



Third Sunday of Easter - Yr C

4th May, 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, Corine V, Anthony S,
Fran S, Helen K, Shane R, George T,
Jacqueline D, Sebastian M,
Diane M, Marg P, Zoe F,
Ellen K & Pat P.**

We pray for the recently deceased, especially **Violet Tadd**
and for those who have an anniversary at this time,
especially **Ingram Mirando**.
May they rest in peace

Upcoming Parish Masses & Events

Sat 03/05/25 Saturday 6pm Mass – Gisborne
Sun 04/05/25 Normal Sunday Masses
Sun 04/05/25 3pm – Eddie & Peter Gardiner
Book Launch – Parish Hall
Tue 06/05/25 5pm – Weekday Mass – Gisborne
Wed 07/05/25 9:15am – Weekday Mass – Gisborne
Wed 07/05/25 6:30pm – Baptism information evening
Thu 08/05/25 9:15am – Weekday Mass – Gisborne
Thu 08/05/25 7pm – PPC meeting – Parish office
Fri 09/05/25 9:15am – Weekday Mass – Gisborne
Sat 10/05/25 Saturday 6pm Mass – Gisborne
Sun 11/05/25 Normal Sunday Masses
Tue 13/05/25 **NO Weekday Mass**
Tue 13/05/25 The Oaks Mass
Wed 14/05/25 9:15am – Weekday Mass – Gisborne
Thu 15/05/25 9:15am – Weekday Mass – Gisborne

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

You and I, like Peter, are enabled by grace to repent of our betrayals of Our Lord, some major, most minor, and to claim: “Lord, you know that I love you.”

But, this claim has to be evidenced by concrete action. In the case of Peter it was to feed and shepherd “my lambs, my sheep.” What will manifest our professed love? In the words of Father Richard Rohr, it is to love what God loves .

Of course, we have to love our fellow human beings, but leaving it there would be inadequate. “For God so loved the cosmos as to give the Son.” (Jn 3:16,17) So what must we do?

Recall, Our Lord says elsewhere, “You are the Salt of the Earth.” You must preserve the Earth so that it does not decay and so that it is a suitable habitation for all the creatures, including us, for whom the Earth is a common home.

He went on: “You are the Light of the Cosmos.” You are the enlightened mind and the enflamed heart of the whole cosmos, enabling it to understand its existence and to love God for it.

We could pause for a moment to reflect on the words of Pope Francis: “We, the women and men of the Church, we are in the middle of a love story and each of us is a link in this chain of love. And if we do not understand this, we have understood nothing of what the Church is.”

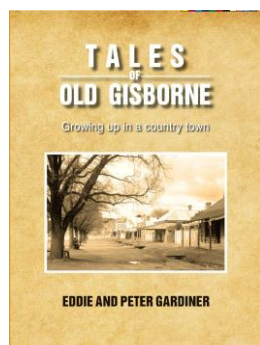
mtate@bigpond.com**EVERYONE IS INVITED TO THE LAUNCH OF THE BOOK****Tales of old Gisborne****Growing up in a country town.**

TO BE HELD AT ST BRIGID'S PARISH HALL
ON SUNDAY 4 MAY AT 2.30PM

Copies of the Book will be available for purchase - \$35

(Cash accepted & Credit Card facility available)

It would be appreciated if parishioners attending could bring
a small plate of food to share for afternoon tea.





Rosters & Events



Ministers for next weekend's Masses

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10th & 11th May, 2025

6:00pm Mass St. Brigid's Reader: K. Aprile Eucharist: L. Scott	8:00am Mass St. Ambrose's Welcomer: J. White Reader: A	Flowers: K. Page & L. DeBono 
9:30am Mass St. Patrick's Reader: B. O'Callaghan Eucharist: J. O'Callaghan	11:00am Mass St. Brigid's Reader: T. Armstrong Eucharist: D. Egan	

'PARISH, PRIESTS AND PIONEERS, A HISTORY OF ST. BRIGID'S PARISH, GISBORNE'

The cost for the book is \$10 (A5 - small) or \$20 (A4 - large). Books can be purchased directly from the Parish Office or at weekend Masses.

