



Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

4th 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 **Gwlad Kennedy**.

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

03/08/24 Saturday 6pm Mass – Gisborne
04/08/24 Normal Sunday Masses
06/08/24 5:00pm – Weekday Mass – Gisborne
07/08/24 9:15am – Weekday Mass – Gisborne
07/08/24 7:30pm – Baptism Info Evening - Gisborne
08/08/24 **No Weekday Mass**
08/08/24 Holy Cross Mass
09/08/24 9:15am – Weekday Mass – Gisborne
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

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

Some religions, and even strands of Catholicism, try to suppress appetites in order to achieve some 'out-of-this-world' liberation. But appetites are good things, telling us what we humans need as bodily, social, spiritual beings. They provide a reality check against our tendency to think that salvation is exclusively about the soul.

Our appetites for food and drink, for affection and companionship, for the truth about the Big Picture of our life journey, need to be satisfied or we disintegrate in various ways.

Our Lord Jesus Christ proclaims in today's Gospel that He is the total satisfaction of our deepest human appetites: 'I am the Bread from Heaven which gives life to the world.'

That 'Life' is nothing less than participation in Divine Life, existing in the Big Picture in the way God intended. That is the nourishment offered not to a particular tribe or ethnic group, but to the whole of humanity, indeed to the whole of creation.

We could take a moment to pray for faith to recognise that the bread brought up at the Offertory is truly transformed: no longer short term food like manna in the desert, but 'the Bread of Life', the Real Presence of the One who nourishes our humanity, indeed who gives Life to the world.

mtate@bigpond.com**CONFIRMATION MASSES – St. Anne's**

Last Sunday's Confirmation Masses at St. Anne's in Sunbury were well attended by our Year 6 students from Holy Cross PS, St. Brigid's PS and children from our wider parish area along with their families, friends and sponsors.

On behalf of all students, families, school and parish staff, we extend our sincere appreciation to Fr. Denis & Sr. Jose for their welcome, help and support during both services on the day which ensured the Masses ran smoothly.

Thank you to Bp. Terry Curtin and Fr. Vincent for officiating the day and facilitating the Sacrament program in the schools.

Thank you also to Kevin and Vicki for facilitating the Sacrament program to the parish children.

No doubt the hardest working people on the planet come Sacrament time are our amazing RE Coordinators.

The care taken to ensure every student is well prepared and ready to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation is amazing, as is their ability to be flexible and accommodate many last minute requests and changes.

Holy Cross REC – Lisa Peake & St. Brigid's REC – Emma Barker - Thank you ladies and your teams.

It is a very exciting and important time for all students involved and it definitely takes a village!



Rosters & Events



Ministers for next weekend's Masses

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10th & 11th August, 2024

6:00pm Mass St. Brigid's
Reader: L. Jackanic
Eucharist: L. Scott

8:00am Mass St. Ambrose's
Welcomer: J. White
Reader: P. Lacy

Flowers:

J. Shumack

9:30am Mass St. Patrick's
Reader: E. Kilgariff
Eucharist: R. Fisher

11:00am Mass St. Brigid's
Reader: K. Page
Eucharist: D. Egan



A Child's Prayer for Grandparents

Dear God, please bless my grandparents.
 Thank you for the life they gave my parents
 and for the life, they give to me.

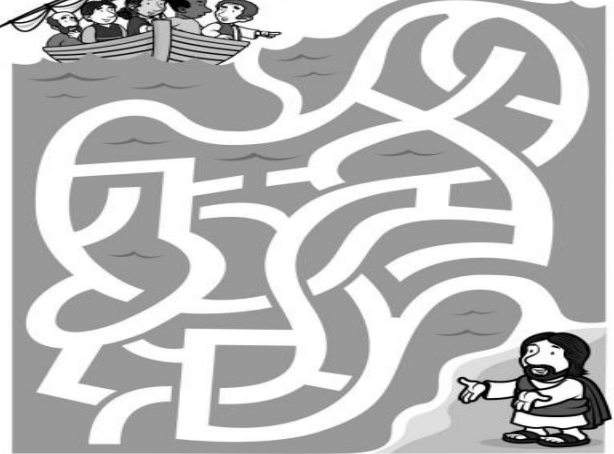
For the ways they helped me and made me strong, I give thanks.
 For the ways, they love me no matter what, I rejoice.
 For the ways, they have paved the road
 that leads me here, I am grateful.

Let them grow in wisdom and joy in life.
 Let them find peace and rest from their work.
 Let them be healed of every sickness and pain.
 And let them see with their own eyes your glory
 and the love of their children and grandchildren.

Bless them always until they come to rest in you
Amen



Help the people in the boat find
 their way to Jesus at the lake at
 Capernum.



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.

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.

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 \$1220
 Thanksgiving \$648

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.

OPEN HOUSE

Parishioners are invited to meet after 11am Sunday Mass at the Kaffeine 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: After the miracle of the loaves and fishes, today's Gospel gives us the beginning of the famous discourse on the Bread of Life. Can we shape our worship today, truly conscious that Jesus is the Bread of Life?

1st Reading: Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15.

We hear another prefiguration of God's blessing as recorded in Hebrew scriptures. The miraculous appearance of the bread from heaven is revealed by Moses as the bread the Lord gives you to eat.

2nd Reading: Ephesians 4:17, 20-24

St. Paul invites us not to live an aimless kind of life that non-believers live. We must be renewed in a spiritual revolution to put on our new self.

Gospel: John 6:24-35

We hear how Jesus challenges the crowd who came looking for another miracle and a free meal. Let us reflect on what is the true bread given for the life of the world.

Prayer of Intercession: We have been created in God's way in righteousness and holiness of truth. We ask God to hear the prayers we offer today as signs of our common kinship in Christ.

