



Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles - Yr C

29th June, 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, Shane R,
George T, Diane M, Marg P, Zoe F
& Beth T.**

We pray for the recently deceased and for those who have
an anniversary at this time, especially

**Cheryl Lapworth, Gianfranco Gurrieri, Max McMahon,
Betty McMahon, Gordon Ragland & Fr. Ron Poulson..**

May they rest in peace

Upcoming Parish Masses & Events

Sat 28/06/25 9am-10am Reconciliation – Gisborne
Sat 28/06/25 Saturday 6pm Mass – Gisborne
Sun 29/06/25 Normal Sunday Masses
Sun 29/06/25 12pm – Baptism's – Gisborne
Tue 01/07/25 5pm – Weekday Mass – Gisborne
Wed 02/07/25 9:15am – Weekday Mass – Gisborne
Wed 02/07/25 6:30pm – Baptism Information evening
Thu 03/07/25 9:15am – Weekday Mass – Gisborne
Fri 04/07/25 9:15am – Weekday Mass – Gisborne
Sat 05/07/25 9am-10am Reconciliation – Gisborne
Sat 05/07/25 Saturday 6pm Mass – Gisborne
Sun 06/07/25 Normal Sunday Masses

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

What are the shackles or chains which fetter the successor of St. Peter? What prison walls need to be shattered so that he can preach the marvels of God in ways which affect the hearts of humanity? We know prayer of the community, ie: of us, will be essential to his being freed – from what? A Pope could be imprisoned by a distorted or impoverished idea of “the church”.

In the Gospel, our Lord says to Simon son of Jonah: “You are Peter and on this rock I will build my church”. “My church” – the church desired by our Lord, not a church designed by all too earthly ambitions, a church whose structure owes much to the Roman empire, and later to Euro-centric models spanning the last millennia or so. May the Church, the Church of the third millennium, be unshackled from the chains of various historical eras so that the Pope, in giving an account of his ministry to the Lord will be able to say with St. Paul, “I have fought the good fight to the end,” by doing my best to heed your call ‘rebuild my Church’.

mtate@bigpond.com**St Brigid's Parish Finance Committee**

Several years ago, the Archdiocese of Melbourne put in place a requirement that all Parishes establish a Parish Finance Committee (PFC), Summary of the Role of the Parish Finance Committee and why we need one.

The PFC is an advisory body to the Parish Priest (PP) and assists him in the task of administering the parish finances, maintaining the parish properties, planning for future capital works and raising the necessary funds that sustain a vibrant parish.

The PFC is a separate body from the Parish Pastoral Council; it does not report to it and is not directly involved in the day to day management of the Parish finances.

The members of the PFC are chosen for their management, accounting, legal and/or financial expertise. They are chosen to work with the Parish Priest.

Members chosen hold office for 3 years although they may be reappointed.

Members are to be honest, known for their integrity and actively committed to the practice of the faith.

Membership should consist of parishioners, including members of each of our school communities.

There are approximately 4 meetings a year. Please contact Frank Murone, Parish Finance Committee on 0418 995 010 to discuss any queries you may have for offering your services to the Parish Finance Committee.



Rosters & Events



Ministers for next weekend's Masses

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C

5th & 6th July, 2025

6:00pm Mass St. Brigid's Reader: K. Aprile Eucharist: L. Scott	8:00am Mass St. Ambrose's Welcomer: J. White Reader: M. Henry	Flowers: K. Page & L. DeBono 
9:30am Mass St. Patrick's Reader: M. Redman Eucharist: K. Vandenberg	11:00am Mass St. Brigid's Reader: D. Egan Eucharist: V. Firman	

RECONCILIATION

Gisborne Church
Saturday 9-10am

Reconciliation will be available for a trial period of 3 months on a Saturday morning.

Reconciliation is also available by request before or after weekday Mass or at a suitable time arranged with Fr. Vincent.

THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES 2025-2026

Envelopes are now available in churches for those on the Thanksgiving Envelope program. Thank you for your support of St. Brigid's Parish TG program.



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.



