



First Sunday of Lent - Yr C

9th March, 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**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,
Henslee C, Jacqueline D, Sebastian M,
Diane M, Eddie G, Marg P, Zoe F
& Ellen K.**

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

**Marino Chiarelli, Taryn Cawley, Rosa Totino &
Maria Teresa Doria.**

May they rest in peace

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

08/03/25 Saturday 6pm Mass – Gisborne
09/03/25 Normal Sunday Masses
11/03/25 5pm – Weekday Mass – Gisborne
12/03/25 9:15am – Weekday Mass – Gisborne
12/03/25 7:30pm – Baptism Info session – Gisborne
13/03/25 9:15am – Weekday Mass – Gisborne
14/03/25 9:15am – Weekday Mass – Gisborne
15/03/25 Saturday 6pm Mass – Gisborne
16/03/25 Normal Sunday Masses
*All Masses 15/3 & 16/3 will be
Reconciliation Commitment Masses.*
18/03/25 5pm Weekday Mass – Gisborne
19/03/25 9:15am Weekday Mass – Gisborne
20/03/25 **NO Weekday Mass**
20/03/25 Holy Cross Year 5 Class Mass – HC
21/03/25 9:15am Weekday Mass – Gisborne

PROJECT COMPASSION LENTEN PRAYER

God of our journey, we are all pilgrims of hope brought
together by your love and your wish that we may all be one.

We pray that in this Year of Jubilee when we are called to
greater justice and care for our common home that we may
Unite Against Poverty.

May we work in unity for the freedom of the oppressed and
the renewal of creation. May our compassionate minds and
generous hearts help bring about a world where all can live
in peace.

May our Lenten pilgrimage of fasting, almsgiving and
prayer bring us closer to your loving heart.

We ask this in the name of Jesus. **Amen****REFLECTION by Fr. Michael Tate**

After his baptism Jesus was driven by the Holy Spirit into
the wilderness where the devil put him to the test. Jesus
was offered three shortcuts to his living in harmony with
the will of his Heavenly Father.

First, when he was hungry there would be bread out of
stones.

Second, when he wanted to change the world he could
have absolute political power.

Third, when he needed to take risks, angels would keep
him safe.

Our baptism does not insulate us from the same threefold
pattern of temptation. Do you find yourself saying:

I want the whole world to change to satisfy me, or

I want to exercise power over others, or

I want to take stupid risks and come out unharmed, or all
three!

What must we do when such temptations assail us?

Realise that such temptations are much less powerful than
they seem – the last gasp of the vanquished devil. Imitate
Jesus in going to the Scriptures, preferably the Gospels,
in order to have the words to hurl back at the devil as you
are tested.

We could pause to make a Lenten resolution to read a
Gospel, and to do so confident of our Baptismal identity
as beloved daughters and sons of God.

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Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son and our
Savior, we unite our hearts in prayer
for Pope Francis, the shepherd of the
flock entrusted to him.

Grant him insight through Your Holy
Spirit, One God forever blessed.

We humbly pray that You, Lord
preserve him in faith; guide him by
Your Word; shower him with mercy;
and keep us as one in love.

Amen





Rosters & Events



Ministers for next weekend's Masses

2nd Sunday of Lent – Year C

15th & 16th March, 2025

6:00pm Mass St. Brigid's Reader: K. Aprile Eucharist: L. Scott	8:00am Mass St. Ambrose's Welcomer: J. White Reader: P. Lacy	Flowers: No flowers during Lent Greenery only please 
9:30am Mass St. Patrick's Reader: K. Petherbridge Eucharist: M. Cooper	11:00am Mass St. Brigid's Reader: J. Holmes & C. Holmes Eucharist: D. Egan	

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

To mark the 150th anniversary of St Brigid's Church, all families & parishioners are encouraged to purchase the book, which was written and published by parishioner, Leo Duggan in 2000 and has been re-printed with the added Addendum summarising what has occurred in the Parish since then.

All proceeds will help your Parish to offset the costs of the 150th anniversary celebration. Your support is greatly appreciated. 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.

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.



Global Mission: No age limit!

Ever thought volunteering overseas was beyond you? IT'S NOT. Palms always values our older participants for the wisdom and resourcefulness they share in communities!

