



Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

1st 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,******Terry R, Helen K, Shane R,******George T, Gerard H, Patricia C,******& Henslee C.***

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

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

- 31/08/24** Saturday 6pm Mass – Gisborne
01/09/24 Normal Sunday Masses
03/09/24 5pm – Weekday Mass - Gisborne
04/09/24 9:15am – Weekday Mass - Gisborne
04/09/24 7:30pm – Baptism information evening
05/09/24 **NO Weekday Mass**
05/09/24 Holy Cross Mass
06/09/24 9:15am – Weekday Mass & Benediction
07/09/24 Saturday 6pm Mass – Gisborne
08/09/24 Normal Sunday Masses

Final date for PPC nominations**2024 ARCHBISHOP'S CAMPAIGN**

Please return all contributions to the 2024 Archbishop's
Campaign via the envelopes provided this weekend. Funds
will be sent to the Archdiocese next week.

Thank you for your support.**SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

*Congratulations and special blessings to all those
celebrating birthdays and anniversaries
during the month of September.*

*May your journey through life be filled with daily treasures,
and may you always be open, willing and ready to share
your blessings with others.*

**REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate**

Many religious leaders have thought that some foods or
some people are such a threat to the holiness of their
followers that contact with 'unclean', 'defiling' foods or
people must be avoided. Our Lord was totally opposed to
the idea that holiness was something secured or gained by
being quarantined or separated from any-thing or any-
person.

On the contrary, he could touch a leper or have a meal with
a prostitute. Rather than defilement flowing from the leper
or prostitute to Jesus, his life flowed into them repairing
their broken humanity, healing them bodymindspirit,
holistically, making them holy.

The fact is that God, embodied in Jesus Christ, is
contagious. The contagion of Divine Life is meant to flow
into the inner depths of personality, into the heart. When
this occurs, the Divine Life in the human person causes
'holiness'.

We have to strive to put ourselves in the way of this
contagion. We become holy when we allow ourselves to be
touched by our Lord Jesus Christ. How do we do this?

By hearing of His life in the Gospel, by being nourished by
His life in Holy Communion, by being touched by the plight
of those in whom He is to be found. St James in the second
reading describes some who are particularly vulnerable in a
patriarchal society with no social security system: the
widows and orphans. No doubt, we can identify equivalent
groups in our own society and overseas.

We could take a moment to pray that we might be more
conscious of the Holy Spirit germinating something in our
hearts, making us holy from the inside out, that our holiness
be authenticated by good works so that we may be holy as
the Lord our God is holy. mtate@bigpond.com

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

Nomination forms are now available in each of our parish
churches. If you or someone you know would like to
become involved, please complete a nomination form and
drop it into a collection bag or email it through to the parish
secretary at gisborne@cam.org.au

***Nominations will close after Mass on Sunday 8th
September.***



Rosters & Events



Ministers for next weekend's Masses

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B

7th & 8th September 2024

6:00pm Mass St. Brigid's Reader: F. Murone Eucharist: L. Wilson	8:00am Mass St. Ambrose's Welcomer: J. White Reader: A-M. Drummond	Flowers: K. Page & L DeBono 
9:30am Mass St. Patrick's Reader: E. Kilgariff Eucharist: B. Stanchinotti	11:00am Mass St. Brigid's Reader: T. Armstrong Eucharist: <i>Volunteer Required</i>	

Fathers come in many forms -

For fathers who are blessed with children of their own,
 For step-fathers who have assumed that role with love and joy,
 For adoptive fathers who have provided love for a child in need,
 For men without a child of their own who have nurtured and cared for others in their community,
 For fathers separated from their child,
 For fathers who have lost,
 For fathers who struggle,
 For new fathers full of hope,
 For older fathers full of wisdom,
 For expectant fathers,
 For fathers that have shaped our lives.....

**God our Father, in your wisdom and love you made all things.
 Bless these men with health, happiness and strength.
 We pray they feel our love and gratitude for all they do. Amen**

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

COMMUNION TO THE SICK

Taking Communion to residents of The Oak's and Warrina is a very important ministry of St. Brigid's.

