



Fourth Sunday of Easter - Yr C

11th May, 2025

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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
Parish Facebook Page www.facebook.com/stbrigidsparishgisborne

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

Please pray for those who are in ill health:

**Eileen S, Corine V, Anthony S,
Fran S, Helen K, Shane R, George T,
Diane M, Marg P, Zoe F,
Ellen K & Pat P.**

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

Patricia Shelly & Victor Bissett.

May they rest in peace

Upcoming Parish Masses & Events

Sat 10/05/25 Saturday 6pm Mass – Gisborne
Sun 11/05/25 Normal Sunday Masses
Mon 12/05/25 5:30pm Sacramental classes – Gisborne
Tue 13/05/25 **NO Weekday Mass**
Tue 13/05/25 The Oaks Mass
Wed 14/05/25 9:15am – Weekday Mass – Gisborne
Thu 15/05/25 9:15am – Weekday Mass – Gisborne
Fri 16/05/25 9:15am – Weekday Mass – Gisborne
Sat 17/05/25 Saturday 6pm Mass – Gisborne
Sun 18/05/25 Normal Sunday Masses

All Masses 17/05/25 & 18/05/25 will be**Confirmation Commitment Masses**

Mon 19/05/25 5:30pm Sacramental classes – Gisborne
Tue 20/05/25 5pm – Weekday Mass – Gisborne
Wed 21/05/25 9:15am – Weekday Mass – Gisborne
Thu 22/05/25 9:15am – Weekday Mass – Gisborne
Fri 23/05/25 9:15am – Weekday Mass – Gisborne
Fri 23/05/25 Warrina Communion Service

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

You and I are Gentiles— part of the non-Jewish world.
We are the sort of Christians we are, because of St Paul.
He became the strongest advocate of the grace that the
early Christian community should be inclusive of all
nations and tribes and ethnic groups on the face of the
earth. We have not yet realised this potential.

What riches of intellectual traditions, cultural
expressions, and organisational structure are we still to
receive from the Chinese, the Korean, the Indonesians,
the Africans, the Indian Catholics who are part of our
'Church without Borders'?

How do we maintain unity and identity amongst such
diversity? By listening for the voice of the Good
Shepherd, Our Lord Jesus Christ.

But it takes a good teacher to help us to hear The Voice
in the clamour of life.

Some of those teachers may be found amongst the
Bishops who carry a shepherd's staff. But at least in my
experience the best assistant shepherds have been my
parents, and some others. They have helped me hear The
Voice assuring me that I will never perish, that I will
receive eternal life.

That is a Voice worth following! We could pause for a
moment to get on the same wavelength as the Good
Shepherd so as to echo His Voice in our lives.

mtate@bigpond.com**World Day of Prayer for Vocations - 11 May (Fourth Sunday of Easter)**

Pope Francis told us: There can be no greater joy than to risk one's life for the Lord! I would like to say this especially to you, the young. Do not be deaf to the Lord's call. If he calls you to follow this path, do not pull your oars into the boat, but trust him. Let us pray for the young people in our community, and in our families and circle of friends.

May our prayers help them to be open to the Lord's call to consecrated life or priesthood.

A PRAYER REQUEST

You might know of a young person in the parish, in your family or an acquaintance whom you think
would make a good priest or religious. Why not pray for them by name on a regular basis?

Carry them with you 'spiritually' to Mass on Sunday and place them on the altar at the offertory.

Sometimes the Lord uses us as his instruments to encourage vocations.



Rosters & Events



Ministers for next weekend's Masses

Fifth Sunday of Easter – Year C

17th & 18th May, 2025

6:00pm Mass St. Brigid's Reader: F. Murone Eucharist: K. Aprile	8:00am Mass St. Ambrose's Welcomer: J. White Reader: M. Henry	Flowers: J. Shumack 
9:30am Mass St. Patrick's Reader: K. Petherbridge Eucharist: B. Stanchinotti	11:00am Mass St. Brigid's Reader: C. Fry Eucharist: V. Firman	

SECRETARY ANNUAL LEAVE

For the remainder of May, I will only be working 1 day a week instead of 2.

The office will be **unattended** on:
 Tuesday 13th May
 Thursday 22nd May
 Tuesday 27th May

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Project Compassion (correction)

The total contribution from our parish was **\$1118**

Good Friday Holy Places

The total contribution from our parish was \$495

CatholicCare Sunday Appeal

The total contribution from our parish was \$220
 Thank you to all who contributed to these very

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.

AN INTRODUCTION TO PRAYER

Week 1 – Where do I begin?

Do you struggle with praying?

Not enough time?

Don't feel you're doing it "right"?

Can't find the words? Is anyone *really* listening?

These are questions we've all asked ourselves at some time or another. While there's no right way to pray – and yes, someone *is* listening – it's more of a question of learning to talk to God as if you were sitting across from Him in a café or in your lounge.

Don't we all love to connect with someone who really 'gets' us - e.g. a beloved family member, an old friend, a trusted colleague? "But isn't that disrespectful?" we hear you ask. No, God wants to be a part of our lives as much as any family member, friend or colleague. Think of someone you really love– your husband/wife, child, friend, etc – and how you light up when you see them, with the prospect of spending time with them, talking to them and listening as they talk to us.

