



Palm Sunday - Yr C

13th April, 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, Corine V, Anthony S,
Fran S, Helen K, Shane R, George T,
Jacqueline D, Sebastian M,
Diane M, Marg P, Zoe F,
Ellen K & Pat P.**

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

May they rest in peace

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS**Upcoming Events & Holy Week Mass Times**

Fri 11 April	10am	Healing Mass	Gis
Fri 11 April	PLEASE NOTE NO 9:15am MASS TODAY		
Sat 12 April	Saturday	6pm Mass	
Sun 13 April	Normal Sunday Mass times – Palm Sunday		
Tues 15 April	5pm	– Weekday Mass	Gis
Tues 15 April	6pm	- Finance Committee Mtg -	Office
Wed 16 April	PLEASE NOTE NO 9:15am MASS TODAY		
Wed 16 April	6:15pm	Tenebrae	Gis
Wed 16 April	7pm	Communal Reconciliation	Gis
Thur 17 April	PLEASE NOTE NO 9:15am MASS TODAY		
Thur 17 April	7pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper	Gis
Fri 18 April	PLEASE NOTE NO 9:15am MASS TODAY		
Fri 18 April	10am	Stations of the Cross	Gis
Fri 18 April	3:00pm	Passion of the Lord	Gis
Sat 19 April	7:00pm	Holy Easter Vigil	Gis
Sun 20 April	8:00am	Easter Sunday Mass	R/Creek
Sun 20 April	9:30am	Easter Sunday Mass	Macedon
Sun 20 April	11am	Easter Sunday Mass	Gisborne

2025 CARITAS PROJECT COMPASSION

Envelopes and mite boxes are now available in church for
the Special Collection throughout Lent for Project
Compassion. Please give what you can.

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

Jesus entered Jerusalem, not as a warrior in the tradition
of King David as many had hoped for, but riding simply
on a donkey. The disciples and the crowd applauded
him, but they proved fickle in their support.

On the other hand, Jesus remained steadfast in his
commitment to non violent revolutionary change of the
religious and political systems so as to establish the reign
of God. Why did he renounce marshalling human and
angelic warriors to further his cause?

First, Jesus embodied God-for-us, and God does not want
the destruction of those he has created out of love.

Second, Jesus had a premonition that an armed revolt
would lead to the destruction of Jerusalem and the
dispersal of the Jewish people (as occurred in 70AD).

Third, another Gospel (Luke) recounts that as Jesus
laboured up Mount Calvary he turned to some wailing
women and said, 'Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep
for me, weep rather for yourselves and for your children.'
He knew that they suffer grievously in armed uprising.
This is seen in barbaric reality in our own time with
women being tortured and raped in campaigns of terror,
trafficked into sexual slavery, suffering the loss of sons,
husband and lovers.

We could take a moment to pray that the Church of the
21st century, successor of the pacifist Church of the first
three centuries, may enter on a new period of reflection
on these issues, grappling with the desire to protect the
innocent, yet always challenged by the man on a donkey,
Divine Prince of Peace.

mtate@bigpond.com**Parish Healing Mass - Friday April 11th – 10am*****There will be no 9:15am Mass on this day.***

An open invitation is extended to all parishioners, family
members and friends to attend the service

HELP NEEDED

As many of you will be aware, Eddie Gardiner will be laid to rest from St. Brigid's next Thursday.
On Tuesday 15/4/25 I will be readying the hall to facilitate the overflow of parishioners, family & friends that will attend.
If anyone has an hour to spare at **10am**, to clean the facility and set up chairs I would really appreciate the help.
Thank you, Tam



Rosters & Events



Ministers for next weekend's Masses

Easter Sunday – Year C

19th & 20th April, 2025

6:00pm Mass St. Brigid's Reader: Lucy, Jayne & Frank Eucharist: N. Spiers	8:00am Mass St. Ambrose's Welcomer: J. White Reader: M. Hall	Flowers: J. Shumack 
9:30am Mass St. Patrick's Reader: B. O'Callaghan Eucharist: K. Petherbridge	11:00am Mass St. Brigid's Reader: K. Page Eucharist: D. Egan	

'PARISH, PRIESTS AND PIONEERS, A HISTORY OF ST. BRIGID'S PARISH, GISBORNE'

The cost for the book is \$10 (A5 - small) or \$20 (A4 - large). Books can be purchased directly from the Parish Office or at weekend Masses.



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.

THE ANNUAL MELBOURNE PASSION PLAY

The Annual Melbourne Passion Play takes place on Palm Sunday (April 13th, 2025) and Good Friday (April 18th, 2025).

This play follows the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ as part of the community's Holy Week celebrations.

For 25 years, this free of charge play has drawn a large audience from all walks of life, and for the first time will be brought to the West of Melbourne, at Catholic Regional College Sydenham.

