



Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

22nd September, 2024

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

Please pray for those who are in ill health:

Eileen S, Corrine V, Megan B, Glenys O,**Anthony S, Fran S,****Helen K, Shane R, George T, Gerard H,****Henslee C & Doris S.**

We pray for the recently deceased, especially **Patricia Collins** and for those who have an anniversary at this time, especially **Joseph Briffa, Audrey Shaughnessy & Joe Kloss.**

May they rest in peace*Please email Tam if you would like an Anniversary included.***UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS**

21/09/24	Saturday 6pm Mass – Gisborne
22/09/24	Normal Sunday Masses
22/09/24	12noon – Baptism's - Gisborne
24/09/24	5pm – Weekday Mass - Gisborne
25/09/24	9:15am – Weekday Mass – Gisborne
26/09/24	9:15am – Weekday Mass – Gisborne
27/09/24	9:15am – Weekday Mass – Gisborne
28/09/24	Saturday 6pm Mass – Gisborne
29/09/24	Normal Sunday Masses
October	No weekday Masses during October
02/10/24	7:30pm – Baptism Information evening
05/10/24	Saturday 6pm Mass – Gisborne
06/10/24	Normal Sunday Masses

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

Jesus was well aware of the constant temptation for the leaders amongst his followers to be conditioned by the surrounding social and political structures. So, when he became aware that his disciples were disputing 'who is the greatest', he decided to teach them a lesson by engaging in some counter-cultural street theatre.

Jesus saw a young boy on the edge of the crowd and beckoned him into the middle of his group of disciples. This was not because of some sentimental idea that all kids are little innocents, but because in his society, children were absolutely at the bottom of the social scale. Jesus moved an utter nobody from the margins of society to the centre, challenging his disciples to change their perspective.

This challenge is made to all of us. We must identify those on the margins, some of whom we have quite literally dis-located like indigenous communities or asylum seekers, and bring them into the centre of our concern. There may be pain, personal and social, in changing perspective.

We might pause for a moment to pray for a new way of seeing, for perseverance in re-locating someone in the centre of our concerns, for the graceful insight that in welcoming that person we have welcomed Christ.

mtate@bigpond.com**St. Brigid's Church 150th Anniversary PAVER & St. Colmcille Installation**Paver order period: Now OPEN – Closes **Sunday, September 29th**.

Thank you to those who have already placed their order.

If you choose to pay online by direct debit, please ensure you still put a completed order form in a sealed envelope marked with your surname & Paver order on the front and place in the TG collection at Mass or leave at the school office. Please mark on the order form that you have paid by direct debit and the date money was transferred.

We currently have a number of deposits in the account with no Order Form received; please contact the parish office if one of them may be yours. Thank you.

FR. VINCENT – ANNUAL LEAVE

Fr. Vincent will be on annual leave for the month of October.

There will be no Weekday Masses during this time.

Weekend Masses will continue as normal.



Rosters & Events



Ministers for next weekend's Masses

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B

28th & 29th September 2024

6:00pm Mass St. Brigid's Reader: L. Scott Eucharist: L. Wilson	8:00am Mass St. Ambrose's Welcomer: J. White Reader: P. Lacy	Flowers: K. Page & L. DeBono 
9:30am Mass St. Patrick's Reader: K. Petherbridge Eucharist: K. Vandenberg	11:00am Mass St. Brigid's Reader: J. Holmes & C. Holmes Eucharist: V. Firman	

MAE SMITH – 25 YEARS SERVICE to St. PATRICK'S CHOIR – THANK YOU

On behalf of all St. Brigid's Parishioners, especially those who have the privilege of enjoying Mae's voice over a staggering 25 years of service with the St. Patrick's Choir – we extend our heartfelt gratitude. Mae, who has been with the St Patrick's Church Choir since 1999, has decided to step down from the choir as of the end of this term. Sunday 22nd of September will be her last day as part of the regular choir. Mae has been a great and regular contributor to the choir for the 25 years. Her contribution will surely be missed by our choir and many others who attend mass at Macedon.

MASS for ALL NATIONS': MIGRANT and REFUGEES MASS

St. Patrick's Cathedral – 1 Cathedral Place, East Melbourne

Sunday 29 September, 2024 – 2pm to 4pm

God walks with His people.'

Celebrate the 110th World Day of Migrants and Refugees with migrant communities from all over Melbourne at the annual Mass for All Nations on Sunday 29 September at St Patrick's Cathedral.

- 2pm: Procession and Rosary in various languages
- 3pm: Mass celebrated by Archbishop Peter A Comensoli and migrant chaplains of the Archdiocese

All most welcome!

2024 COMBINED CATHOLIC PARISHES RAFFLE

All tickets sales support our parish and have a chance of winning one (or more) of 7 great prizes, 1st prize being a new **Kia Picanto** car.

Tickets are \$2 each or (preferred) \$20 for a book of 10 and can be bought from parishioners at each of our Masses.

St. Brigid's Sat 6pm – Tony Wilson

St. Ambrose Sun 8am – Carolyn Peterson

St. Patrick's Sun 9:30am – Jayne O'Callaghan

St. Brigid's Sun 11am – Kathy Page

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.

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.

SCRIPTURE STUDIES

For all enquiries please contact
Bernie 0414 890 377

St Brigid's Parish Weekly Giving

Collections last week: Presbytery \$605
Thanksgiving \$1267

Thank you for your ongoing support through the Thanksgiving Program.

May the Lord Bless you all.

RECONCILIATION

Reconciliation - By appointment only

Please see Fr. Vincent after Mass to arrange a suitable time or phone 5428 2591.