That's how God loves us; He wants that same kind of connection.

But how do we go about doing this?

Over the next few weeks, we'll give you a type of road map to assist you with your prayer life. Lots of these directions come from the work of André Regnier of Catholic Christian Outreach (<https://cco.ca/missionaries/andre-regnier/>)

who has spent many years in researching and writing about how to pray. We don't have all the answers, but over the next few weeks and together, let's see if we can help each other grow closer to God.

Stay tuned!

*St. Brigid's Parish
 Divine Renovation Team*

OPEN HOUSE

Meet after 11am Sunday Mass at the Kaffeeine Bar for a coffee and chat.
Everyone Welcome!

SCRIPTURE STUDIES

Thursday – 10am
 For all enquiries please contact
 Bernie 0414 890 377

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 \$494
 Thanksgiving \$1130

Thank you for your ongoing support through the Thanksgiving Program.

Introduction: Today is often titled Good Shepherd Sunday from the Gospel image of Jesus being the Good Shepherd. As we gather in the name of the Lord, we are conscious that we too follow the Good Shepherd with his promise of life and life to the full.

1st Reading: Acts 13:14, 43-52

We hear of the journey of Paul and Barnabas and their preaching in the synagogue at Antioch. Their preaching provoked such a favourable response from the townsfolk that the Jews refused to listen to them and so the apostles turned to the pagan nations to offer the Good News to them.

2nd Reading: Revelations 7:9, 14-17

We hear of another revelation from St. John, consistent with the mission of preaching the Good News to every nation, race and tribe. Those who have passed through the great persecution will be led by their shepherd to the springs of living water.

Gospel: John 10:27-30

We hear a brief excerpt from the longer discourse of Jesus and the image of the Good Shepherd. He proclaims that he and the Father are one.

Prayer of Intercession: We now turn to the Father in prayer, confident that He will hear us and respond with love.

1. For our priests and bishops, that they might be living and effective signs of the presence of your Son among us as our Good Shepherd.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

2. For parents, teachers and all those who work with young people. That the Lord will guide young people as they make important choices in their lives.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

3. For young men and women who feel called to give their lives in dedicated service to God and the Church. That they will be guided in their discernment.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

4. For those suffering throughout the world from hunger, war, conflict, epidemics, drought and other natural disasters. May they be strengthened and sustained by our prayers and the love of God.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

5. We pray for ourselves and the special needs of all in our parish community. We pray for those who are sick – those on our parish prayer list – the frail, 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 **Patricia Shelly & Victor Bissett**.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Please join in the parish Prayer.

Celebrant: Father, teach us to follow Christ your Son more faithfully. By listening to his voice may we become a community more attuned to your call in our lives. We ask you to hear the prayers we make to you today and to grant them through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Next week's readings: Acts 14:21-27; Revelations 21:1-5; John 13:31-35

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

Acts 13:14, 43-52

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

We are now turning to the gentiles.

Paul and Barnabas carried on from Perga till they reached Antioch in Pisidia. Here they went to synagogue on the sabbath and took their seats.

When the meeting broke up, many Jews and devout converts joined Paul and Barnabas, and in their talks with them Paul and Barnabas urged them to remain faithful to the grace God had given them.

The next sabbath almost the whole town assembled to hear the word of God. When they saw the crowds, the Jews, prompted by jealousy, used blasphemies and contradicted everything Paul said. Then Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly, 'We had to proclaim the word of God to you first, but since you have rejected it, since you do not think yourselves worthy of eternal life, we must turn to the pagans. For this is what the Lord commanded us to do when he said:

I have made you a light for the nations,
so that my salvation may reach the ends of the earth.'

It made the pagans very happy to hear this and they thanked the Lord for his message; all who were destined for eternal life became believers. Thus the word of the Lord spread through the whole countryside.

But the Jews worked upon some of the devout women of the upper classes and the leading men of the city and persuaded them to turn against Paul and Barnabas and expel them from their territory. So they shook the dust from their feet in defiance and went off to Iconium; but the disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 99:1-3. 5. R. v.3

(R.) *We are his people, the sheep of his flock.*

1. Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.
Serve the Lord with gladness.
Come before him, singing for joy. (R.)
2. Know that he, the Lord, is God.
He made us, we belong to him,
we are his people, the sheep of his flock. (R.)
3. Indeed, how good is the Lord,
eternal his merciful love.
He is faithful from age to age. (R.)

Second Reading

Rv 7:9, 14-17

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse.

The Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water.

I, John, saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. One of the elders said to me, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and because they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb, they now stand in front of God's throne and serve him day and night in his sanctuary; and the One who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. They will never hunger or thirst again; neither the sun nor scorching wind will ever plague them, because the Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water; and God will wipe away all tears from their eyes.'

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

John 10:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine know me.
Alleluia!

Gospel

John 10:27-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

I give my sheep eternal life.

Jesus said:

'The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice;
I know them and they follow me.
I give them eternal life;
they will never be lost
and no one will ever steal them from me.
The Father who gave them to me is greater than anyone,
and no one can steal from the Father.
The Father and I are one.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

