



Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

25th 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** 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 **Dawn Gardiner,**

Boyd Robertson, Marie Duggan, Giuseppe Spano,**Felicia Spano, Jack McCormack, Eileen Kays****& Heather Bubeck.****May they rest in peace***Please email Tam if you would like an Anniversary included.***UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS**

24/08/24 Saturday 6pm Mass – Gisborne
25/08/24 Normal Sunday Masses
25/08/24 12noon – Baptism's – Gisborne
27/08/24 5pm – Weekday Mass - Gisborne
27/08/24 7pm – 150th Working Party Mtg - Gisborne
28/08/24 9:15am – Weekday Mass – Gisborne
29/08/24 9:15am – Weekday Mass - Gisborne
29/08/24 7pm – Parish Pastoral Council Mtg - Gisb
30/08/24 9:15am – St. Brigid's School Mass - Preps
31/08/24 Saturday 6pm Mass – Gisborne
01/09/24 **SPRING IS HERE!!!!**
01/09/24 Normal Sunday Masses

NEW PARISH WEBSITE

Please note the amended address for our new parish website
- Direct link:

www.melbcatholic.org/s/gisborne*Please let me know if you have trouble accessing the site.***REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate**

I remember seeing a James Bond film in which the Voodoo priest could summon the Living Dead – called Zombies – people hovering between life in the grave and life above ground level, but ultimately trapped as human beings living a grave-dominated existence.

There are billions of the Living Dead around the world. People, apparently like you and me, but in fact living with the belief that the grave will mark the extinction of their life. But our ears are attuned to pick up words which sound the possibility of a different destiny, a different reality. We have heard a voice which speaks the truth, a voice which speaks of a more beautiful reality. That voice says that you and I, individually, personally, are star dust with a marvellous destiny: a destiny that will see our ensouled bodies transformed, transfigured, translucent with Divine Light and energy. The voice is that of Our Lord Jesus Christ. We hear that voice from within the Church, which has transmitted the tradition of 'The Voice' for twenty centuries. Heeding that Voice, I move from the company of the Living Dead to the companionship of the Conqueror of Death. I am no longer a 'Dead Man Walking' but a man alive with the reality of eternal life already within me.

That is why when I hear the challenge: 'Do you also wish to go away?' I enter into that tradition and answer with St Peter, I answer in the company of billions of others over twenty centuries: 'Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.'

We could pause for a moment and pray that, living in the tradition of the Church, I may hear the Word in the Gospel and take that Word within myself in Holy Communion so that I might be no longer a 'Dead Man Walking', but a human being alive with the reality of eternal life already within me.

mtate@bigpond.com**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL NOMINATIONS**

Nomination forms are now available in each of our parish churches.

It is important that the composition of the Pastoral Council includes Parishioners from each of our Mass centres and who are regular attendees at weekend Masses so that they are available to take enquiries from Parishioners and provide feedback as required. If you or someone you know would like to become involved, please complete a nomination form and drop it into a collection bag or email it through to the parish secretary.

Nominations will close after Mass on Sunday 8th September.



Rosters & Events



Ministers for next weekend's Masses

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31st August & 1st September 2024

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: M. Cooper	11:00am Mass St. Brigid's Reader: B. Myers Eucharist: T. Armstrong	

2024 ARCHBISHOP'S CAMPAIGN

This is a final reminder to complete your pledges to the 2024 Archbishop's Campaign and play your part in supporting the vital ministries that serve all in our faith community in the Archdiocese of Melbourne. The campaign calls on all the faithful to support our seminary, our retired priests, and important care and evangelisation ministries of the Archdiocese.

More details about the campaign and how to make a gift are in the brochures in the pews and foyer today. I know that times are challenging but encourage you to consider giving generously to the extent you are able.

Thank you for your generosity.

2024 COMBINED CATHOLIC PARISHES RAFFLE

All tickets sales support our parish and halve a chance of winning one (or ore) 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 from parishioners at each of our Masses.

St. Brigid's Sat 6pm – Tony Wilson

St. Ambrose Sun 8am – Carolyn Peterson

St. Patrick's Sun 9:30am – Jayne O'Callaghan

St. Brigid's Sun 11am – Kathy Page

COMMUNION TO THE SICK

Taking Communion to residents of The Oak's and Warrina is a very important ministry of St. Brigid's.

If you would like to join the team we are in need of some volunteers. Please contact Tam if you can help.

ST. BRIGID'S GROTTTO

We are looking for someone to keep an eye on the grotto on a regular basis.

