend's Masses

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C

2nd & 3rd August, 2025

6:00pm Mass St. Brigid's Reader: L. Scott Eucharist: N. Spiers	8:00am Mass St. Ambrose's Welcomer: J. White Reader: P. Sammut	Flowers: K. Page & L. DeBono 
9:30am Mass St. Patrick's Reader: B. O'Callaghan Eucharist: K. Petherbridge	11:00am Mass St. Brigid's Reader: C. Fry Eucharist: D. Egan	

Feast day this week – 29/07/25 – Saints Martha, Mary & Lazarus



Siblings, Mary, Martha and Lazarus were friends of Jesus and welcomed him into their home in Bethany. Martha is remembered for hospitality to Jesus and her concern for details of service to guests. Mary listened attentively to the words of Jesus, and Lazarus emerged from the tomb at Jesus command.

RECONCILIATION

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

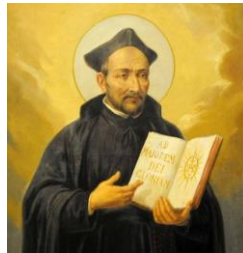
THANKSGIVING BY DIRECT DEBIT

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.

Thursday, July 31st – St. Ignatius of Loyola



Born in Loyola in 1491. vDied in this day in Rome in 1556. A Spanish nobleman trained in diplomacy and the use of arms, wounded in battle against the French. The experience of conversion while convalescing led him to write the Spiritual Exercises. Then founded the Society of Jesus (Jesuits) and became the first superior general. Remembered for his dedication 'to the greater glory of God,' the motto of the Jesuits.



Friday 1st August - St Alphonsus Liguori

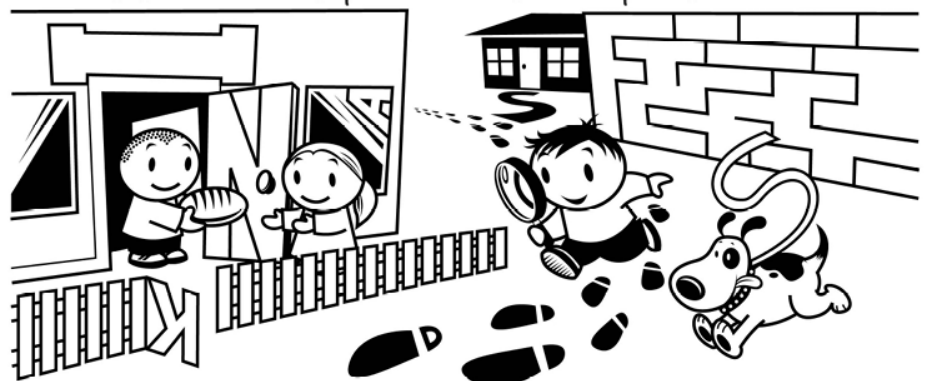
Born in Naples in 1696. Died at Norcera on this day in 1787. A lawyer before his ordination. After founding the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer (Redemptorists). Remembered as a popular preacher and devotional writer and as an influential master of moral theology.

Holy Hour – Friday, August 1st, 7pm – 8pm at St Ambrose Woodend.

Why not come and spend some time with the Lord, Evening Prayer, quiet time, concluding with Benediction.

All Welcome.

Find the hidden letters in the picture and use them to complete the sentence below.



Everyone who ____ will receive, everyone who searches will ____.

OPEN HOUSE

Meet after 11am Sunday Mass at the Kaffeine 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 \$396
 Thanksgiving \$627

Thank you for your ongoing support through the Thanksgiving Program.

Introduction: On the road to Jerusalem, Jesus continues his formation of his disciples and teaches them about prayer: this is Luke's version of the Our Father, which is shorter than that found in Matthew's Gospel. Jesus goes on to encourage the disciples with several stories of persistent prayer.

1st Reading: Genesis 18:20-32

Abraham, our Father in faith, is the key figure in this story. When he knows that the Lord threatens to destroy the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah, Abraham seems to bargain with God, interceding with him to spare the cities for the sake of the handful of the just people who live there.

2nd Reading: Colossians 2:12-14

Here St. Paul uses his classic images of Christian baptism. When we were baptised in Christ we were baptised in his death, but we were raised up with him to life in the Spirit. Christ has brought us to new life.

Gospel: Luke 11:1-13

We hear how Jesus responds to his disciples' request to teach them to pray. He also gives them the dramatic stories that illustrate how God answers prayer.

Prayer of Intercession: We have heard how Abraham dared to stand before God and intercede for the needs of his people. We too now intercede for the needs of the world and the Church.

