



Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

11th August, 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 <https://www.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, especially **Gerard Tadd &
Philomena Fewkes.**

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

- 10/08/24** Saturday 6pm Mass – Gisborne
11/08/24 Normal Sunday Masses
All weekend Masses 10/8-11/8 will be
Communion Commitment Masses
13/08/24 **No Weekday Mass**
13/08/24 Oaks Mass
14/08/24 9:15am – Weekday Mass – Gisborne
15/08/24 9:15am – Weekday Mass – Gisborne
16/08/24 9:15am – Weekday Mass – Gisborne
17/08/24 Saturday 6pm Mass – Gisborne
18/08/24 8am & 9:30am Normal Sunday Masses
18/08/24 11am Mass – St. Brigid's Community
Building Mass – Junior Students

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

Your mother and my mother, carrying her baby in the womb for nine months, effectively said: 'Take, eat, this is my body.' A mother able to breastfeed continues this communion as she offers her body to give life to her child.

Our Lord Jesus Christ adopts maternal language to express his deepest desire for us! He gives us his risen and glorified Humanity: 'Take, eat, this is my body', and a sort of life-giving mutual indwelling occurs: 'Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me and I in them.' This is as intimate as a baby dwelling in the womb of its mother. As St Paul put it in a different context, 'In Him we live and move and have our being.'

The Saviour of the World, the Conqueror of Death, dwells in my body and I dwell in his glorified body. This gives us 'eternal life' which is not something which begins after death, but is simply a label for Our Lord's Divine human life which we can share right now. However, because it is the life of the Conqueror of Death it will certainly impel us beyond the grave: 'The one who eats this bread will live forever.'

We could take a moment to pray to more fervently realise and take advantage of the fact that, at every Mass, we can respond to the invitation to come forward to Holy Communion so as to be enwombed in the maternal Christ.

mtate@bigpond.com**2024 ARCHBISHOP'S CAMPAIGN**

The 2024 Archbishop's Campaign is now underway, and we ask everyone to consider a pledge to support the vital ministries of our Archdiocese. These ministries are outlined in the Campaign brochure which you will find in church.

Gifts of \$2 or more are tax-deductible. Tax-deductible donations go to the Archbishop's Charitable Fund which supports the Corpus Christi College Building Fund, the Priests Retirement Foundation, John Pierce Centre, Melbourne

Overseas Mission, University of Divinity Building Fund as well as Catholic community agencies and service organisations through annual grants. Non-tax-deductible donations go to the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne Religious Projects Fund and support seminarian formation and evangelisation ministries. Please review the campaign material and prayerfully consider pledging a recurring monthly gift to help us continue to strengthen the Christian faith and address the needs of God's people.

Tear-off pledge cards are attached to the campaign envelopes in the church. You can also make a gift online at melbournecatholic.org/archbishopscampaign or via the QR codes on the campaign materials. I invite you to give generously to this important campaign.



Rosters & Events



Ministers for next weekend's Masses

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B

17th & 18th August, 2024

6:00pm Mass St. Brigid's
Reader: T. Wilson
Eucharist: L. Wilson

8:00am Mass St. Ambrose's
Welcomer: J. White
Reader: A. Dewar

Flowers:

M. Clifford

9:30am Mass St. Patrick's
Reader: M. Redman
Eucharist: D. Briffa

11:00am Mass St. Brigid's
Reader: J. Holmes & C. Holmes
Eucharist: K. Page



Wordsearch

Try to find these words:

ancestors	down	heaven
bread	eat	life
crowd	flesh	manna
desert	forever	world

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PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL VACANCIES PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE VACANCIES PARISH SAFEGUARDING COMMITTEE VACANCIES

Over the coming weeks, information and nomination forms will be distributed for upcoming vacancies on the Parish committees listed above.

Commitments to these committees range from 2-3 years with most committees meeting every 2 to 3 months.

Our Parish community thrives because our wonderful base of volunteers.

If you would like to expand your involvement in the parish and share your skills on one of our committees, please give some thought to nominating for a position. Please feel free to contact Tam for information on each group so you can find what best suits your skills.

NEW PARISH WEBSITE

Anyone visiting the parish website this week will have been redirected to our new site.

Direct link:

<https://www.melbcatholic.org/s/gisborne>

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 \$415
Thanksgiving \$1816

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 Kaffee 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: We continue to hear St. John's marvellous discourse on the Bread of Life. After the miracle of the loaves and fish, the people struggled to accept Jesus' claim that he was the bread that come down from Heaven.

