



Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

6th October, 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** melb catholic.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 and for those who have
an anniversary at this time, especially **Dr. Kevin Sleigh,**
Walter Carroll, Fr. Noel Oliver & Beau Skowron.

May they rest in peace*Please email Tam if you would like an Anniversary included.***UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS****October** No weekday Masses during October**05/10/24** Saturday 6pm Mass – Gisborne**06/10/24** Normal Sunday Masses**12/10/24** Saturday 6pm Mass – Gisborne**13/10/24** Normal Sunday Masses**17/10/24** 7pm – PPC meeting – parish office**19/10/24** Saturday 6pm Mass – Gisborne**20/10/24** Normal Sunday Masses**26/10/24** Saturday 6pm Mass – Gisborne**27/10/24** Normal Sunday Masses**27/10/24** 12pm Baptism's – Gisborne**FR. VINCENT – ANNUAL LEAVE**

Fr. Vincent will be on annual leave during October.

There will be no Weekday Masses during this time.

Weekend Masses will continue as normal.

MASS SUPPLY FOR OCTOBER

October 5 & 6 Fr. Arnold Heredia

October 12 & 13 Fr. John Healy

October 19 & 20 Fr. Arnold Heredia

October 26 & 27 Fr. Arnold Heredia

REFLECTION by Greg Sunter

In the Western world today, somewhere between one-third and one-half of marriages end in divorce. It's a statistic that we hear wheeled out as a sign of the collapse of family values in our society. However, the reverse statistic is also true: somewhere between one-half and two thirds of marriages are lasting ones. In the last 30-40 years, divorce has transformed from being a shameful scandal to an accepted, even commonplace, fact of life. It would be uncommon not to know someone affected by divorce. Despite those who argue that divorce is too 'easy', it is an emotional and difficult decision for couples to reach and has rippling impacts on children, extended families and friends.

When the Pharisees in the gospel asked Jesus about the law regarding divorce, they really weren't interested in divorce; they wanted to check Jesus' orthodoxy how he stood in relation to traditional teaching. Rather than respond to them directly, Jesus asks them first of all to name the teaching to which they refer. He then explains that Moses only ever wrote the instruction because the people were so unwilling to listen to God's way.

For the second time in the last few weeks, the gospel shows Jesus welcoming children and praising their attitude as the way to the kingdom of God. Children of the time had no status and were regarded as literally the property of their father. When Jesus laid his hands on the children and gave them his blessing, this was the action of a father 'claiming' the child as their own. To welcome the kingdom like a little child is to enter into living the kingdom of God without any claim to position or status; to recognise our complete dependence on others; to let go of our ideas of who is important and who is not; to allow ourselves to be 'claimed' by Jesus.

Welcome Fr. Arnold

This week we welcome Fr. Arnold Heredia who will be celebrating Masses with us for 3 out of the next 4 weekends.

Fr. Arnold's last appointment was that of Parish Priest of St. Mary's Lancefield & Romsey until he retired in 2015.

He is a very active "retired" priest who is busier than all of us put together!

Thank you to Fr. Arnold for helping us out during October and we hope you enjoy your time at St. Brigid's.



Rosters & Events



Ministers for next weekend's Masses

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B

12th & 13th October 2024

6:00pm Mass St. Brigid's Reader: T. Wilson Eucharist: L. Scott	8:00am Mass St. Ambrose's Welcomer: J. White Reader: M. Henry	Flowers: M. Clifford 
9:30am Mass St. Patrick's Reader: M. Redman Eucharist: D. Briffa	11:00am Mass St. Brigid's Reader: B. Myers Eucharist: T. Armstrong	

St. Brigid's 150th Anniversary Paver Installation

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Bulletin via email or website:

Please read notice at the end of the bulletin.

Bulletin in churches

Please use the order forms in church to place your order as instructed on the form.

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.

MASS FOR MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARIES

Sunday 20 October, 2024

11am – 12pm

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

Couples and their families are invited to join us as we celebrate our annual Anniversary Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral.

Couples who register and are celebrating one of these anniversaries – 5th, 10th, 15th, 20th, 25th, 30th, 35th or 40 years and above will receive a commemorative certificate.

Register by Sunday 13 October.

For any queries, please contact the Proclaim team
on 9926 5761 or at proclaim@cam.org.au

Register: <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1291296>

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

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

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 \$421
Thanksgiving \$1266

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 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 Kaffeine Bar for a coffee and chat.
Everyone Welcome!

SCRIPTURE STUDIES

For all enquiries please contact
Bernie 0414 890 377

Introduction: In the attitudes asked of God's disciples, the issues of sexuality along with marriage and divorce are some of the strongest examples of the differences between the creator's plan for humankind and the values of today's secular world.

1st Reading: Genesis 2:18-24

We hear the second biblical narrative myth from the Book of Genesis. The focus is on completing the work of creation by providing a companion for the man.

2nd Reading: Hebrews 2:9-11

We hear how the author of Hebrews affirms that Jesus reached his glory through his human experience of suffering and death, so that we too would share his glory.

Gospel: Mark 10:2-16

We hear the famous dialogue when the Pharisees approached Jesus and asked about the law concerning divorce. Jesus draws their attention to the account from Genesis that is today's first reading.

Prayers of Intercession: Jesus is not ashamed to call us his brothers and sisters. We entrust to Him the hopes, fears and pain of this world in which we live, confident that our God will receive them.

