



Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

28th July, 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, especially
Irene McMurray and for those who have an anniversary at
this time, especially **Alec Gardiner**.

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

27/07/24 Saturday 6pm Mass – Gisborne
28/07/24 8:00am Mass – Riddell's Creek
28/07/24 9:30am Mass – Macedon
28/07/24 **NO 11am Mass TODAY**
28/07/24 2pm Confirmation Mass – St. Anne's
28/07/24 4pm Confirmation Mass – St. Anne's
30/07/24 5:00pm – Weekday Mass – Gisborne
31/07/24 9:15am – Weekday Mass – Gisborne
01/08/24 **No Weekday Mass**
01/08/24 Holy Cross Mass
02/08/24 9:15am – St. Brigid's School Mass – Gisb
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 7:30p – Baptism Information Evening - Gis
08/08/24 **No Weekday Mass**

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

The disciples fell into the verbal trap which Jesus set. They believed that market forces should dictate how the hunger of the crowd could be satisfied. It was a young lad who put the disciples to shame, simply handing over five barley loaves and two fish to Jesus. It was because of his generosity that Divine generosity was able to feed the crowd.

Divine desire to satisfy the hungers of humanity for the various necessities of life (food, shelter, companionship, education, medicines) require human generosity. Otherwise, Divine Compassion cannot be effective in the world.

Voluntary renunciation of property and sharing of wealth still occurs in the little oases of monasteries and convents, echoes of the radical redistribution of wealth recorded in the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 4:32-35). St Luke makes it clear that this was essentially linked to the Apostles' testifying to the Resurrection 'with great power'.

Francis of Assisi and now Francis of Buenos Aires remind us that the Church itself needs to engage in the redistribution of its wealth to enable the hungers of humanity to be satisfied. This will give authenticity to its preaching of the Gospel, and enable its evangelising to be undertaken 'with great power'.

We could take a moment to pray that we become more like the little boy in the Gospel, more like Francis of Assisi, more like Francis of Buenos Aires, voluntarily sharing our wealth to satisfy the hungers of humanity.

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CONFIRMATION MASSES – CHANGE TO SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

PLEASE NOTE: Due to the addition of two Confirmation Masses to be held on **Sunday July 28th**, there will be
NO 11:00am Mass in Gisborne on this day.

CONFIRMATION PRAYER

This Sunday, the Grade 6 children of our parish will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Bp. Terry Curtin and Fr. Vincent Nguyen will celebrate the Sacrament with the children at St. Anne's in Sunbury.

Please keep them all in your prayers as they enter this important part of their Catholic journey.



Rosters & Events



Ministers for next weekend's Masses

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B

3rd & 4th August, 2024

6:00pm Mass **St. Brigid's**
Reader: L. Scott
Eucharist: N. Spiers

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

Flowers:
 K. Page & L. DeBono

9:30am Mass **St. Patrick's**
Reader: K. Petherbridge
Eucharist: K. Vandenberg

11:00am Mass **St. Brigid's**
Reader: D. Egan
Eucharist: T. Armstrong



Parish Pastoral Council - Summary of minutes 20/06/2024
 Now available on our website:
<http://pol.org.au/gisborne/Home.aspx>

St Brigid's Church 150th Anniversary Working Party

Summary of minutes 25/06/2024
 available in churches



Sea Sunday – 21 July 2024 – 28 July 2024

This week we celebrate Sea Sunday, when the church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Without them, we would not have most of the items we rely on for daily living. Even during a pandemic, seafarers continue to bring into our ports products that sustain our population and economy. The Appeal today is for Stella Maris, Apostleship of the Sea, the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church. It supports seafarers both practically and spiritually. To assist this Catholic ministry, please send your donations to:

<https://stellamarisaustralia.org/sea-sunday-appeal/>

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>

HELP WANTED

St. Brigid's Grotto & Rose bushes

are in need of some tender love and care.

If you have a couple of hours to spare on the odd occasion and know how to pull a weed or prune a rose then we need you! 😊

Please contact Tam in the office if you would be willing to help.

Thank you.

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 \$915
 Thanksgiving \$460

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 Kaffee 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: We interrupt the readings from Mark's Gospel, and over the next five weeks listen to the theme on the Bread of Life from Ch.6 of John's Gospel. The compassion of Jesus is shown in the feeding of the multitude.