1st Reading: 1 Kings 19:4-8

We hear another prefigurement of the gift of Eucharist. This time the prophet Elijah is given miraculous food which we see as a sign of God's presence with him.

2nd Reading: Ephesians 4:30-5: 2

We hear St. Paul and his invitation to imitate God as the Father who loves us. We celebrate the sacrifice of Christ in our offering with him now.

Gospel: John 6:41-51

We hear a further development of the explanation of Jesus as to his role as messiah being sent by the Father to be the life of the world.

Prayer of Intercession: In the power of the Spirit we make intercession and petition for the world, the universal Church, and the particular needs entrusted to our care.

1. We pray for the Pope and bishops who lead the Eucharistic Church. May the prayer and sacrifice offered through and with and in the Lord Jesus, bring us salvation and keep us faithful to the light of God's truth.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

2. We pray for all who have answered the call to consecrated and religious life, that their work and prayers will be rewarded by young people joining them.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

3. We pray with Our Lady as we celebrate her Assumption on 15th August. May our prayer and veneration lead us through Mary to Jesus, her Son.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

4. We pray for the work of CatholicCare staff and volunteers in building and rebuilding relationships.

(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: and for those who have died recently and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially **Gerard Tadd & Philomena Fewkes**. May the Eucharist they have shared lead them to salvation in the peace of Christ.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

Please join in the Parish Prayer.

Celebrant: We bless you, O Lord, at all times because you hear us when we call. May we always look to you in faith and trust as we pray for all these intentions through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Next weeks readings: Proverbs 9:1-6; Ephesians 5:15-20; John 6:51-58

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

1 Kings 19:4-8

A reading from the first book of Kings.

Strengthened by the food, he walked to the mountain of the Lord.

Elijah went into the wilderness, a day's journey, and sitting under a furze bush wished he were dead. 'Lord', he said 'I have had enough. Take my life: I am no better than my ancestors.' Then he lay down and went to sleep. But an angel touched him and said, 'Get up and eat.' He looked round, and there at his head was a scone baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank and then lay down again. But the angel of the Lord came back a second time and touched him and said, 'Get up and eat, or the journey will be too long for you.' So he got up and ate and drank, and strengthened by that food he walked for forty days and forty nights until he reached Horeb, the mountain of God.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 33:2-9. R. v.9

(R.) *Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.*

1. I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. (R.)
2. Glorify the Lord with me.
Together let us praise his name.
I sought the Lord and he answered me;
from all his terrors he set me free. (R.)
3. Look towards him and be radiant;
let your faces not be abashed.
This poor man called; the Lord heard him
and rescued him from all his distress. (R.)
4. The angel of the Lord is encamped
around those who revere him, to rescue them.
Taste and see that the Lord is good.
He is happy who seeks refuge in him. (R.)

Second Reading

Ephesians 4:30-5:2

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians.

Walk in love, just as Christ.

Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God who has marked you with his seal for you to be set free when the day comes. Never have grudges against others, or lose your temper, or raise your voice to anybody, or call each other names, or allow any sort of spitefulness. Be friends with one another, and kind, forgiving each other as readily as God forgave you in Christ.

Try, then, to imitate God, as children of his that he loves, and follow Christ by loving as he loved you, giving himself up in our place as a fragrant offering and a sacrifice to God.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

John 6:51

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord;
whoever eats this bread will live for ever.

Alleluia!

Gospel

John 6:41-51

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

I am the living bread come down from heaven.

The Jews were complaining to each other about Jesus, because he had said, 'I am the bread that came down from heaven.' 'Surely this is Jesus son of Joseph' they said. 'We know his father and mother. How can he now say, "I have come down from heaven"?' Jesus said in reply, 'Stop complaining to each other.

'No one can come to me
unless he is drawn by the Father who sent me,
and I will raise him up at the last day.

It is written in the prophets:

They will all be taught by God,
and to hear the teaching of the Father,
and learn from it, is to come to me.

Not that anybody has seen the Father,
except the one who comes from God:
he has seen the Father.

I tell you most solemnly,
everybody who believes has eternal life.
I am the bread of life.

Your fathers ate the manna in the desert
and they are dead;

but this is the bread that comes down from heaven,
so that a man may eat it and not die.

I am the living bread which has come down from heaven.

Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever;
and the bread that I shall give is my flesh,

for the life of the world.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