ROSES

Help needed to prune the roses around the Presbytery.
Please contact the Secretary if you are able to assist. Thank you.

MINI VINNIES HELP PACKS

Please see flyers in church or at the bottom of the bulletin if you receive it electronically, outlining our St. Brigid's School students plan to raise awareness of homelessness and provide "Help Packs" to those in need. Please give generously if you can.

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.

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 \$410
Thanksgiving \$870

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.

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

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: This Sunday we conclude this five week mini series of reading from John chapter 6 on the Bread of Life. When some of the people refused to accept this teaching, Jesus invites those left to remain with him.

1st Reading: Joshua 24:1-2, 15-18

We hear a common event in the life of the people of Israel. The people are gathered together and present themselves before God.

2nd Reading: Ephesians 5:21-32

We hear the famous passage of St. Paul about the great mystery of love in marriage. Amongst the many implications, Paul affirms that the mystery applies to Christ and the Church.

Gospel: John 6:60-69

We hear the final words of John 6 that conclude the discourse on the Bread of Life. We affirm that the words of Jesus are spirit and they are life.

Prayer of Intercession: Let us pray that the God of light and goodness might send the Holy Spirit upon us, and strengthen us in his service. May we commit ourselves anew to the protection of all God's children, especially the most innocent and vulnerable?

1. We pray for our leaders and our ministers. May they commit themselves anew to God and to the service of God's holy people.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

2. We pray for our children making their first Eucharist; that with our parish we will grow in its faith and devotion in the Eucharist, that it truly be the expression of our faith and the source of our life in Christ.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

3. We pray for migrants, refugees and international students. That we may work with them, attentive to their needs and promoting their innate dignity as children of God.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

4. We pray for those who have special needs in our community. Be they needs of a financial, physical, mental or spiritual kind, may they find the peace of God's kingdom which the world cannot give.

(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: for those who have died recently and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially **Dawn Gardiner, Boyd Robertson, Marie Duggan, Giuseppe Spano, Felicia Span, Jack McCormack, Eileen Kays & Heather Bubeck**. May their sharing in the Eucharist now lead them to be raised up to Christ's eternal life.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

Please join in the Parish Prayer.

Celebrant: Heavenly Father, help us to see you in each other. May we always mirror your love and protection for our children and young people. May we all praise you with your Son, and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Next weeks' readings: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8; James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

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

Joshua 24:1-2, 15-18

A reading from the book of Joshua.

We will serve the Lord God, because he is our God.

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel together at Shechem; then he called the elders, leaders, judges and scribes of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. Then Joshua said to all the people: 'If you will not serve the Lord, choose today whom you wish to serve, whether the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are now living. As for me and my House, we will serve the Lord.'

The people answered, 'We have no intention of deserting the Lord and serving other gods! Was it not the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors out of the land of Egypt, the house of slavery, who worked those great wonders before our eyes and preserved us all along the way we travelled and among all the peoples through whom we journeyed. We too will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 33:2-3. 16-23. R. v.9

(R.) *Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.*

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. The Lord turns his face against the wicked
to destroy their remembrance from the earth.
The Lord turns his eyes to the just
and his ears to their appeal. (R.)
3. They call and the Lord hears
and rescues them in all their distress.
The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;
those whose spirit is crushed he will save. (R.)
4. Many are the trials of the just man
but from them all the Lord will rescue him.
He will keep guard over all his bones,
not one of his bones shall be broken. (R.)
5. Evil brings death to the wicked;
those who hate the good are doomed.
The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants.
Those who hide in him shall not be condemned.
(R.)

Second Reading

Ephesians 5:21-32

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

This is the great mystery, it applies to Christ and the Church.

Give way to one another in obedience to Christ.

Wives should regard their husbands as they regard the Lord, since as Christ is head of the Church and saves the whole body, so is a husband the head of his wife; and as the Church submits to Christ, so should wives to their husbands, in everything. Husbands should love their wives just as Christ loved the Church and sacrificed himself for her to make her holy. He made her clean by washing her in water with a form of words, so that when he took her to himself she would be glorious, with no speck or wrinkle or anything like that, but holy and faultless. In the same way, husbands must love their wives as they love their own bodies; for a man to love his wife is for him to love himself. A man never hates his own body, but he feeds it and looks after it; and that is the way Christ treats the Church, because it is his body – and we are its living parts. For this reason, a man must leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one body. This mystery has many implications; but I am saying it applies to Christ and the Church.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation See John 6:63. 68

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your words, Lord, are spirit and life:
you have the words of everlasting life.

Alleluia!

