



Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

3rd November, 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, Corine V, Megan B,
Glenys O, Anthony S, Fran S,
Helen K, Shane R, George T, Gerard H,
Henslee C, Doris S & Jacqueline D.**

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

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

- 02/11/24** 10am – All Souls Mass - Gisborne
- 02/11/24** Saturday 6pm Mass – Gisborne
- 03/11/24** Normal Sunday Masses
- 05/11/24** 5pm – Weekday Mass – Gisborne
- 06/11/24** 9:15am – Weekday Mass - Gisborne
- 06/11/24** Baptism Information evening – 7:30pm
- 07/11/24** 9:15am – Weekday Mass - Gisborne
- 07/11/24** Liturgy meeting – 7pm – Parish office
- 08/11/24** 9:15am – Weekday Mass - Gisborne
- 09/11/24** Saturday 6pm Mass – Gisborne
- 10/11/24** Normal Sunday Masses
- 11am – Middle School Community Mass

POPES PRAYER OF INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER*For Parents Who Have Lost a Child*

“Let us pray that all parents mourning the death of a child
find support in the community and receive heart’s peace
from the consoling Spirit.”

REFLECTION by Fr. Michael Tate

Jesus does not command us to love ‘God’ in the abstract. Teaching Jew to Jew he says: ‘You shall love the Lord your God’ – the Lord who had rescued the Jewish people from slavery. So, commanding a love which responds to an initiative of Divine Love.

Why wouldn’t one respond ‘heart, mind, strength, soul’ in gratitude for the gift of life itself, for some particular person or incident, for the beauty and grandeur of nature, for rescue from some situation which seemed to engulf us? And if the Lord God loved you in such a way, why wouldn’t you love yourself?

Then you can properly ‘Love your neighbour as yourself’. There is nothing sentimental in his teaching from Leviticus 19:18 and the preceding verses. Jesus was pointing to the system of social justice which looked after the poor and which did not exploit workers. It is up to us as global citizens of the 21st century to recognise as ‘neighbours’ those beyond our borders and to love them in the practical ‘Levitical’ way.

Fulfilling the Dual Command, we guard against the extremes of religious piety or social activism and become Christian humanists loving God and neighbour.

We might pause a moment to pray in responsive gratitude to the Lord God, and to commit ourselves to loving our neighbour, hoping to hear the words of Jesus Christ: ‘You are not far from the Kingdom of God.’

mtate@bigpond.com**SPECIAL COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND****CatholicCare Victoria – Pastoral Care Appeal 2024****Prison Sunday 10 November 2024**

Next weekend is CatholicCare Victoria’s annual Pastoral Care Appeal in the
Archdiocese of Melbourne.

Each year a special collection is conducted in all parishes, so that the vital work of the Catholic Chaplains can continue. The Catholic Chaplains support thousands of Victorians every year in prisons, to help them journey towards a brighter future.

Your gift can help people find comfort and hope as they go through some of their darkest times of their life. Please give generously. You can donate using the envelopes available or online at www.catholiccarevic.org.au or call (03) 9967 2515.

**CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR
S.V.D.P.**

Christmas cards will be available
for purchase in all parish churches
from 2nd November.

Packet of 5 cards - \$5

All proceeds will go to the
operations of the

Gisborne Conference of
St. Vincent De Paul.



Rosters & Events



Ministers for next weekend's Masses

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B

9th & 10th November, 2024

6:00pm Mass St. Brigid's Reader: J. Farrugia Eucharist: L. Wilson	8:00am Mass St. Ambrose's Welcomer: J. White Reader: P. Sammut	Flowers: M. Clifford & W. Kays 
9:30am Mass St. Patrick's Reader: M. Redman Eucharist: D. Briffa	11:00am Mass St. Brigid's Reader: J. Holmes & C. Holmes Eucharist: <i>Volunteer required</i>	

SAVE THE DATE!!! CHRISTMAS CAROLS at St. BRIGID'S PARISH HALL

Sunday 1st December, 2024 at 5:30pm

2024 ORDINATIONS TO THE DIACONATE

During the month of October, three Ordinations to the Diaconate took place in the Melbourne Archdiocese.

Ian Vergel – St. Fidelis, Moreland

John Vespa – St. Bede's, North Balwyn

Tuong Nguyen – St. Gregory's, Doncaster

Joshua McDermid will celebrate his Ordination at 5pm – Sat 16 November, at St. Mary MacKillop in Keilor Downs.

Please pray for these men as they celebrate this sacred occasion & move forward in their ministry.

HELP NEEDED TO CARE FOR OUR CHURCHES

At all of our parish churches there are some parishioners doing many tasks. We need some more volunteers to help share the load. If you could spare an hour a month and take on some duties at your Mass centre it would be appreciated.

Many hands make light work.

We are in need of help with light cleaning, vacuuming, Reading of the Word.

Please contact the office if you are able to help.

PAVER INSTALLATION HELP NEEDED

Are you, or do you know anyone who may be interested in helping us lay the pavers for our 150th celebration. Please contact the office with details. Thank you.

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.

VOLUNTEER ROSTERS

There have been a variety of reasons for a decline in our volunteer numbers this year. Retirement can see parishioners catch the travel bug, poor health or injury can play a part and of course we are all getting that little bit older.

Rosters for all ministries will shortly be started for 2025.