1. For our priests and bishops, that through their ministry we might continue to receive the bread from heaven, the bread of God which gives life to the world.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

2. We pray for Australia in this coming week when we celebrate the Feast of St Mary the Cross. May the family and life and mission of our first saint encourage us all in our response to God.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

3. We pray that young people may answer the call to be priests, deacons, religious brothers, sisters, and consecrated people. We pray also for those serving our church through Ordained and Consecrated Life.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

4. We pray for all people celebrating a birthday or anniversary during the month of August. May your journey through life be filled with daily treasures and may you always be open, willing and ready to share your blessings with others.

(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 **Gwlad Kennedy**. May their reward for their faithfulness to the Bread of Life now raise them up with the Risen Lord Jesus.

(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 and loved ones. We make our prayers to you now in a spirit of trust, through Christ our Lord.

Next week's readings: 1 Kings 19:4-8; Ephesians 4:30-5:2; John 6:41-51

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

Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15

A reading from the first book of Exodus.

I will rain bread from heaven upon you.

The whole community of the sons of Israel began to complain against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness and said to them, 'Why did we not die at the Lord's hand in the land of Egypt, when we were able to sit down to pans of meat and could eat bread to our hearts content! As it is, you have brought us to this wilderness to starve this whole company to death!'

Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Now I will rain down bread for you from the heavens. Each day the people are to go out and gather the day's portion; I propose to test them this way to see whether they will follow my law or not.'

'I have heard the complaints of the sons of Israel. Say this to them, "Between the two evenings you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have bread to your hearts content. Then you will learn that I, the Lord, am your God."' And so it came about: quails flew up in the evening, and they covered the camp; in the morning there was a coating of dew all round the camp. When the coating of dew lifted, there on the surface of the desert was a thing delicate, powdery, as fine as hoarfrost on the ground. When they saw this, the sons of Israel said to one another, 'What is that?' not knowing what it was. 'That' said Moses to them 'is the bread the Lord gives you to eat.'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 77:3-4. 23-25. 54. R. v.24

(R.) *The Lord gave them bread from heaven.*

1. The things we have heard and understood, the things our fathers have told us, we will tell to the next generation: the glories of the Lord and his might. (R.)
2. He commanded the clouds above and opened the gates of heaven. He rained down manna for their food, and gave them bread from heaven. (R.)
3. Mere men ate the bread of angels. He sent them abundance of food. He brought them to his holy land, to the mountain which his right hand had won. (R.)

Second Reading

Ephesians 4:17, 20-24

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

Put on the new person that has been created in God's image.

I want to urge you in the name of the Lord, not to go on living the aimless kind of life that pagans live.

Now that is hardly the way you have learnt from Christ, unless you failed to hear him properly when you were taught what the truth is in Jesus. You must give up your old way of life; you must put aside your old self, which gets corrupted by following illusory desires. Your mind must be renewed by a spiritual revolution so that you can put on the new self that has been created in God's way, in the goodness and holiness of the truth.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 4:4

Alleluia, alleluia!

No one lives on bread alone,

but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Alleluia!

Gospel

John 6:24-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Whoever comes to me will never be hungry; whoever believes in me will never thirst.

When the people saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into boats and crossed to Capernaum to look for Jesus. When they found him on the other side, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' Jesus answered:

'I tell you most solemnly, you are not looking for me because you have seen the signs but because you had all the bread you wanted to eat. Do not work for food that cannot last, but work for food that endures to eternal life, the kind of food the Son of Man is offering you, for on him the Father, God himself, has set his seal.'

Then they said to him, 'What must we do if we are to do the works that God wants?' Jesus gave them this answer, 'This is working for God: you must believe in the one he has sent.' So they said, 'What sign will you give to show us that we should believe in you? What work will you do? Our fathers had manna to eat in the desert; as scripture says: He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'

Jesus answered:

'I tell you most solemnly, it was not Moses who gave you bread from heaven, it is my Father who gives you the bread from heaven, the true bread; for the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.'

'Sir,' they said 'give us that bread always.' Jesus answered:

'I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never be hungry; he who believes in me will never thirst.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

ST BRIGID'S P&F
ARE HOSTING



PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

SATURDAY 24 AUGUST

6:30PM - MIDNIGHT

TICKETS \$65.00 PER PERSON

INCLUDES:

1 COMPLIMENTARY DRINK ON ARRIVAL*

*BEER, WINE, BUBBLES OR SOFT DRINK

SPIT ROAST & DJ

SILENT & LIVE AUCTIONS

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2 KILMORE ROAD, GISBORNE

PARENTS NIGHT OUT - RETURNED FORM

Please complete this section with payment type and return back to the School Office
A payment receipt will be sent home with your child

FULL NAME

CHILD'S NAME
& CLASS

NO. OF TICKETS

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DIRECT FUNDS TRANSFER

ACCOUNT: ST BRIGID'S PFA

BSB: 083 347

ACCOUNT NO: 586 968 499

EFT RECEIPT DETAILS + DATE OF TRANSFER

Transfer description reference: Full Name

BRING A FRIEND, AS THIS IS A NIGHT TO COME TOGETHER AND RAISE MONEY
FOR ST BRIGID'S PRIMARY SCHOOL.

A SMALL SCHOOL WITH A BIG HEART



Make a Difference with Your Donation!

St Brigid's Primary School will be hosting our biggest annual fundraising event 'Parent's Night Out' on Saturday 24th August.

We are reaching out to local businesses and the ones we know that are frequently visited by our little community and seeking donations of a product or voucher for our fundraiser. We would love the opportunity for you to be able to donate something to our school for our fundraiser event.

Vouchers can be emailed to pfa@sbgisborne.catholic.edu.au, or collected and products can be picked up at a time convenient to you.

Thank you for helping to support our school.