CARITAS PROJECT COMPASSION

The total contribution was **\$495**
Thank you for your support.



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.

CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal



This weekend is the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal.

CatholicCare Victoria works with individuals, families and communities to build strength, resilience, and empowerment to reach their full potential. Your generous donation will help the most vulnerable members of our community – those facing homelessness, those experiencing mental health challenges, families struggling with relationship problems, newly arrived refugees and asylum seekers, and those experiencing grief and trauma.

Please donate to CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. Your compassion and generosity will help the most vulnerable and marginalised in our community.

You can donate using the appeal envelope available, donate online at www.catholiccarevic.org.au or call (03) 9967 2515.

All gifts of \$2 and above are tax deductible.

POPE FRANCIS

The picture of Pope Francis will stay in its place on the sanctuary until the end of the nine days of mourning. This official time of mourning is known as Novemdiales. During this time nine masses are held for the late pope.

"While these Eucharistic celebrations are open to everyone, each day a different group is scheduled to participate – based on their connection with the Holy Father," Vatican News said. "This diversity of groups reflects both 'the scope of the Supreme Pastor's ministry and the universality of the Church of Rome.'"

The first day of the Novemdiales is marked by Pope Francis' funeral on Saturday 26th April. The final day of Novemdials is Sunday May 4th.

Next Step

When will the conclave take place? The conclave usually begins between 15 to 20 days after the pope's death. This means the conclave is expected to gather **between 6 May and 11 May**. The Vatican will confirm the exact date once the official mourning rituals, or 'novemdiales', are completed.

Praying for the Conclave

You may like to choose the names of one or two cardinal's to pray that the Holy Spirit will guide their deliberations in choosing the next Pope.

OPEN HOUSE

Meet after 11am Sunday Mass at the Kaffeeine 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 \$471
Thanksgiving \$1067

Thank you for your ongoing support through the Thanksgiving Program.

Introduction: Our Masses of Eastertide continue to portray the post resurrection appearances of Jesus with a message of hope and confidence in the mission he gave to the apostles and the Church. With them our confidence is in the Risen Lord.

1st Reading: Acts 5:27-32, 40-41

We hear how the High Priests continue their attack on Jesus by their attack on Peter and the apostles. In this confrontation Peter affirms that they are witnesses to Jesus' resurrection and rely on the Holy Spirit in their obedience.

2nd Reading: Revelations 5:11-14

We hear again one of the revelations of John in which he portrays extraordinary numbers gathered around the throne of the Lamb that was sacrificed.

Gospel: John 21:1-19

In this final chapter of St. John, Jesus appears to Simon and the others while they are fishing. He demands a triple profession of love from Peter and commissions him to shepherd his flock.

Prayer of Intercession: God listens to our prayers and has pity on us. We ask the Lord now to come to our help.

1. For the leaders of the Church: that like Peter they will look after the flock entrusted to their care.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

2. For all who feel lost, confused, unable to find a direction in life: that the Lord will give them guidance and grant them his strength.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

3. For all who carry a burden of guilt, fear, grief or despair: that the risen Christ will pour his gentle healing into their lives.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

4. We pray for the special needs of our parish community that we too commit ourselves to nurture and encourage those around us.

(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, especially **Violet Tadd** and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially **Ingram Mirando**, that the power of Christ's resurrection will give new life to us all.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Please join in the parish Prayer.

