



Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time - Yr C

24th August, 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, Corrine V, Anthony S,
Fran S, Helen K, George T, Diane M,
Marg P, Zoe F, Beth T &
Willow O.**

We pray for the recently deceased, especially **John Smith**
and for those who have an anniversary at this time,
especially **Dawn Gardiner, Boyd Robertson, Marie
Duggan, Giuseppe Spano, Felicia Spano, Eileen Kays,
& Heather Bubeck.**

May they rest in peace.

**Upcoming Parish Masses & Events****Sat 23/08/25** Saturday 6pm Mass – Gisborne**Sun 24/08/25** Normal Sunday Masses**All weekend Masses - Eucharist Commitment Masses****Sun 24/08/25** 12pm – Baptism's**Tue 26/08/25** 5pm - Weekday Mass - Gisborne**Wed 27/08/25** 9:15am – Weekday Mass – Gisborne**Thu 28/08/25** 9:15am – Weekday Mass – Gisborne**Fri 29/08/25** 9:15am – Weekday Mass – Gisborne**Fri 29/08/25** Warrina Aged Care visit**Sat 30/08/25** Saturday 6pm Mass – Gisborne**Sun 31/08/25** Normal Sunday Masses**Fr. Vincent – Annual Leave**

Sat 6/9/25 to Fri 12/9/25 annual leave

Please note there will be no Weekday Masses whilst
Fr. Vincent is on annual leave.

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

‘[People] from east and west, north and south . . . will feast in the Kingdom of God.’ Amongst those people, will there be Buddhists, Muslims, Hindus, atheists?

The surprising answer of Catholic Christianity is: ‘Yes, but always through the working of the Holy Spirit of Our Lord Jesus Christ, who can prompt the heart of any person any where at any time with divine grace so that that person strives to lead a life of compassion and justice and not harming innocent creatures.’ Obviously, this work of the Holy Spirit could encompass millions if not billions of people who have never heard the Gospel.

If the slogan: ‘No salvation outside the Church’ is taken to mean no-one can be saved unless he/she is a baptised member of the Catholic Church then it is a heresy explicitly condemned by Popes.

Nevertheless, we must pray and work for the conversion of all people so that they might have the advantage of all the aids of Word and Sacrament which we draw on as direction and strength on our journey towards the destiny which God desires for each one of us.

We could pause for a moment to acknowledge the boundless mercy of God, but also praying that all peoples might share our privilege of participating in that Holy Communion which is the foretaste of the banquet prophesied by Jesus in today's Gospel.

mtate@bigpond.com**SAFEGUARDING IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY**

St. Brigid's Parish has been selected for inclusion in the Archdiocese's Safeguarding Audit.

All parish volunteers must have a current Working with Children Check or VIT registration that links St. Brigid's Parish as one of their volunteer organisations.

If you have provided a current WWCC or VIT card that is not linked to our parish – please do so by logging into your Service Victoria account and adding the details. Tam can assist with this if required.

Volunteers are also required to undergo Safeguarding training which can be done online.

A signed code of conduct is also required.

I will email all volunteers in the coming weeks to provide links to training and the code of conduct. Training sessions will be held in the parish office for those who would like assistance.



Rosters & Events



Ministers for next weekend's Masses

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C

30th & 31st August, 2025

6:00pm Mass St. Brigid's Reader: K. Aprile Eucharist: L. Scott	8:00am Mass St. Ambrose's Welcomer: J. White Reader: P. Lawry	Flowers: K. Page & L DeBono 
9:30am Mass St. Patrick's Reader: K. Petherbridge Eucharist: K. Vandenberg	11:00am Mass St. Brigid's Reader: T. Armstrong Eucharist: D. Egan	

THE ARCHBISHOPS CAMPAIGN 2025

During the month of August each Parish Community is invited to take up the annual collection for the Archbishops Campaign.

Now available in all churches are envelopes and flyers that explain what agencies are supported by this campaign. Over the coming weeks you are invited to support this campaign.

Please place your contribution in the envelope and put it in any of the collections over the next two weeks.

There is also an opportunity to make your contribution electronically.

Feast Days This Week:



Wednesday 27th August: St Monica

Born in 331 and died in 387. Monica undertook many years of penance and prayer for her brilliant but wayward son Saint Augustine. Remembered for her parental devotion, her patience, and her persistence prayer.

Thursday 28th August: St Augustine

Born in 354 and died in 430. Baptized in 387 under the influence of St Ambrose. He was bishop of Hippo for 34 years. Remembered as a model pastor and as a preacher and writer whose thought has had an enduring influence on Christian history.



REFLECTIONS FROM THE CLERGY CONFERENCE

During the week 166 priests gathered to reflect on being Pilgrims of Hope. Inspired by the words of Pope Francis: *"May the Jubilee be a moment of genuine, personal encounter with the Lord Jesus, the 'door' (cf. Jn 10:7,9) of our salvation, whom the Church is charged to proclaim always, everywhere, and to all as 'our hope' (1 Tim 1:1),"*

Some quotes shared from the week.

- Christ brings a new horizon that results in a radical HOPE, UNCONDITIONAL LOVE, as nothing can separate from God's love.
- HOPE is a key part of us being human.
- HOPE is the difference between living and not living.
- HOPE is at the heart and center of a human being.
- In HOPE God offers us a future.
- HOPE is knowing there is help outside of ourselves.
- People develop HOPE in each other.
- To be human is to have HOPE.
- HOPE gives us power, gives us purpose
- St Paul reminds us: "without Christ there is no HOPE, but now with Christ there is HOPE.