Gospel John 6:60-69

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Lord, whom shall we go to?

You have the words of everlasting life. After hearing his doctrine many of the followers of Jesus said, 'This is intolerable language. How could anyone accept it?' Jesus was aware that his followers were complaining about it and said, 'Does this upset you? What if you should see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before?

'It is the spirit that gives life,
the flesh has nothing to offer.
The words I have spoken to you are spirit
and they are life.

'But there are some of you who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the outset those who did not believe, and who it was that would betray him. He went on, 'This is why I told you that no one could come to me unless the Father allows him.' After this, many of his disciples left him and stopped going with him.

Then Jesus said to the Twelve, 'What about you, do you want to go away too?' Simon Peter answered, 'Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Third Meeting St Brigid's Church 150th Anniversary Working Party

Tuesday, July 30th



The Working Party is made up of Fr Vincent, Jenne Wallace, Eddie Gardiner, Joanne & Craig Holmes, Bernie Floreani, Paul Lawry, Gerard Carroll, Joe Farrugia and Trish Armstrong. Please feel free to contact any member of the Working Party to offer your support or to be a contact for sharing memorabilia or information.

The focus of the Working Party has the common goal of promoting and building a sense of belonging and ownership across our parish as well as promoting ongoing awareness and knowledge about our parish in its past, present and into the future. As we solidify our ideas, it is important to broaden the support base for our Parish Faith community. This important event gives us an opportunity to open up to members of our Parish to share their gifts and talents. We do have a date so please mark **Sunday, February 9th, 2025** on your personal calendars. Thank you to those parishioners and school families who have shared their thoughts and ideas regarding this significant event for St Brigid's Parish Community.

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 27th

- We seek a volunteer/s from each of the parish, St Brigid's PS and Holy Cross PS to form a committee to advertise and organise paver purchase within a given time frame. Representation on pavers from present and past members of parish and school communities is the goal.
- We will be working with the schools as we further investigate the physical History Trail we might develop around St Brigid's Church but also how to extend this by using QR Code Technology to make our stories available on Parish and School websites.
- For the Display of memorabilia support of not only the current parishioners and school families is needed but your extended families who have a past link to our parish. We are looking for photos, brochures and other memorabilia linked to St Brigid's. It's amazing what photos taken inside the church or outside for Weddings, Baptisms, First Communions and Confirmation tell us about our church and clergy at the time.
- When considering using Food vendors on the day.....do you have any contacts/suggestions?
- If you have streaming experience similar to how we are able to access funerals at or after the event, please make contact
- Following our next meeting you might have someone who you believe would have a great message/story to be added to the video clips we will be collecting to have viewing on the day.

We are all about celebrating St Brigid's Church 150th Anniversary but it's important to remember that our families are connected to that story and who knows better about your family's connection than you and your loved ones.

We ask all members of our Parish Faith Community to take time to think about possible ways that we could mark this very special occasion. Maybe something you have experienced or seen in another place and time or it may be linked to your skill set and could ensure that the success of the day is guaranteed by what you can offer. To help us plan for moving forward please write your idea down and email to trishannarmstrong@gmail.com or phone on 0417 526 945.

Many thanks

Working Party for 150th Anniversary of St Brigid's Church, Gisborne



Homelessness

HELP PACKS!

Mini Vinnies



As part of this year's upcoming St. Brigid's Year 6 Sleepout to raise awareness of the issue of homelessness in our society, we are preparing some Help Packs for the St. Vincent De Paul Soup Van to provide support to people experiencing homelessness. It is a way we as Catholics can live out our Faith by showing compassion and care for those less fortunate than ourselves.

We are calling on our school community's generosity and support to help us collect items to go in these packs and invite our parishioners to contribute as well if they would like to. Items can be left in the church foyer in the container provided. Our sleepout is on Thursday 29th August and our packs will be created as part of this evening, so any donations of items would be appreciated before this time. Please note that we have chosen items necessary to daily hygiene and health or healthy non perishable snacks that keep their bodies nourished as advised by St. Vincent De Paul through their extensive daily experiences.

Personal Hygiene



Women's Roll On Deodorant
Men's Roll On Deodorant
Hand Sanitiser
Small Tissue Pack
Small Shampoo/Conditioner
Toothbrush & toothpaste
Small Body Wash
Pads or Tampons

Snacks



600ml Water Bottle
Protein Bar
Small tin of Baked Beans
Fruit Cup
Small Packet of Chips
Muesli Bar
Plain Biscuits
Up N' Go
Small chocolates
Le Snak Cheese & Biscuits

We thank you in advance for any support you can offer