Wordsearch

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Baptist	Father	keys	prophet
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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 \$455
Thanksgiving \$1330

Thank you for your ongoing support through the Thanksgiving Program.

Introduction: We pray that we may be sustained by the intercession of the blessed Apostles Peter and Paul, that, as through them you gave your Church the foundations of her heavenly office, so through them you may help her to eternal salvation.

1st Reading: Acts 12:1-11.

Peter is imprisoned by King Herod, but the church prays fervently and an angel sets him free so he can continue leading the church.

2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18.

Paul's reflections on the crown promised everyone who serves God: ... I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ... The Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be proclaimed.

Gospel: Matthew 16:13-19.

Jesus asks "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" ... "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." ... "But who do you say that I am?" ... Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." ... you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church.

Prayer of Intercession: Sisters and brothers, we celebrate with joy this Solemnity of the Apostles, Peter and Paul who lived for Jesus, preached his Gospel and courageously gave their lives in faithfulness to him.

1. For Pope Leo, 267th successor of St Peter, missionary after the example of St Paul, that he will be blest in his ministry of unity and charity, encouraging us all to be a missionary Church

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

2. For those who make their living through fishing, placed under the patronage of St Peter; and those who look to St Paul as patron: Malta and Greece, and all engaged in the lay apostolate, that they will be people of courage

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

3. For those who are persecuted for their faith at this time, that they will have the strength to remain faithful, like Peter and Paul, trusting in God's care, full of hope, remembering especially Christians in Nigeria and Syria facing renewed difficulties.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

4. For the terrible situation in the Middle East in Palestine, Iran and Israel, that the efforts for diplomacy, dialogue and cooperation will lead to a true and lasting peace, and that Ukraine and Russia will be reconciled.

(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 and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially **Cheryl Lapworth, Gianfranco Gurierri, Max McMahon, Betty McMahon, Gordon Ragland & Fr. Ron Poulson**; may they continue to share in the life promised us through the death and resurrection of Jesus.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Please join in the parish Prayer.

Celebrant: God our Father, you built your Church on the Rock of Peter, and extended it to the nations through the preaching of Paul, give to us a firm faith and a missionary spirit so that you, with your Son and the Holy Spirit may be known and worshipped, forever and ever

Next week's readings: Isaiah 66:10-14; Galatians 6:14-18 Luke 10:1-12, 17-20.

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

Saint Peter and Paul

29 June 2025

First Reading

Acts 12:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Now I know it is indeed true: the Lord has saved me from the power of Herod.

King Herod started persecuting certain members of the Church. He beheaded James the brother of John, and when he saw that this pleased the Jews he decided to arrest Peter as well. This was during the days of Unleavened Bread, and he put Peter in prison, assigning four squads of four soldiers each to guard him in turns. Herod meant to try Peter in public after the end of Passover week. All the time Peter was under guard the Church prayed to God for him unremittingly.

On the night before Herod was to try him, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, fastened with double chains, while guards kept watch at the main entrance to the prison. Then suddenly the angel of the Lord stood there, and the cell was filled with light. He tapped Peter on the side and woke him. 'Get up!' he said 'Hurry!' – and the chains fell from his hands. The angel then said, 'Put on your belt and sandals.' After he had done this, the angel next said, 'Wrap your cloak round you and follow me.' Peter followed him, but had no idea that what the angel did was all happening in reality; he thought he was seeing a vision. They passed through two guard posts one after the other, and reached the iron gate leading to the city. This opened of its own accord; they went through it and had walked the whole length of one street when suddenly the angel left him. It was only then that Peter came to himself. 'Now I know it is all true,' he said. 'The Lord really did send his angel and has saved me from Herod and from all that the Jewish people were so certain would happen to me.'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 33:2-9. R. v.5

(R.) The Lord set me free from all my fears.

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 my 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

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18

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

All that remains now is the crown of righteousness.

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing.

The Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 16:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church;
the gates of hell will not hold out against it.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 16:13-19

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

You are Peter, and I will give to you the keys of the kingdom of heaven.

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said, 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord.