



Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Yr C

21st September, 2025

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Secretary Hours Tuesday & Thursday 9:00am – 5:00pm

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.

CONTINUING PRAYER LIST:

Please pray for those who are in ill health:

*Eileen S, Corrine V, Anthony S,
Fran S, Helen K, George T, Diane M,
Marg P, Zoe F, Beth T,
Willow O & Shane R.*

We pray for the recently deceased, especially **Lorraine Anderson** and for those who have an anniversary at this time, especially **Joseph Briffa, Audrey Shaughnessy & Joe Kloss.**

May they rest in peace.

**Upcoming Parish Masses & Events**

Sat 20/09/25 Saturday 6pm Mass – Gisborne
Sun 21/09/25 Normal Sunday Masses
Sun 21/09/25 12:30pm – Baptism
Tue 23/09/25 5pm - Weekday Mass – Gisborne
Wed 24/09/25 9:15am – Weekday Mass – Gisborne
Thu 25/09/25 9:15am – Weekday Mass – Gisborne
Thu 25/09/25 10am – Scripture Study
Fri 26/09/25 9:15am – Weekday Mass – Gisborne
Fri 26/09/25 Warrina Communion visit
Sat 27/09/25 Saturday 6pm Mass – Gisborne
Sun 28/09/25 Normal Sunday Masses
Sun 28/09/25 12pm – Baptism

2025 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 at each of our Masses.

St. Brigid's Sat 6pm – Kathryn Aprile

St. Ambrose Sun 8am – Carolyn Peterson

St. Patrick's Sun 9:30am – Kirsten Vanderberg

St. Brigid's Sun 11am – Kathy Page

Tickets are now available at all Masses

Good luck!

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

Jesus, surprisingly, found something appealing about this steward who was in the rapacious lending business. What was it? Faced with the news that he was about to lose his position, his catastrophic reversal of fortune, he cut a deal with his debtors to help secure his future. Jesus gave him full marks for being astute and shrewd.

Jesus laments the fact that many of his followers, 'children of the light,' are not as smart in the face of the Great Reversal– which He is inaugurating in which 'the hungry will be filled with good things and the rich sent empty away' (Mary's Magnificat).

We should be using our money ('mammon') to alleviate the myriad hungers of the world, not to buy our way into Heaven, but so that we become the sort of person who will be able to enjoy the heavenly companionship of those who hungered.

We could take a moment to pause and take stock of the use of our resources which are passing, so that we may be received into the eternal habitation.

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PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM**CO-ORDINATOR - THANK YOU**

After 8 years of looking after the administration of the Sacramental Program at St. Brigids, Kevin Petherbridge is stepping down from the position.

Kevin's role involved communicating with the parents of children not attending our parish schools who wished to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Holy Communion and Confirmation. He liaised with the RE Leaders at St. Brigids and Holy Cross to ensure the seamless inclusion of the parish children into the Parish school ceremonies. Kevin also attending the Monday night classes in the Gisborne church to support Vicki Firman who presents the classes.

On behalf of all the families that you have helped and the wider parish community – THANK YOU KEVIN.

SOCIAL SERVICES SUNDAY – 21st September, 2025***Anchors of Hope***

We recognize & give thanks for the dedicated work of the 1000's of staff & volunteers who stand with and serve the poor, disadvantaged and marginalised in Victoria.



Rosters & Events



Ministers for next weekend's Masses

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27th & 28th

6:00pm Mass St. Brigid's Reader: L. Scott Eucharist: N. Spiers	8:00am Mass St. Ambrose's Welcomer: J. White Reader: P. Lacy	Flowers: K. Page & L DeBono
9:30am Mass St. Patrick's Reader: M. Redman Eucharist: M. Cooper	11:00am Mass St. Brigid's Reader: B. Myers Eucharist: D. Egan	

Dear Friends,

As we gather this weekend, we begin a new chapter as a community of faith.