1st Reading: 2 Kings 4:42-44

We hear an Old Testament prefigurement of Jesus' miracle in the feeding the crowd. The prophet Elisha is used by God to show God's compassion on the people.

2nd Reading: Ephesians 4:1-6

We hear the passionate plea of St. Paul to live a life worthy of our vocation through baptism. We are all one in Christ, the Body of the Church.

Gospel: John 6:1-15

We hear the famous miracle of the loaves and fishes. After this great sign the people could now acclaim "This really is the prophet come into the world".

Prayer of Intercession: We are called to one hope – one Lord, one faith, one baptism. So let us bring before the God and Father of us all, whose love never abandons us, the needs of our community.

1. We pray with and for our church leaders, the Pope and bishops. May their calls for Christian unity answer Christ's prayer at the Last Supper. May our unity be the sign of hope in Christ for the world.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

2. We pray for all Christians who accept Christ as the prophet who is to come into the world. May their faith in Christ be greater than the things that separate them.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

3. We pray for our local church communities and especially for the children who are to be Confirmed this weekend. May our prayers bear united witness to the one Lord, one faith, one baptism that unites us.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

4. We pray for all those still searching for the Bread of Eternal Life. May their hunger lead them to know that "we do not live on bread alone but on the very word which comes from the mouth of God"

(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, especially Irene McMurray and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially **Alec Gardiner**. May our belief in the Bread of Life lead us all to our eternal salvation.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

Please join in the Parish Prayer.

Celebrant: The eyes of all look hopefully to you, O God. We ask you to remain near to all who call upon you. Answer us in our need through Christ our Lord.

Next weeks readings: Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15; Ephesians 4:17, 20-24; John 6:24-35

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

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

2 Kings 4:42-44

A reading from the second book of the Kings.

They will eat and have some left over.

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing Elisha, the man of God, bread from the first-fruits, twenty barley loaves and fresh grain in the ear. 'Give it to the people to eat,' Elisha said. But his servant replied, 'How can I serve this to a hundred men?' 'Give it to the people to eat' he insisted 'for the Lord says this, "They will eat and have some left over."' He served them; they ate and had some over, as the Lord had said.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 144:10-11, 15-18. R. v.16

(R.) *The hand of the Lord feeds us;
he answers all our needs.*

1. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.
They shall speak of the glory of your reign
and declare your might, O God. (R.)
2. The eyes of all creatures look to you and you
give them their food in due time.
You open wide your hand,
grant the desires of all who live. (R.)
3. The Lord is just in all his ways
and loving in all his deeds.
He is close to all who call him,
who call on him from their hearts. (R.)

Second Reading

Ephesians 4:1-6

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

There is one body, one Lord, one faith, one baptism.

I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you to lead a life worthy of your vocation. Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience. Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds you together. There is one Body, one Spirit, just as you were all called into one and the same hope when you were called. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God who is Father of all, through all and within all.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Luke 7:16

Alleluia, alleluia!

A great prophet has appeared among us;
God has visited his people.

Alleluia!

Gospel

John 6:1-15

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

He distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted.

Jesus went off to the other side of the Sea of Galilee – or of Tiberias – and a large crowd followed him, impressed by the signs he gave by curing the sick. Jesus climbed the hillside, and sat down there with his disciples. It was shortly before the Jewish feast of Passover.

Looking up, Jesus saw the crowds approaching and said to Philip, 'Where can we buy some bread for these people to eat?' He only said this to test Philip; he himself knew exactly what he was going to do. Philip answered, 'Two hundred denarii would only buy enough to give them a small piece each.' One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said, 'There is a small boy here with five barley loaves and two fish; but what is that between so many?' Jesus said to them, 'Make the people sit down.' There was plenty of grass there, and as many as five thousand men sat down. Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks and gave them out to all who were sitting ready; he then did the same with the fish, giving out as much as was wanted. When they had eaten enough he said to the disciples, 'Pick up the pieces left over, so that nothing gets wasted.' So they picked them up, and filled twelve hampers with scraps left over from the meal of five barley loaves. The people, seeing this sign that he had given, said, 'This really is the prophet who is to come into the world.' Jesus, who could see they were about to come and take him by force and make him king, escaped back to the hills by himself.

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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EMAIL: pfa@sbgisborne.catholic.edu.au

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GISBORNE BOWLS CLUB

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

\$

TOTAL

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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.