1. We pray with and for our Church leaders, the Pope and bishops. May they always proclaim the biblical standard of marriage and communion of life.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

2. We pray that the Church in every community always mirror the compassion of Jesus in dealing with marriage difficulties or break ups.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

3. We pray for those who work in the area of promoting marriage enrichment and better understanding of all life-giving relationships. May they take confidence in knowing they share the very ministry of Jesus.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

4. We pray for our faith community. May we always have the confidence to reach out to Jesus in our times of deepest need to be touched by his grace.

(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, and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially **Dr. Kevin Sleigh, Walter Carroll, Fr. Noel Oliver & Beau Skowron**. May their obedience and service to others, strengthened by their sharing in the Eucharist now bring them to the fullness of God's redemption.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

Please join in the Parish Prayer.

Celebrant: Sovereign God, yours is the kingdom of love and mercy. Receive our prayers of petition that come to you through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Next weeks readings: Wisdom 7:7-11; Hebrews 4:12-13; Mark 10:17-30

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 2:18-24

A reading from the book of Genesis.

They were two in one flesh.

The Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone. I will make him a helpmate.' So from the soil the Lord God fashioned all the wild beasts and all the birds of heaven. These he brought to the man to see what he would call them, each one was to bear the name the man would give it. The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of heaven and all the wild beasts. But no helpmate suitable for man was found for him. So the Lord God made the man fall into a deep sleep. And while he slept, he took one of his ribs and enclosed it in flesh. The Lord God built the rib he had taken from the man into a woman, and brought her to the man. The man exclaimed:

'This at last is bone from my bones, and flesh from my flesh! This is to be called woman, for this was taken from man.' This is why a man leaves his father and mother and joins himself to his wife, and they become one body.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 127. R. v.5

(R.) *May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.*

1. O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be happy and prosper. (R.)
2. Your wife will be like a fruitful vine in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive, around your table. (R.)
3. Indeed thus shall be blessed the man who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Zion in a happy Jerusalem
all the days of your life!
May you see your children's children.
On Israel, peace! (R.)

Second Reading Hebrews 2:9-11

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

He who sanctifies, and those who are sanctified have one origin.

We see in Jesus one who was for a short while made lower than the angels and is now crowned with glory and splendour because he submitted to death; by God's grace he had to experience death for all mankind.

As it was his purpose to bring a great many of his sons into glory, it was appropriate that God, for whom everything exists and through whom everything exists, should make perfect, through suffering, the leader who would take them to their salvation. For the one who sanctifies, and the ones who are sanctified, are of the same stock; that is why he openly calls them brothers.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

1 John 4:12

Alleluia, alleluia!

If we love one another,
God will live in us in perfect love.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 10:2-16

or (shorter form Mk 10:2-12)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

What God has joined together, no one must divide.

Some Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, 'Is it against the law for a man to divorce his wife?' They were testing him. He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?' 'Moses allowed us' they said 'to draw up a writ of dismissal and so to divorce.' Then Jesus said to them, 'It was because you were so unteachable that he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation God made them male and female. This is why a man must leave father and mother, and the two become one body. They are no longer two, therefore, but one body. So then, what God has united, man must not divide.' Back in the house the disciples questioned him again about this, and he said to them, 'The man who divorces his wife and marries another is guilty of adultery against her. And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another she is guilty of adultery too.'

People were bringing little children to him, for him to touch them. The disciples turned them away, but when Jesus saw this he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. I tell you solemnly, anyone who does not welcome the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.' Then he put his arms round them, laid his hands on them and gave them his blessing.

The Gospel of the Lord.



St Brigid's Church 150th Anniversary Paver & St Colmcille Installation Final Opportunity



SINGLE NAME PAVER

St Brigid's Parish, Gisborne: 150th Anniversary of St Brigid's Church

These pavers will represent families and parishioners, past and present, connected to St Brigid's Parish and to mark the 150th anniversary of St Brigid's Church, Gisborne in February, 2025. All families and parishioners are encouraged to purchase pavers as a lasting memento of this special occasion.

SINGLE NAME PAVER: \$40 each

Your donation of \$40 entitles you to have your name engraved into a paver as a lasting record of your valued support and commitment. The paver will be permanently installed in

The front grounds of St Brigid's Church

proudly showing your donation. Size: 230 x 115 x 50mm

Celebration of St Brigid's Church on Sunday, February 9th, 2025. In preparation, the Month of September has provided parishioners at school and parish level, past, present and future, to purchase a paver as a lasting contribution to being part of our St Brigid's Parish which incorporates Bullengarook, Riddell, Macedon and Gisborne areas.

These pavers will be part of an installation in the front of St Brigid's Church with the original gate from St Colmcille, Bullengarook.

Order Forms went out and thank you to all those who have purchased pavers as part of being involved in our St Brigid's Church 150th Anniversary.

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Cost of Individual Pavers: \$40

Step 1: Fill out the engraving details on the Order Form attached and return to the school or Parish Office [open on Tuesday 8th].

Step 2: Place your Paver Order Form and money in a sealed envelope with your Name + Paver clearly written on the front of the envelope.

Optional Step 3: For those wishing to pay by Direct Debit please reference your debit details with your name + Paver on the Order Form to

St Brigid's Church Account

BSB: 083347

Account: 674295773

For those paying by Direct Debit, don't forget to complete all parts of the Order Form + your direct debit information and place in Envelope.

Many thanks, St Brigid's Church 150th Anniversary Working Committee