Fr Wahid and I look forward to this new chapter.

I am excited about this new chapter. A time for us to reflect on how we as the parishes of the Macedon Ranges proclaim the gospel.

As an Archdiocese we are committed to how best we can be a faith community that responds to the needs of our times.

Forming a link between the Parishes of the Macedon Ranges is our response to this call by the Archbishop.

The Parishes of Gisborne, Woodend, Lancefield and Romsey under this new grouping will maintain their unique history and tradition. In simple terms this new grouping of parishes will enable us to together be the face of Christ in this place.

Support each other with our gifts and talents. Be assured this new grouping of parishes is not about one parish taking over another, but us journeying together.

In this Jubilee year we pray the following words:

“May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.”

That is our call, that is our mission. A call and a mission that will be best achieved with St Brigid's, St Ambrose, St Patrick's and St Mary's communities working together.

One way of symbolizing our unity in working together as six communities is that of next weekend each parish bulletin will have the same front page, including an image of each church and all the details of worship and parish information.

The remaining three pages of each parishes bulletin will contain their local news and information.

In this process of working together no Parish will lose its name or identity as the name of your community describes who you are and your history.

This journeying together also includes our school communities. Already the four Principals and Religious Education Leaders of our schools have met to plan dates for the celebration of the Sacraments in 2026. At the beginning of Term four I will meet with the four Principals to reflect on how we journey together in faith.

Here in Gisborne, there is one change I am making, hopefully it will be completed by the end of the year. I have spoken to the PPC about this idea.

The Parish Office will move from its current location in the hall back to the Presbytery. There are two reasons for this. Firstly, Child Safety. Secondly, the noise that is sometimes generated by the children using the hall. This noise is understandable in the purpose of the hall for the school community and having any kind of work space is not suitable for the purpose of the hall.

Let's begin this journey in the HOPE of the Jubilee Year and be men and women who cultivate the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Together we journey.

May Our Lady of Lourdes, Our lady of the Immaculate Conception, St. Brigid, St. Patrick and St. Ambrose journey with us and pray for us.

Blessings.

Fr. John

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.

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.

BAPTISM PRAYER

We ask our God, the giver of life, to bless you, **Murphy, Scout, Dash & Sophia** who will be baptised today.
 We welcome and support you.

St Brigid's Parish Weekly Giving

Collections last week: Presbytery \$682
 Thanksgiving \$1675

Thank you for your ongoing support through the Thanksgiving Program.

Introduction: Today's celebration reminds us to put God first and to use the gifts of this world in our service of him. Let us support each other by our response to love in this Eucharist.

1st Reading: Amos 8:4-7

We hear a prophetic condemnation of people who are so intent on making money that they have not time for God and no consideration for the rights of the poor. Amos condemns the traders whose sole aim is profit.

2nd Reading: 1 Timothy 2:1-8

Paul invites us to pray for everyone since God wants all to be saved through Christ.

Gospel: Luke 16:1-13

Jesus commends the unjust steward for his energy and resourcefulness. This is the point of the story – the planning he carried out. Jesus does not necessarily approve of this.

Prayer of Intercession: My friends, mindful of the words of Paul that prayers be offered for everyone, we pray in our Catholic tradition.

1. That those who see nothing wrong in trampling on the weak or needy may experience a change of heart.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

2. For the parents of our Parish community that they will talk to their children and lead them in honesty, justice and care for others.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

3. We pray for the many Catholic social service organisations which are striving to respond creatively and generously to the poor among us and offer services that respect and liberate all.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

4. We pray for our school communities as they begin their third term break. May it be a time of rest, relaxation and safe travels.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

5. We pray for the parish communities of St Brigid's, St Patrick's, St Ambrose and St Mary's who this weekend begin a new chapter in their journey of faith. May we as the catholic presence in the Macedon Ranges help all to encounter the presence of Jesus in their daily lives.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

6. 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, especially *Lorraine Anderson* and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially *Joseph Briffa, Audrey Shaughnessy & Joe Kloss*.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Please join in the parish Prayer.