If you would like to join the team we are in need of some volunteers. Please contact Tam if you can help.

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.

CATHOLIC MISSION – THANK YOU

Catholic Mission thanks the parish of St Brigid's for your support of this year's Propagation of the Faith Appeal. Your generosity has empowered Church workers across 1047 mission dioceses, allowing them to spread the message of hope and love within their local communities. Your contribution of \$360 has been most gratefully received. Through your partnership with Catholic Mission, we can continue providing life-saving treatment and essential resources for health, education, as well as spiritual and physical well-being. Your gift not only transforms individual lives but also fuels mission programs globally. Thank you!

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 \$405
 Thanksgiving \$862

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.

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: As we continue with Mark's Gospel we hear today the true commandment that God is in the attitudes of heart and mind and not merely in lip service or in external practice.

1st Reading: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8

We hear from the book of the Law when Moses directs the people that they are to observe the commands of God, with wisdom and understanding.

2nd Reading: James 1:17-18, 21-22,27

When St. James writes his letters he is renowned for the practical, even dramatic examples he uses to emphasise a message.

Gospel: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Mark challenges the meanness of spirit and the narrowness of interpretation of the Pharisees and proclaims that what comes from a person's heart is more important than what goes into a person's mouth.

Prayer of Intercession: James reminds us that every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of light. We ask God's light to shine in all the places of need in our world today.

1. We pray with and for our Church leaders, the Pope and the Bishops. May they proclaim with Jesus the priority of the commandment of God as superior to human tradition.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

2. We pray for our children preparing to make their first Eucharist; that with our parish we will grow in its faith and devotion in the Eucharist, that it truly be the expression of our faith and the source of our life in Christ.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

3. We pray for our community and with Christians everywhere. May we all live up to the standard of St. James that pure, unspoiled religion, is coming to the help of those who need it and not being contaminated by the world.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

4. We pray for our Fathers on this Father's Day. We thank them for their love, their support and their guidance throughout our lives. Bless them, that they may be strengthened as Christian fathers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honor them always with a spirit of profound respect.

(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, they may share the rewards of their service with the least of God's people.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

Please join in the Parish Prayer.

Celebrant: There is no one so close to us as the Lord, our God, who has given us birth by the word of truth, Jesus Christ. May we continue to open our hearts in prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Next weeks readings: Isaiah 35:4-7; James 2:1-5; Mark 7:31-37

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 4:1-2, 6-8

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy.

You may add nothing to the word which I speak to you – keep the commands of the Lord.

Moses said to the people: ‘Now, Israel, take notice of the laws and customs that I teach you today, and observe them, that you may have life and may enter and take possession of the land that the Lord the God of your fathers is giving you. You must add nothing to what I command you, and take nothing from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God just as I lay them down for you. Keep them, observe them, and they will demonstrate to the peoples your wisdom and understanding. When they come to know of all these laws they will exclaim, “No other people is as wise and prudent as this great nation.” And indeed, what great nation is there that has its gods so near as the Lord our God is to us whenever we call to him? And what great nation is there that has laws and customs to match this whole Law that I put before you today?’

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 14:2-5. R. v.1

(R.) *The just will live in the presence of the Lord.*

1. Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain?
He who walks without fault;
he who acts with justice
and speaks the truth from his heart. (R.)
2. He who does no wrong to his brother,
who casts no slur on his neighbour,
who holds the godless in disdain,
but honours those who fear the Lord. (R.)
3. He who keeps his pledge, come what may;
who takes no interest on a loan
and accepts no bribes against the innocent.
Such a man will stand firm for ever. (R.)

Second Reading

James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27

A reading from the letter of St. James.

Be doers of the word.

It is all that is good, everything that is perfect, which is given us from above; it comes down from the Father of all light; with him there is no such thing as alteration, no shadow of a change. By his own choice he made us his children by the message of the truth so that we should be a sort of first-fruits of all that he had created.

