



Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Yr C

3rd 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,
and for those who have an anniversary at this time,
especially *Maria Murone & Gwlad Kennedy.*
May they rest in peace.

**Upcoming Parish Masses & Events**

Sat 02/08/25 9am-10am Reconciliation – Gisborne
Sat 02/08/25 Saturday 6pm Mass – Gisborne
Sun 03/08/25 Normal Sunday Masses
Tue 05/08/25 NO Weekday Mass
Wed 06/08/25 NO Weekday Mass
Wed 06/08/25 6:30pm Baptism info evening - Gisborne
Thu 07/08/25 NO Weekday Mass
Thu 07/08/25 7:30pm – PPC Meeting – Parish Office
Fri 08/08/25 NO Weekday Mass
Sat 09/08/25 NO Reconciliation
Sat 09/08/25 Saturday 6pm Mass – Gisborne (*supply*)
Sun 10/08/25 Normal Sunday Masses
Tue 12/08/25 NO Weekday Mass
Tue 12/08/25 The Oaks Mass
Wed 13/08/25 9:15am – Weekday Mass – Gisborne
Thu 14/08/25 9:15am – Weekday Mass – Gisborne
Fri 15/08/25 9:15am – Weekday Mass – Gisborne

Fr. Vincent – Annual Leave

Mon 4/8/25 to Sat (inclusive) 9/8/25 annual leave
Mon 18/8/25 to Fri 22/8/25 clergy conference
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 or at the Clergy Conference.

Saturday Morning ReconciliationThis Saturday (August 2nd) will be the last rostered time for Reconciliation. Please see Fr. Vincent after weekday Mass to arrange a suitable time.**REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate**

Conversation is what makes us human: we are word animals. Anyone who has been in hospital for some time knows that it is the lack of conversation which starts to tell. We need mouth to mouth resuscitation.

Did you notice in today's Gospel that the rich landowner is constantly murmuring to himself. He poses questions which he answers. He is so bound up with his possessions that there is no room in his life for real conversation with people or with God.

In muttering to himself, the rich man was becoming dehumanised and in danger that at the moment of death, he could find himself monologuing for all eternity, and that is a Hellish existence. He, and we, need to learn the language of Heaven and we begin that on earth.

There are two partners of conversation we need: With God we call it prayer. The Our Father is the conversation of the children of God with their heavenly Father. With other people, real dialogue might reveal something about them such that we need to respond wholeheartedly.

And then, draw closer to Our Lady who was the greatest conversation partner with God: 'Be it done unto me according to Thy word.' She is constantly trying to draw us into her conversation with God.

We could pause for a moment to ask Our Lady to help us to learn and practice the language of Heaven: 'now, and at the hour of our death.' Amen.

mtate@bigpond.com**National Vocations Awareness Week****August 3rd to 10th, 2025**

Vocations come from families, communities and parishes. Strong families and communities are the place where vocations are first nurtured.

In this National Vocations Awareness Week, let us pray for all families in our parish, and for those preparing for marriage.

Let us also pray that our parish community may always be welcoming and encouraging of vocations to marriage, priesthood and consecrated life.



Rosters & Events



Ministers for next weekend's Masses

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9th & 10th August, 2025

6:00pm Mass St. Brigid's Reader: L. Jackanic Eucharist: K. Aprile	8:00am Mass St. Ambrose's Welcomer: J. White Reader: P. Lacy	Flowers: J. Shumack
9:30am Mass St. Patrick's Reader: K. Petherbridge Eucharist: M. Cooper	11:00am Mass St. Brigid's Reader: D. Egan Eucharist: V. Firman	

THE ARCHBISHOPS CAMPAIGN 2025

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

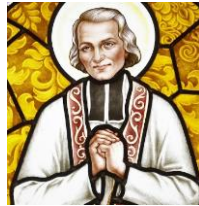
Available in all churches from this week will be envelopes and flyers that explain what agencies are supported by this campaign.

Over the next three 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 three weeks.

There is also an opportunity to make your contribution electronically.

Feast Days This Week:



Monday, 4th August - St John Vianney

Born in Lyons France in 1786. Overcame various obstacles to be ordained a priest. Served in the remote parish as the Cure of Ars. Remembered for his preaching and confessional counsel. Thousands came to visit him. He is the patron saint of priests.



Wednesday, 6th August - Feast of the Transfiguration

This feast has its origins in the East in the 4th century as the commemoration of the church of the Transfiguration on Mount Tabor. This feast celebrates the divine radiance shining in Christ's human flesh and God's glory shining forth in the lives of Christians.



Friday 8th August - St Mary of the Cross MacKillop

Born in Melbourne in 1842 and died in Sydney 1909. Responding to the isolation of colonial families, she pioneered a new form of religious life to provide education for the children. Mary met many obstacles in her response to the needs of others, through all of those obstacles she had an abiding trust in God's providence. She was named Australia's second patron in 2013.