1. We pray for a deep sense of prayer, after the model and example given by Jesus. May we always remember that we need daily prayer as much as we need daily bread.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

2. We pray that we be encouraged always to persevere in prayer, especially when life seems difficult and stress weighs us down.

(pause) We pray to the Lord

Lord hear our prayer.

3. We pray for those who sometimes ask us to pray for them. May we pray with them as well as for them.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

4. We pray for merchant sailors who are far from their families and from their homes. We ask that their loneliness may be healed.

(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, especially *Shirley Clark & Piere Durand* and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially *Alec Gardiner & Carmen Cutajar*, may they be raised up with Jesus and share the eternal praise of the Father in heaven.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

Please join in the parish Prayer.

Celebrant: Father in heaven, may we follow the example of your Son, by living as he has taught and come to that eternal life where you are our God forever. Amen.

Next weeks readings: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 2:21-23; Colossians 3:1-5,9-11; Luke 12:13-21

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 18:20-32

A reading from the book of Genesis.

Lord, do not be angry if I speak.

The Lord said, ‘How great an outcry there is against Sodom and Gomorrah! How grievous is their sin! I propose to go down and see whether or not they have done all that is alleged in the outcry against them that has come up to me. I am determined to know.’

The men left there and went to Sodom while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Approaching him he said, ‘Are you really going to destroy the just man with the sinner? Perhaps there are fifty just men in the town. Will you really overwhelm them, will you not spare the place for the fifty just men in it? Do not think of doing such a thing: to kill the just man with the sinner, treating just and sinner alike! Do not think of it! Will the judge of the whole earth not administer justice?’ The Lord replied, ‘If at Sodom I find fifty just men in the town, I will spare the whole place because of them.’

Abraham replied, ‘I am bold indeed to speak like this to my Lord, I who am dust and ashes. But perhaps the fifty just men lack five: will you destroy the whole city for five?’ ‘No’, he replied ‘I will not destroy it if I find forty-five just men there.’ Again Abraham said to him, ‘Perhaps there will only be forty there.’ ‘I will not do it’ he replied ‘for the sake of the forty.’

Abraham said, ‘I trust my Lord will not be angry, but give me leave to speak: perhaps there will only be thirty there.’ ‘I will not do it’ he replied ‘if I find thirty there.’ He said, ‘I am bold indeed to speak like this, but perhaps there will only be twenty there.’ ‘I will not destroy it’ he replied ‘for the sake of the twenty.’ He said, ‘I trust my Lord will not be angry if I speak once more: perhaps there will only be ten.’ ‘I will not destroy it’ he replied ‘for the sake of the ten.’

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 137:1-3. 6-8. R. v.3

(R.) *Lord, on the day I called for help,
you answered me.*

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,
you have heard the words of my mouth.
Before the angels I will bless you.
I will adore before your holy temple. (R.)
2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love
which excel all we ever knew of you.
On the day I called, you answered;
you increased the strength of my soul. (R.)
3. The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly
and the haughty he knows from afar.
Though I walk in the midst of affliction
you give me life and frustrate my foes. (R.)
4. You stretch out your hand and save me,
your hand will do all things for me.
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of your hands. (R.)

Second Reading

Colossians 2:12-14

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

He has made you alive with Christ for he has forgiven all our sins.

You have been buried with Christ, when you were baptised; and by baptism, too, you have been raised up with him through your belief in the power of God who raised him from the dead. You were dead, because you were sinners and had not been circumcised: he has brought you to life with him, he has forgiven us all our sins.

He has overridden the Law, and cancelled every record of the debt that we had to pay; he has done away with it by nailing it to the cross.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Romans 8:15

Alleluia, alleluia!

You have received the Spirit which makes us God’s children, and in that Spirit we call God our Father.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 11:1-13

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Ask, and it will be given to you.

Once Jesus was in a certain place praying, and when he had finished, one of his disciples said, ‘Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.’ He said to them, ‘Say this when you pray: “Father, may your name be held holy, your kingdom come; give us each day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive each one who is in debt to us. And do not put us to the test.”’ He also said to them, ‘Suppose one of you has a friend and goes to him in the middle of the night to say, “My friend, lend me three loaves, because a friend of mine on his travels has just arrived at my house and I have nothing to offer him”; and the man answers from inside the house, “Do not bother me. The door is bolted now, and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up to give it to you.” I tell you, if the man does not get up and give it him for friendship’s sake, persistence will be enough to make him get up and give his friend all he wants. ‘So I say to you: Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. For the one who asks always receives; the one who searches always finds; the one who knocks will always have the door opened to him. What father among you would hand his son a stone when he asked for bread? Or hand him a snake instead of a fish? Or hand him a scorpion if he asked for an egg? If you then, who are evil, know how to give your children what is good, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!’

The Gospel of the Lord.