Celebrant: O God our Father, hear our prayer that we will always value the gifts you give us and always share them with others. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Next week's readings: Amos 6:1, 4-7; 1 Timothy 6:11-16; Luke 16:19-31

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

Amos 8:4-7

A reading from the prophet Amos.

The Lord God spoke against those who buy the poor for money.

Listen to this, you who trample on the needy and try to suppress the poor people of the country, you who say, 'When will New Moon be over so that we can sell our corn, and sabbath, so that we can market our wheat? Then by lowering the bushel, raising the shekel, by swindling and tampering with the scales, we can buy up the poor for money, and the needy for a pair of sandals, and get a price even for the sweepings of the wheat.' The Lord swears it by the pride of Jacob, 'Never will I forget a single thing you have done.'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 112:1-2. 4-8. R. see vv.1. 7

(R.) Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

1. Praise, O servants of the Lord,
praise the name of the Lord!
May the name of the Lord be blessed
both now and for evermore! (R.)
2. High above all nations is the Lord,
above the heavens his glory.
Who is like the Lord, our God,
who has risen on high to his throne
yet stoops from the heights to look down,
to look down upon heaven and earth? (R.)
3. From the dust he lifts up the lowly,
from the dunghheap he raises the poor
to set him in the company of princes,
yes, with the princes of his people. (R.)

Second Reading

1 Timothy 2:1-8

A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to Timothy.

Let prayers be offered to God for everyone; he wants all people to be saved.

My advice is that, first of all, there should be prayers offered for everyone – petitions, intercessions and thanksgiving – and especially for kings and others in authority, so that we may be able to live religious and reverent lives in peace and quiet. To do this is right, and will please God our saviour: he wants everyone to be saved and reach full knowledge of the truth. For there is only one God, and there is only one mediator between God and mankind, himself a man, Christ Jesus, who sacrificed himself as a ransom for them all. He is the evidence of this, sent at the appointed time, and I have been named a herald and apostle of it and – I am telling the truth and no lie – a teacher of the faith and the truth to the pagans.

In every place, then, I want the men to lift their hands up reverently in prayer, with no anger or argument.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

2 Corinthians 8:9

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor, to make you rich out of his poverty.

Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 16:1-13 or (shorter form Lk 16:10-13)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

You cannot be slaves both of God and of money.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There was a rich man and he had a steward who was denounced to him for being wasteful with his property. He called for the man and said, "What is this I hear about you? Draw me up an account of your stewardship because you are not to be my steward any longer." Then the steward said to himself, "Now that my master is taking the stewardship from me, what am I to do? Dig? I am not strong enough. Go begging? I should be too ashamed. Ah, I know what I will do to make sure that when I am dismissed from office there will be some to welcome me into their homes."

'Then he called his master's debtors one by one. To the first he said, "How much do you owe my master?" "One hundred measures of oil," was the reply. The steward said, "Here, take your bond; sit down straight away and write fifty." To another he said, "And you, sir, how much do you owe?" "One hundred measures of wheat," was the reply. The steward said, "Here, take your bond and write eighty."

'The master praised the dishonest steward for his astuteness. For the children of this world are more astute in dealing with their own kind than are the children of light.

'And so I tell you this: use money, tainted as it is, to win you friends, and thus make sure that when it fails you, they will welcome you into the tents of eternity. The man who can be trusted in little things can be trusted in great; the man who is dishonest in little things will be dishonest in great. If then you cannot be trusted with money, that tainted thing, who will trust you with genuine riches? And if you cannot be trusted with what is not yours, who will give you what is your very own?

'No servant can be the slave of two masters: he will either hate the first and love the second, or treat the first with respect and the second with scorn. You cannot be the slave both of God and of money.'

The Gospel of the Lord.