



Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

8th 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, especially
Sally Michaelson and for those who have an anniversary at
this time, especially **David Consiglio, Jim Sullivan
& Peter Linton.**

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

- 07/09/24** Saturday 6pm Mass – Gisborne
08/09/24 Normal Sunday Masses
Final date for PPC nominations
All weekend Masses 7/9-8/9 will be
First Holy Communion Masses
10/09/24 **NO Weekday Mass**
10/09/24 The Oaks Mass
11/09/24 9:15am – Weekday Mass – Gisborne
12/09/24 9:15am – Weekday Mass – Gisborne
13/09/24 9:15am – St. Brigid's School Mass
14/09/24 Saturday 6pm Mass – Gisborne
15/09/24 Normal Sunday Masses
All weekend Masses 14/9-15/9 will be
First Holy Communion Masses
17/09/24 5pm – Weekday Mass – Gisborne
18/09/24 9:15am – Weekday Mass – Gisborne
19/09/24 9:15am – Weekday Mass - Gisborne
20/09/24 9:15am – St. Brigid's School Mass

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER**For the Cry of the Earth**

"Let us pray that each of us hears with the heart the cry of
the Earth and victims of natural disasters and climate
change, personally committing to care for the world we
inhabit."

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

As we began to welcome the Gospel, we made the sign of the Cross on our foreheads, on our lips and over our hearts. It is meant to be accompanied by the thought: 'May the Gospel be in my mind, on my lips, and in my heart.' It wouldn't be enough to mentally recite that little prayer. We have to do something physical.

Jesus could not have been more physical than in the story of today's Gospel. He stuck his fingers in the man's ears and touched the man's tongue with spittle, saying the Aramaic word 'Ephphatha', 'Be opened'.

Our Lord could have healed this man with a simple prayer. But he acknowledged the sheer physicality of the person to be cured. We are not angels, but ensouled bodies and that is how our Lord particularly related to this man in need of healing.

It is in the sacrament of Baptism that we imitate the Ephphatha incident in today's Gospel. At one stage, the priest lightly touches the ears and then lightly touches the mouth of the person being baptised. This brings the baptised person into a community formed by hearing and speaking the Word in faith.

We could take a moment to recall the Ephphatha dimension of our baptism. Take your thumb and lightly touch your ears (a parent could do this for an infant) making a prayer along the lines of our baptism: 'The Lord Jesus made the deaf hear and the mute speak. May He again touch my ears to receive His Word and my mouth to proclaim His faith to the glory and praise of God the Father. Amen.'

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

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B

14th & 15th September 2024

6:00pm Mass St. Brigid's Reader: J. Farrugia Eucharist: N. Spiers	8:00am Mass St. Ambrose's Welcomer: J. White Reader: M. Hall	Flowers: M. Clifford & W. Kays 
9:30am Mass St. Patrick's Reader: M. Redman Eucharist: D. Briffa	11:00am Mass St. Brigid's Reader: D. Egan Eucharist: K. Page	

ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD – Saturday 21 September 2024 - 10.00am–11.30am

Venue - St Patrick's Cathedral, 1 Cathedral Place, East Melbourne

Rev Jean-Sébastien Géry will be ordained to the priesthood.

Please, pray for him as he embarks on his priestly ministry in the service of God's people in the Archdiocese.

HEAVENLY VOICES

The concert *Heavenly voices*, will take place at the **Church of the Resurrection** on **Sunday 15 September @ 2.30 pm.**

Featuring **Young Voices of Macedon** and the **Bendigo Youth Choir** (around 45 singers) it features a performance of the beautiful *Messe brève* by 19th-century French composer Léo Delibes. This substantial work, composed for children's choir and sung in Latin, comprises the *Kyrie, Gloria, Sanctus, O salutaris hostia* and *Agnus Dei*, and will be accompanied by pipe organ and a string ensemble. Also featured are works of a variety of styles and genres (including spirituals and African chant) inspired by the Christian tradition, and performed by the choirs separately and together.

Bookings: [Trybooking.com](https://trybooking.com) or tickets at the door. \$15/10, children under 12 free.

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 one more volunteer to help at Warrina.

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.