Accept and submit to the word which has been planted in you and can save your souls. But you must do what the word tells you, and not just listen to it and deceive yourselves.

Pure, unspoilt religion, in the eyes of God our Father is this: coming to the help of orphans and widows when they need it, and keeping oneself uncontaminated by the world.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

James 1:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Father gave us birth by his message of truth, that we might be as the first fruits of his creation.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

You forget the commandments of God and hold on to human tradition.

The Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered round Jesus, and they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with unclean hands, that is, without washing them. For the Pharisees, and the Jews in general, follow the tradition of the elders and never eat without washing their arms as far as the elbow; and on returning from the market place they never eat without first sprinkling themselves. There are also many other observances which have been handed down to them concerning the washing of cups and pots and bronze dishes. So these Pharisees and scribes asked him, ‘Why do your disciples not respect the tradition of the elders but eat their food with unclean hands?’ He answered, ‘It was of you hypocrites that Isaiah so rightly prophesied in this passage of scripture:

This people honours me only with lip-service,
while their hearts are far from me.

The worship they offer me is worthless,

the doctrines they teach are only human regulations.

You put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions.’

He called the people to him again and said, ‘Listen to me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that goes into a man from outside can make him unclean; it is the things that come out of a man that make him unclean. For it is from within, from men’s hearts, that evil intentions emerge: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, malice, deceit, indecency, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within and make a man unclean.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

*You are not defiled by what you eat:
but by what you say and do*

Third Meeting
St Brigid's Church
150th Anniversary
Working Party

Tuesday, July 30th



The Working Party is made up of Fr Vincent, Jenne Wallace, Eddie Gardiner, Joanne & Craig Holmes, Bernie Floreani, Paul Lawry, Gerard Carroll, Joe Farrugia and Trish Armstrong. Please feel free to contact any member of the Working Party to offer your support or to be a contact for sharing memorabilia or information.

The focus of the Working Party has the common goal of promoting and building a sense of belonging and ownership across our parish as well as promoting ongoing awareness and knowledge about our parish in its past, present and into the future. As we solidify our ideas, it is important to broaden the support base for our Parish Faith community. This important event gives us an opportunity to open up to members of our Parish to share their gifts and talents. We do have a date so please mark **Sunday, February 9th, 2025** on your personal calendars. Thank you to those parishioners and school families who have shared their thoughts and ideas regarding this significant event for St Brigid's Parish Community.

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 27th

- We seek a volunteer/s from each of the parish, St Brigid's PS and Holy Cross PS to form a committee to advertise and organise paver purchase within a given time frame. Representation on pavers from present and past members of parish and school communities is the goal.
- We will be working with the schools as we further investigate the physical History Trail we might develop around St Brigid's Church but also how to extend this by using QR Code Technology to make our stories available on Parish and School websites.
- For the Display of memorabilia support of not only the current parishioners and school families is needed but your extended families who have a past link to our parish. We are looking for photos, brochures and other memorabilia linked to St Brigid's. It's amazing what photos taken inside the church or outside for Weddings, Baptisms, First Communions and Confirmation tell us about our church and clergy at the time.
- When considering using Food vendors on the day.....do you have any contacts/suggestions?
- If you have streaming experience similar to how we are able to access funerals at or after the event, please make contact
- Following our next meeting you might have someone who you believe would have a great message/story to be added to the video clips we will be collecting to have viewing on the day.

We are all about celebrating St Brigid's Church 150th Anniversary but it's important to remember that our families are connected to that story and who knows better about your family's connection than you and your loved ones.

We ask all members of our Parish Faith Community to take time to think about possible ways that we could mark this very special occasion. Maybe something you have experienced or seen in another place and time or it may be linked to your skill set and could ensure that the success of the day is guaranteed by what you can offer. To help us plan for moving forward please write your idea down and email to trishannarmstrong@gmail.com or phone on 0417 526 945.

Many thanks

Working Party for 150th Anniversary of St Brigid's Church, Gisborne