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.

OPEN HOUSE

Parishioners are invited to meet after 11am Sunday Mass at the Kaffeine Bar - 30 Aitken Street, Gisborne for a coffee and chat.

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

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

Introduction: Today we listen to a section of Mark's gospel that foretells the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus. At the time the disciples did not understand what he said.

1st Reading: Wisdom 2:12, 17-20

We hear a prefigurement from the Old Testament's Book of Wisdom of how God's Son, the virtuous man, is condemned to a shameful death.

2nd Reading: James 3:16-4:3

We hear St. James with his examples of the practical difficulties in living the Christian life. He compares the attitudes of the selfish with that of the wise.

Gospel: Mark 9:30-37

Jesus instructs his disciples, and warns them of his approaching suffering and death, but they do not understand him. That becomes obvious in their own attitudes as to who is the greatest amongst them.

Prayers of Intercession: Wisdom from above is peaceful, gentle, full of mercy and good fruits. To the all-wise God we present these prayers of intercession, asking that disorder and injustice be transformed by love.

1. We pray for our Church leaders, the Pope and Bishops, that they might have the joy of seeing their communities of faith grow in wisdom, peace and compassion.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

2. We pray for leaders at all levels. May they live a life of service and avoid the temptation of partiality, prestige and ambition.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

3. We pray for all people within our community. May they hear the words of James and be open to pray properly, not to indulge their own desires but to fulfil God's will.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

4. We pray for all married couples, particularly those celebrating special anniversaries this year. May they be strengthened in illustrating the love of God through their marriage and by doing so reveal the beauty of Christian marriage to our world.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

5. We pray for ourselves and the needs of all in our parish community. We pray for those who are sick – especially those on our parish prayer list – and for all who care for them. For the faithful departed: for those who have died recently, especially **Patricia Collins** and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially **Joseph Briffa, Audrey Shaughnessy & Joe Kloss**. May they be led to the fullness of the mystery of life that we celebrate.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Please join in the Parish Prayer.

Celebrant: O God, by your name you save us, and by your might you defend our cause. Listen to the words of our prayers this day. This we ask through Christ our Lord. Amen

Next week's readings: Numbers 11:25-29; James 5:1-6; Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

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

Wisdom 2:12, 17-20

A reading from the book of Wisdom.

Let us condemn him to a most shameful death.

The godless say to themselves,
'Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man, since he annoys us
and opposes our way of life,
reproaches us for our breaches of the law
and accuses us of playing false to our upbringing.
Let us see if what he says is true,
let us observe what kind of end he himself will have.
If the virtuous man is God's son, God will take his part
and rescue him from the clutches of his enemies.
Let us test him with cruelty and with torture,
and thus explore this gentleness of his and put his
endurance to the proof.
Let us condemn him to a shameful death
since he will be looked after – we have his word for it.'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 53:3-6. 8. R. v.6

(R.) *The Lord upholds my life.*

1. O God, save me by your name;
by your power, uphold my cause.
O God, hear my prayers;
listen to the words of my mouth. (R.)
2. For proud men have risen against me,
ruthless men seek my life.
They have no regard for God. (R.)
3. But I have God for my help.
The Lord upholds my life.
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart
and praise your name for it is good. (R.)

Second Reading

James 3:16-4:3

A reading from the letter of St. James.

Justice is the harvest of peacemakers from seeds sown in a spirit of peace.

Wherever you find jealousy and ambition, you find disharmony, and wicked things of every kind being done; whereas the wisdom that comes down from above is essentially something pure; it also makes for peace, and is kindly and considerate; it is full of compassion and shows itself by doing good; nor is there any trace of partiality or hypocrisy in it. Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness.

Where do these wars and battles between yourselves first start? Isn't it precisely in the desires fighting inside your own selves? You want something and you haven't got it; so you are prepared to kill. You have an ambition that you cannot satisfy; so you fight to get your way by force.

Why you don't have what you want is because you don't pray for it; when you do pray and don't get it, it is because you have not prayed properly, you have prayed for something to indulge your own desires.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

See 2 Thes 2:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

God has called us with the gospel
to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Alleluia!

Gospel

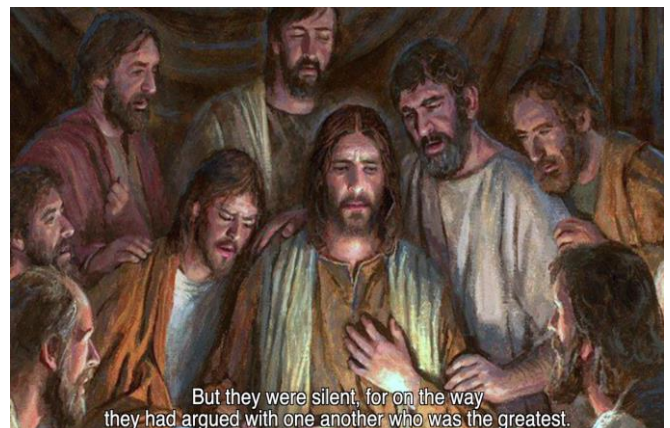
Mark 9:30-37

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of humanity ... All who wish to be first must make themselves the servants of all.

After leaving the mountain Jesus and his disciples made their way through Galilee; and he did not want anyone to know, because he was instructing his disciples; he was telling them, 'The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him. They came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the road?' They said nothing because they had been arguing which of them was the greatest. So he sat down, called the Twelve to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.' He then took a little child, set him in front of them, put his arms round him, and said to them, 'Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

The Gospel of the Lord.



But they were silent, for on the way
they had argued with one another who was the greatest.