*We will again have members of St. Patrick's Choir performing in this event.
Please support this event that brings to life the gospel message.*

Crossword

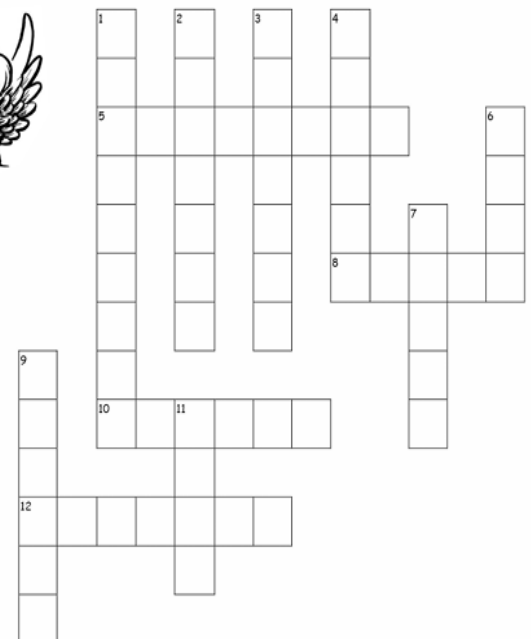


Across

- 5: talking loudly
- 8: the opposite of old
- 10: to stretch out and cover
- 12: a small town

Down

- 1: followers of Jesus
- 2: these were placed on the ground before Jesus as he rode into Jerusalem
- 3: loosening a rope or string binding
- 4: the animal that carried Jesus on its back
- 6: a male monarch
- 7: when there is little or no noise
- 9: where we go when we die
- 11: a passage for travelling



KARATE CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

Thursday evenings 6pm - 1st TWO lessons
free then \$7 per class

No term commitment required;
pay as you come.

Enquiries: Kathryn Aprile—0404 340 892

OPEN HOUSE

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

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.

WEEKLY SOCIAL CARDS NIGHT

St. Brigid's Hall – Tuesday 7:30pm start -
Entry \$10 per player
Light supper served on completion of play
EVERYONE WELCOME

SCRIPTURE STUDIES

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

St Brigid's Parish Weekly Giving

Collections last week: Presbytery \$504
Thanksgiving \$915

Thank you for your ongoing support
through the Thanksgiving Program.

Introduction: Palm Sunday of the Passion of our Lord has the two parts expressed in its name: The blessing and procession of the palms and the solemn reading of the Passion. The Palms Ceremony is an expression of our common faith and loyalty in praising Christ the Messiah and King.

1st Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

We listen to the prophet Isaiah's description of the Suffering Servant of Yahweh, which the Christian tradition sees as applied to the sufferings of Jesus.

2nd Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

We hear St. Paul's quotation of an early Christian hymn, which is full of confidence in the triumph of Christ's resurrection, which is our hope and glory.

Gospel: Luke 23:1-49

This is Luke's version of the Passion of Jesus beginning with the Last Supper and the betrayal of Jesus, culminating in his agonising death.

Prayer of Intercession: After the drama of proclaiming the Passion, it is hard not to be moved in our response to this great mystery of our salvation. We remind ourselves that this Holy Week is a time to show the message of Christ to the world.

1. We pray for Pope Francis as the servant of God's people. May he lead us into a deeper appreciation of the Gospel message.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

2. That those who find it difficult to follow Christ and his Cross may be encouraged by the invitation of Jesus to take up their cross with him.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

3. That these days of Holy Week leading to the Triduum may be days of grace, penance and reconciliation for all.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

4. That the example of the suffering Servant may inspire our Church leaders and encourage them in their lives of service.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

5. We pray that the compassion of Christ will be especially close to those who suffer this week. We pray for ourselves and the special needs of all in our parish community. We pray for those who are sick – especially and 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 **Eddie Gardiner** and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rise to the peace of Jesus' love.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Please join in the parish Prayer.

Celebrant: Father of love, you strengthened the Lord Jesus in his time of suffering and death. May we strengthen our resolve to drink of the cup of suffering with Him and be ready to forgive others when they know not what they do. Accept our prayer in the name of Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Next week's readings: Acts 10:34, 37-43; Col 3:1-4, John 20:1-9

Gospel

Luke 19:28-40

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany at the place called the mount that is called Olivet, he sent two of the disciples, saying, 'Go into the village opposite, whereon entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat; untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, "Why are you untying it?" you shall say this, "The Lord has need of it"'. So those who were sent went away and found it as he had told them. And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, 'Why are you untying the colt?' And they said, 'The Lord has need of it'.

And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their garments on the colt they set Jesus upon it. And as he rode along, they spread their garments on the road. As he was now drawing near, at the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, saying,

'Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!'

And some of the Pharisees in the multitude said to him, 'Teacher, rebuke your disciples'. He answered, 'I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out'.

The Gospel of the Lord.