Could all volunteers please advise by return email, a quick phone call or a note in the collection bag if you are able to re-commit to service in 2025.

If you would like to come onboard as a volunteer with the parish, we would love to hear from you. All volunteers need a current Working with Children Check and are required to undertake training in line with our Safeguarding Policy.

Please contact the office for details.

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 \$498
Thanksgiving \$1165

Thank you for your ongoing support through the Thanksgiving Program.

RECONCILIATION

Reconciliation - By appointment only
Please see Fr. Vincent after Mass to arrange a time.

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

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 Kaffee Bar for a coffee and chat.
Everyone Welcome!

SCRIPTURE STUDIES

For all enquiries please contact
Bernie 0414 890 377

Introduction:

In this month of November the key focus is of Christ as Redeemer, the Lord and Giver of Life. The November prayers for the dead call to mind our Christian belief in the Communion of Saints as the linkage of the living and the dead. In each Mass we pray for those who have gone before us in faith, as we do now.

1st Reading: Deuteronomy 6:2-6

This passage from the book of Deuteronomy includes the faithful Jew's daily prayer that is to love God with all heart and mind. This is the same Shema prayer recited three times daily quoted by Jesus in the Gospel.

2nd Reading: Hebrews 7:23-28

In this reading the priesthood of Jesus is contrasted with the ministry of the Jewish high priest. While they repeated their sacrifice, Jesus made one perfect sacrificial offering in his death and is the high priest forever.

Gospel: Mark 12:28-34

The narrative reading of Mark reaches a form of climax in this summary of the Christian way of life. In reply to the question which is the first of all commandments Jesus says: we are to love God first and our neighbour as ourselves.

Prayers of Intercessions: We have heard the answer of Jesus to what is the greatest commandment. Let us make our prayers an expression of our love of God and our neighbour.

1. We pray that this Eucharist truly be an act of praise and thanksgiving with all our heart and mind and strength.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

2. We pray that all Christians who seek to love God and neighbour as themselves will experience what it is to be not far from the kingdom of God.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

3. We pray for the deceased of our parish, particularly in this month of November, that the Eucharist be for us and for them the pledge and fulfilment of eternal life.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

4. 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 and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially **Richard Haire & Nora Bailey**. May they receive the eternal promise given to all who believe.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Please join in the Parish Prayer.

Celebrant: Gracious God, your son Jesus showed us to love you with our whole being by loving and serving one another. Strengthen us in your Spirit that we may seek to follow his example, for he is Christ the Lord. Amen.

Next Weeks Readings: 1 Kings 17:10-16, Hebrews 9:24-28, Mark 12:38-44

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

Deuteronomy 6:2-6

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy.
Hear Israel, you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart.

Moses said to the people: ‘If you fear the Lord your God all the days of your life and if you keep all his laws and commandments which I lay on you, you will have a long life, you and your son and your grandson. Listen then, Israel, keep and observe what will make you prosper and give you great increase, as the Lord God of your fathers has promised you, giving you a land where milk and honey flow.

‘Listen, Israel: The Lord our God is the one Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength. Let these words I urge on you today be written on your heart.’

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 17:2-4. 47. 51. R.v.2

(R.) *I love you Lord, my strength.*

1. I love you, Lord, my strength,
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.
My God is the rock where I take refuge;
my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.
The Lord is worthy of all praise:
when I call I am saved from my foes. (R)

2. Long life to the Lord, my rock!
Praised be to the God that saves me.
He has given great victories to his king
and shown love for his anointed. (R)

Second Reading

Hebrews 7:23-28

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.
This one, because he remains for ever, has an eternal priesthood.

There used to be a great number of priests under the former covenant, because death put an end to each one of them; but this one, Christ, because he remains for ever, can never lose his priesthood. It follows, then, that his power to save is utterly certain, since he is living for ever to intercede for all who come to God through him.

To suit us, the ideal high priest would have to be holy, innocent and uncontaminated, beyond the influence of sinners, and raised up above the heavens; one who would not need to offer sacrifices every day, as the other high priests do for their own sins and then for those of the people, because he has done this once and for all by offering himself. The Law appoints high priests who are men subject to weakness; but the promise on oath, which came after the Law, appointed the Son who is made perfect for ever.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

John 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 12:28-34

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.
This is the first commandment, and the second is similar to it.

One of the scribes came up to Jesus and put a question to him, ‘Which is the first of all the commandments?’ Jesus replied, ‘This is the first: Listen, Israel, the Lord our God is the one Lord, and you must love the Lord you God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: You must love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.’ The scribe said to him, ‘Well spoken, Master; what you have said is true: that he is one and there is no other. To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and strength, and to love your neighbour as yourself, this is far more important than any holocaust or sacrifice.’ Jesus, seeing how wisely he had spoken, said, ‘You are not far from the kingdom of God.’ And after that no one dared to question him any more.

The Gospel of the Lord.



Wordsearch

Try to find these words:

arguing	heart	love
commandment	important	Moses
first	Israel	second
God	law	teachers

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The word of the Lord.

St Brigid's Carols in the Hall

Open Mic



Christmas Carols @ St Brigid's Hall

Sunday 1st December @ 5:30pm

Fisher St, Gisborne entrance to carpark

Musicians welcome to participate:

contact Kevin or Gerard to book a spot on the Mic

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