Catholic Mission sincerely thanks the parish community of St Brigid's for your generous and compassionate support of this year's Propagation of the Faith Appeal. Your contribution of \$335.00 has been gratefully received and will help provide vital care for mothers in Zambia, and empower local Church workers across more than 1,000 mission dioceses around the world.

Through your partnership, countless families will find not only practical help, but also spiritual accompaniment, hope, and dignity. Your gift is more than charity - it is a concrete act of solidarity, and a sign of God's love reaching out to those on the margins.

Thank you for being a living witness of Christ's mission to the world.

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 \$371
Thanksgiving \$805

Thank you for your ongoing support through the Thanksgiving Program.

Introduction: In today's liturgy we hear the challenge to take stock of our lives and to reflect before God in asking ourselves what are the things we really live for, and do we presume that our life is made by what we own?

1st Reading: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 2:21-23

The question asked here is, what is the point of being wise and planning for the future? All human achievement fades. It is like a breath of wind - it passes and is gone.

2nd Reading: Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11

St. Paul reminds us that our deepest self is at the moment hidden from our human view. Christ is our life, so while we await the moment of his glory, we try to live by the values and human example of Jesus.

Gospel: Luke 12:13-21

A request is made of Jesus to settle a dispute about inheritance. Jesus responds with a parable and shows that greed cheapens life and ultimately fails to satisfy.

Prayer of Intercession: God our Father, you sent your Son Jesus into the world as a member of a family. In union with him, we make our prayers to you Father as one family.

1. We pray for the leaders of the Church and parents of our families. May they have the gift of wisdom and understanding and be guiding lights showing the way to your love.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer

2. For our priests, deacons and religious, especially those in our community; may our prayers and support sustain them in fidelity and courage.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer

3. We pray for families who are hurting and troubled at this moment. Grant them your peace and may they find relief and solutions to their difficulties.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer

4. We pray for those preparing for marriage; may they be strengthened in fidelity and faith.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer

5. We pray for all young people, may they put their trust in the things of God, including by responding to the call to a vocation to priesthood and consecrated life.

(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 and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially *Maria Murone & Gwlad Kennedy*. May they share fully in the glory of God's promise.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer

Please join in the parish Prayer.

Celebrant: Father, we thank you for the many ways you have blessed us and especially for the gift of our families. We make our prayers to you now in a spirit of trust, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Next weeks readings: Wisdom 18:6-9; Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19; Luke 12:32-48

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

Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23

A reading from the book of Ecclesiastes.

What do people gain by all their work?

Vanity of vanities, the Preacher says. Vanity of vanities. All is vanity!

For so it is that a man who has laboured wisely, skilfully and successfully must leave what is his own to someone who has not toiled for it at all. This, too, is vanity and great injustice; for what does he gain for all the toil and strain that he has undergone under the sun? What of all his laborious days, his cares of office, his restless nights? This, too, is vanity.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 89:3-6. 12-14. 17. R. v.1

(R.) In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

1. You turn men back into dust
and say: 'Go back, sons of men.'
To your eyes a thousand years
are like yesterday, come and gone,
no more than a watch in the night. (R.)
- 2.. You sweep men away like a dream,
like grass which springs up in the morning.
In the morning it springs up and flowers:
by evening it withers and fades. (R.)
3. Make us know the shortness of our life
that we may gain wisdom of heart.
Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever?
Show pity to your servants. (R.)
4. In the morning, fill us with your love;
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.
Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:
give success to the work of our hands. (R.)

Second Reading

Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11

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

Seek the things that are above where Christ is.

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

That is why you must kill everything in you that belongs only to earthly life: fornication, impurity, guilty passion, evil desires and especially greed, which is the same thing as worshipping a false god; and never tell each other lies.

You have stripped off your old behaviour with your old self, and you have put on a new self which will progress towards true knowledge the more it is renewed in the image of its creator; and in that image there is no room for distinction between Greek and Jew, between the circumcised or the uncircumcised, or between barbarian and Scythian, slave and free man. There is only Christ: he is everything and he is in everything.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation Matthew 5:3

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!
Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 12:13-21

To whom will all this wealth of yours go?

A man in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Master, tell my brother to give me a share of our inheritance.' 'My friend,' he replied, 'who appointed me your judge, or the arbitrator of your claims?' Then he said to them, 'Watch, and be on your guard against avarice of any kind, for a man's life is not made secure by what he owns, even when he has more than he needs.' Then he told them a parable: 'There was once a rich man who, having had a good harvest from his land, thought to himself, "What am I to do? I have not enough room to store my crops." Then he said, "This is what I will do; I will pull down my barns and build bigger ones, and store all my grain and my goods in them, and I will say to my soul: My soul, you have plenty of good things laid by for many years to come; take things easy, eat, drink, have a good time." But God said to him, "Fool! This very night the demand will be made for your soul; and this hoard of yours, whose will it be then?" So it is when a man stores up treasure for himself in place of making himself rich in the sight of God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