Celebrant: Loving God, when life is dark and hope is extinguished; renew our faith in the power of Christ to heal our wounds, to forgive our past and to give life to what has died. Use us to bring your healing forgiveness and life to our brothers and sisters, so that our lives may give you glory. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Next week's readings: Acts 13:14, 43-52; Revelations 7:9, 14-17; John 10:27-30

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

Acts 5:27-32, 40-41

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

We are witnesses of these words, and so is the Holy Spirit. The high priest demanded an explanation of the apostles. 'We gave you a formal warning,' he said 'not to preach in this name, and what have you done? You have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and seem determined to fix the guilt of this man's death on us.' In reply Peter and the apostles said, 'Obedience to God comes before obedience to men; it was the God of our ancestors who raised up Jesus, but it was you who had him executed by hanging on a tree. By his own right hand God has now raised him up to be leader and saviour, to give repentance and forgiveness of sins through him to Israel. We are witnesses to all this, we and the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.' They warned the apostles not to speak in the name of Jesus and released them. And so they left the presence of the Sanhedrin glad to have had the honour of suffering humiliation for the sake of the name.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 29:2. 4-6. 11-13. R. v.2

(R.) *I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.*

1. I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me and have not let my enemies rejoice over me. O Lord, you have raised my soul from the dead, restored me to life from those who sink into the grave. (R.)
2. Sing psalms to the Lord, you who love him, give thanks to his holy name. His anger lasts but a moment; his favour through life. At night there are tears, but joy comes with dawn. (R.)
3. The Lord listened and had pity. The Lord came to my help. For me you have changed my mourning into dancing; O Lord my God, I will thank you for ever. (R.)

Second Reading

Apocalypse 5:11-14

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse.

The Lamb that was sacrificed is worthy to be given power, wealth, glory, and blessing.

In my vision, I, John, heard the sound of an immense number of angels gathered round the throne and the animals and the elders; there were ten thousand times ten thousand of them and thousands upon thousands, shouting, 'The Lamb that was sacrificed is worthy to be given power, riches, wisdom, strength, honour, glory and blessing.'

Then I heard all the living things in creation – everything that lives in the air, and on the ground, and under the ground, and in the sea, crying, 'To the One who is sitting on the throne and to the Lamb, be all praise, honour, glory and power, for ever and ever.' And the four animals said, 'Amen'; and the elders prostrated themselves to worship.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ is risen, the Lord of all creation; he has shown pity on all people.

Alleluia!

Gospel John 21:1-19 (or shorter form Jn 21:1-14)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Jesus stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish.

Jesus showed himself again to the disciples. It was by the Sea of Tiberias, and it happened like this: Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee and two more of his disciples were together. Simon Peter said, 'I'm going fishing.' They replied, 'We'll come with you.' They went out and got into the boat but caught nothing that night.

It was light by now and there stood Jesus on the shore, though the disciples did not realise that it was Jesus. Jesus called out, 'Have you caught anything, friends?' And when they answered, 'No', he said, 'Throw the net out to starboard and you'll find something.' So they dropped the net, and there were so many fish that they could not haul it in. The disciple Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord.' At these words 'It is the Lord', Simon Peter, who had practically nothing on, wrapped his cloak round him and jumped into the water. The other disciples came on in the boat, towing the net and the fish; they were only about a hundred yards from land. As soon as they came ashore they saw that there was some bread there, and a charcoal fire with fish cooking on it. Jesus said, 'Bring some of the fish you have just caught.' Simon Peter went aboard and dragged the net to the shore, full of big fish, one hundred and fifty-three of them; and in spite of there being so many the net was not broken. Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' None of the disciples was bold enough to ask, 'Who are you?'; they knew quite well it was the Lord. Jesus then stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to them, and the same with the fish. This was the third time that Jesus showed himself to the disciples after rising from the dead.

After the meal Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these others do?' He answered, 'Yes Lord, you know I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my lambs.' A second time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' He replied, 'Yes, Lord, you know I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Look after my sheep.' Then he said to him a third time, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter was upset that he asked him the third time, 'Do you love me?' and said, 'Lord, you know everything; you know I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep. I tell you most solemnly, when you were young you put on your own belt and walked where you liked; but when you grow old you will stretch out your hands, and somebody else will put a belt round you and take you where you would rather not go.' In these words he indicated the kind of death by which Peter would give glory to God. After this he said, 'Follow me.' **The Gospel of the Lord.**