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.

OPEN HOUSE

Meet after 11am Sunday Mass at the Kaffee 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 \$377
Thanksgiving \$825

Thank you for your ongoing support through the Thanksgiving Program.

Introduction: In his journey to Jerusalem, Jesus had to prepare his disciples for their future mission. One dimension of this was to expand their horizons from a Jewish mentality to the vision of God's salvation revealed to the world. God's will is that all people should be saved.

1st Reading: Isaiah 66:18-21

With the conclusion of the Book of Isaiah, the prophet offers hope not only to Israel in a time of struggle, but gives the radical message that God's salvation is for all the nations. The places mentioned, give a universality to this book.

2nd Reading: Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13

The writer in this letter refers back to the book of Proverbs to show how a father reproves his son as a sign of love. At a time of disillusionment and struggle, Christians are to see suffering as part of the mystery of God's love for us.

Gospel: Luke 13:22-30

We hear a sequence of texts which stresses the teaching of Jesus: that the Christian way demands total allegiance to Jesus and that it is open to all the nations of the world.

Prayer of Intercession: We have heard how God loves us, as any parent loves their children. So, we turn to our creator to ask that he continue to hear and answer our prayers.

1. We pray that the Lord help us all to see, respect and accept all our brothers and sisters of other cultures, different religions or none.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

2. We pray that the Lord strengthen those who are suffering in our time, that they may recognise how Jesus walks with them in their confusion or struggle.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer

3. We pray that we be conscious that it is not enough just to hear God's Word, or even share in his Eucharist, but we must also permit ourselves to follow the Way of Jesus in our daily lives.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer

4. We pray for the children of our Parish who are preparing to receive the Eucharist for the first time. May these last week's nurture their faith as they journey to the Lord's table

(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, especially *John Smith* and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially, *Dawn Gardiner, Boyd Robertson, Marie Duggan, Giuseppe Spano, Felicia Spano, Eileen Kays, & Heather Bubeck*, that the example of those witnesses in faith, may encourage our generations to follow Jesus to his heavenly banquet.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer

Please join in the parish Prayer.

Celebrant: Father, may we accept the place of suffering in our lives that with your Son, Jesus we share in the fruits of his peace and goodness. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Next week's readings: Sirach 3:17-20, 28-29; Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24; Luke 14:1, 7-14

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 66:18-21

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

They will gather all of your people from all nations.

The Lord says this: I am coming to gather the nations of every language. They shall come to witness my glory. I will give them a sign and send some of their survivors to the nations: to Tarshish, Put, Lud, Moshech, Rosh, Tubal, and Javan, to the distant islands that have never heard of me or seen my glory. They will proclaim my glory to the nations. As an offering to the Lord they will bring all your brothers, on horses, in chariots, in litters, on mules, on dromedaries, from all the nations to my holy mountain in Jerusalem, says the Lord, like Israelites bringing oblations in clean vessels to the Temple of the Lord. And of some of them I will make priests and Levites, says the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 116. R. Mark 16:15

(R.) *Go out to all the world
and tell the Good News.*

1. O praise the Lord, all you nations,
acclaim him all you peoples! (R.)
2. Strong is his love for us;
he is faithful for ever. (R.)

Second Reading Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

The Lord disciplines those he loves.

Have you forgotten that encouraging text in which you are addressed as sons? My son, when the Lord corrects you, do not treat it lightly; but do not get discouraged when he reprimands you. For the Lord trains the ones that he loves and he punishes all those that he acknowledges as his sons. Suffering is part of your training; God is treating you as his sons. Has there ever been any son whose father did not train him? Of course, any punishment is most painful at the time, and far from pleasant; but later, in those on whom it has been used, it bears fruit in peace and goodness. So hold up your limp arms and steady your trembling knees and smooth out the path you tread; then the injured limb will not be wrenched, it will grow strong again.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation John 14:6

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord;
no one comes to the Father, except through me.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 13:22-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

From East and West they will come to take their place in the kingdom of God.

Through towns and villages Jesus went teaching, making his way to Jerusalem. Someone said to him, 'Sir, will there be only a few saved?' He said to them, 'Try your best to enter by the narrow door, because, I tell you, many will try to enter and will not succeed.

'Once the master of the house has got up and locked the door, you may find yourself knocking on the door, saying, "Lord, open to us" but he will answer, "I do not know where you come from." Then you will find yourself saying, "We once ate and drank in your company; you taught in our streets" but he will reply, "I do not know where you come from. Away from me, all you wicked men!"

'Then there will be weeping and grinding of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and yourselves turned outside. And men from east and west, from north and south, will come to take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God.

'Yes, there are those now last who will be first, and those now first who will be last.'

The Gospel of the Lord.



Crossword

Across

- 2: thin, not wide
- 4: people who speak on behalf of God
- 7: cry
- 8: we use these to chew our food
- 9: a celebration with food and drink
- 12: we open this to go inside

Down

- 1: significant
- 3: not inside
- 5: a person who owns something
- 6: less than anything else
- 10: rescued
- 11: to rap your knuckles on a door