The Living Word

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First Reading

Isaiah 50:4-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will not be ashamed. The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied he provides me with speech. Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 21:8-9. 17-20. 23-24. R. v.2

(R.) My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

1. All who see me deride me. They curl their lips, they toss their heads. 'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him; let him release him if this is his friend.' (R.)
2. Many dogs have surrounded me, a band of the wicked beset me. They tear holes in my hands and my feet. I can count every one of my bones. (R.)
3. They divide my clothing among them. They cast lots for my robe. O Lord, do not leave me alone, my strength, make haste to help me! (R.)
4. I will tell of your name to my brethren and praise you where they are assembled. 'You who fear the Lord give him praise; all sons of Jacob, give him glory. Revere him, Israel's sons.' (R.)

Second Reading

Philippians 2:6-11

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

He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high.

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are, and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Philippians 2:8-9

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Christ became obedient for us even to death dying on the cross.

Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel

Luke 23:1-49

The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

The elders of the people and the chief priests and scribes rose, and they brought Jesus before Pilate. They began their accusation by saying, 'We found this man inciting our people to revolt, opposing payment of tribute to Caesar, and claiming to be Christ, a king.' Pilate put to him this question, 'Are you the king of the Jews?' 'It is you who say it' he replied. Pilate then said to the chief priests and the crowd, 'I find no case against this man.' But they persisted, 'He is inflaming the people with his teaching all over Judaea; it has come all the way from Galilee, where he started, down to here.' When Pilate heard this, he asked if the man were a Galilean; and finding that he came under Herod's jurisdiction he passed him over to Herod who was also in Jerusalem at that time. Herod was delighted to see Jesus; he had heard about him and had been wanting for a long time to set eyes on him; moreover, he was hoping to see some miracle worked by him.

So he questioned him at some length; but without getting any reply. Meanwhile the chief priests and the scribes were there, violently pressing their accusations. Then Herod, together with his guards, treated him with contempt and made fun of him; he put a rich cloak on him and sent him back to Pilate. And though Herod and Pilate had been enemies before, they were reconciled that same day. Pilate then summoned the chief priests and the leading men and the people. 'You brought this man before me' he said 'as a political agitator. Now I have gone into the matter myself in your presence and found no case against the man in respect of all the charges you bring against him. Nor has Herod either, since he has sent him back to us. As you can see, the man has done nothing that deserves death, so I shall have him flogged and then let him go.' But as one man they howled, 'Away with him! Give us Barabbas!' (This man had been thrown into prison for causing a riot in the city and for murder.) Pilate was anxious to set Jesus free and addressed them again, but they shouted back, 'Crucify him! Crucify him!' And for the third time he spoke to them, 'Why? What harm has this man done? I have found no case against him that deserves death, so I shall have him punished and then let him go.' But they kept on shouting at the top of their voices, demanding that he should be crucified. And their shouts were growing louder. Pilate then gave his verdict: their demand was to be granted. He released the man they asked for, who had been imprisoned for rioting and murder, and handed Jesus over to them to deal with as they pleased. As they were leading him away they seized on a man, Simon from Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, and made him shoulder the cross and carry it behind Jesus. Large numbers of people followed him, and of women too, who mourned and lamented for him. But Jesus turned to them and said, 'Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me; weep rather for yourselves and for your children. For the days will surely come when people will say, "Happy are those who are barren, the wombs that have never borne, the breasts that have never suckled!" Then they will begin to say to the mountains, "Fall on us!"; to the hills, "Cover us!" For if men use the green wood like this, what will happen when it is dry?' Now with him they were also leading out two other criminals to be executed. When they reached the place called The Skull, they crucified him there and the two criminals also, one on the right, the other on the left. Jesus said, 'Father forgive them; they do not know what they are doing.' Then they cast lots to share out his clothing. The people stayed there watching him. As for the leaders, they jeered at him. 'He saved others,' they said 'let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One.' The soldiers mocked him too and when they approached to offer him vinegar they said, 'If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.' Above him there was an inscription 'This is the King of the Jews.' One of the criminals hanging there abused him. 'Are you not the Christ?' he said. 'Save yourself and us as well.' But the other spoke up and rebuked him. 'Have you no fear of God at all?' he said. 'You got the same sentence as he did, but in our case we deserved it; we are paying for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong. Jesus,' he said 'remember me when you come into your kingdom.' 'Indeed, I promise you,' he replied 'today you will be with me in paradise.' It was now about the sixth hour and, with the sun eclipsed, a darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour. The veil of the Temple was torn right down the middle; and when Jesus had cried out in a loud voice, he said, 'Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.' With these words he breathed his last. All kneel and pause a moment. When the centurion saw what had taken place, he gave praise to God and said, 'This was a great and good man.' And when all the people who had gathered for the spectacle saw what had happened, they went home beating their breasts. All his friends stood at a distance; so also did the women who had accompanied him from Galilee, and they saw all this happen.