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 \$384
Thanksgiving \$1063

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 Kaffeeine 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: From Old Testament times, the promise of God's covenant was portrayed in the concern for the blind or deaf, in fact in any form of need. In today's readings we hear the people's response when they recognise that Jesus could fulfil that promise.

1st Reading: Isaiah 35:4-7

We hear the prophet Isaiah proclaim that God will send his special blessings upon his people. He gives several images as to how to recognise the presence of God's kingdom.

2nd Reading: James 2:1-5

We hear a very practical challenge by St. James as to how easy it is to make distinction between classes of people.

Gospel: Mark 7:31-37

We hear the final section of St. Mark's treatment of how the mystery of the messiah is portrayed. God's miracles among his people are revealed in Jesus.

Prayer of Intercession: Today we pray together, especially for these children of our Christian community, who will receive the risen Lord, the bread of life, for the first time.

1. We pray for our Church leaders, especially Francis, our Pope, Peter, our Archbishop and Fr. Vincent. Give them the wisdom they need to guide us to a stronger awareness of you.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

2. We pray for the leaders of our nations, that they will have the wisdom and courage to guide their people in their daily lives.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

3. We pray for people in countries that are experiencing difficult times. May they be blessed with your love and wisdom, so that they can soon find peace.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

4. We pray for the First Communicants and for all those sharing in the Eucharist today. May they grow in love for you Father and for each other.

(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 **Sally Michaelson** and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially **David Consiglio, Jim Sullivan & Peter Linton**. May they now share the eternal promise in Christ.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

Please join in the Parish Prayer.

Celebrant: Father, we ask you to hear the prayers we offer you today.

Please send your son, Jesus, to these children in a special way, to help them grow in the spirit of your love.

We make our prayers through Jesus Christ, your Son. Amen

Next weeks readings. Isaiah 50:5-9; James 2:14-18; Mark 8:27-35

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 **Isaiah 35:4-7**

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.
Then the ears of the deaf shall be opened and the tongues of the dumb speak.
Say to all faint hearts,
‘Courage! Do not be afraid.
‘Look, your God is coming, vengeance is coming, the retribution of God; he is coming to save you.’
Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, the ears of the deaf unsealed, then the lame shall leap like a deer and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy; for water gushes in the desert, streams in the wasteland, the scorched earth becomes a lake, the parched land springs of water.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 145:7-10. R. v.1
(R.) Praise the Lord, my soul!
1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord, who sets prisoners free. (R.)
2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bound down,
the Lord who loves the just,
the Lord, who protects the stranger. (R.)
3. The Lord upholds the widow and orphan,
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion’s God, from age to age. (R.)

Second Reading **James 2:1-5**

A reading from the letter of St. James.
Has not God chosen the poor of the world to inherit the kingdom?
My brothers, do not try to combine faith in Jesus Christ, our glorified Lord, with the making of distinctions between classes of people. Now suppose a man comes into your synagogue, beautifully dressed and with a gold ring on, and at the same time a poor man comes in, in shabby clothes, and you take notice of the well-dressed man, and say, ‘Come this way to the best seats’; then you tell the poor man, ‘Stand over there’ or ‘You can sit on the floor by my foot-rest.’ Can’t you see that you have used two different standards in your mind, and turned yourselves into judges, and corrupt judges at that?
Listen, my dear brothers: it was those who are poor according to the world that God chose, to be rich in faith and to be the heirs to the kingdom which he promised to those who love him.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation **Matthew 4:23**

Alleluia, alleluia!
Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick.
Alleluia!

Gospel **Mark 7:31-37**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.
He makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.
Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the sea of Galilee, right through the Decapolis region. And they brought him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they asked him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the man’s ears and touched his tongue with spittle. Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him, ‘Ephphatha,’ that is, ‘Be opened.’ And his ears were opened, and the ligament of his tongue was loosened and he spoke clearly. And Jesus ordered them to tell no one about it, but the more he insisted, the more widely they published it. Their admiration was unbounded. ‘He has done all things well,’ they said ‘he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

Wordsearch Try to find these words:

amazed	deaf	fingers	heaven
begged	Decapolis	good	ten
crowd	Effatha	hear	tongue

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