Palms is celebrating our seniors with a special [online session](#) showcasing older volunteers' experience and insights from the mission field. Explore our [unique opportunities](#) and match your life experience to the experience of a lifetime!

Venue: Online via Zoom- register at palms.org.au/events

Date: Thursday 27 March 2025

Time: 11 am – 12 pm

More Info: Call 02 9560 5333 or go to palms@palms.org.au

THE ANNUAL MELBOURNE PASSION PLAY

The Annual Melbourne Passion Play takes place on Palm Sunday (April 13th, 2025) and Good Friday (April 18th, 2025).

This play follows the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ as part of the community's Holy Week celebrations.

For 25 years, this free of charge play has drawn a large audience from all walks of life, and for the first time will be brought to the West of Melbourne, at Catholic Regional College Sydenham.

**We will again have members of St. Patrick's Choir performing in this event.
Please support this event that brings to life the gospel message.**

SACRISTAN NEEDED ST. PATRICK'S

If you are passionate about St. Patrick's and would like to become more involved in ministry, please contact Tam at the office. Full training will be provided and support given for as long as needed.

Feel free to speak with Bernie regarding position description for Sacristan.

As always, parish volunteers need to hold a current Working with Children Check and complete the online Safeguarding Training required by our Safeguarding Policy.

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

OPEN HOUSE

Meet after 11am Sunday Mass at the
Kaffeine 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 \$1560

Thank you for your ongoing support through the Thanksgiving Program.

Introduction: We begin this season of Lent and today's readings give the account of Jesus' sojourn in the desert and being tempted there. Our turning from sin to live by the Gospel is a life long process but it is made possible by the grace of Jesus strengthened in this Lenten Mass.

1st Reading: Deuteronomy 26:4-10

We hear a form of creed for the Hebrew tradition. This was a form of profession of faith before offering the first fruits to God. This same God is with us now.

2nd Reading: Romans 10:8-13

We hear how Paul emphasises that the faith we proclaim must be on our lips and in our hearts. Listen and believe with the heart to be saved.

Gospel: Luke 4:1-13

We hear Luke's account of the time spent in the desert, where he is led by the Spirit and subjected to temptation, like every other human.

Prayer of Intercession: As we renew our Lenten journey to Easter we are encouraged by the redemption already achieved in Christ's death and resurrection. Baptised into Christ's death we seek to be raised up in his resurrection as we pray to his Father for the needs of the Church.

1. That this lent be a time of true reconciliation and renewal for all the Church and that we again commit ourselves to live the way of Christ.

(pause) We pray to the Lord

Lord hear our prayer.

2. We pray for Christians everywhere that led by the Holy Spirit they may bear witness by their lives that Jesus is Lord.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

3. We pray for those who have ceased to practice their faith that they may be touched by grace and return to the Lord.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

4. We pray for those in the path of Cyclone Alfred bearing down on QLD at this time and for victims of natural disasters all over the world.

(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 – especially and 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 **Marino Chiarelli, Taryn Cawley, Rosa Totino & Maria Teresa Doria**. May God's eternal peace be with them.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

Please join in the parish Prayer.

Celebrant: Lord, by the power of your Spirit poured out on us, strengthen us to overcome the temptations of our world and so be raised up to the joy of your promise of life to the full. We ask this through the Good Shepherd, Christ the Lord.

Next weeks readings: Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18; Philippians. 3:17 - 4:1; Luke 9:28-36

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.

NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.
Amen.

The Living Word

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First Reading

Deuteronomy 26:4-10

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy.

The confession of faith of the elect.

Moses said to the people: 'The priest shall take the pannier from your hand and lay it before the altar of the Lord your God. Then, in the sight of the Lord your God, you must make this pronouncement:

"My father was a wandering Aramaean. He went down into Egypt to find refuge there, few in numbers; but there he became a nation, great, mighty, and strong. The Egyptians ill-treated us, they gave us no peace and inflicted harsh slavery on us. But we called on the Lord, the God of our fathers. The Lord heard our voice and saw our misery, our toil and our oppression; and the Lord brought us out of Egypt with mighty hand and outstretched arm, with great terror, and with signs and wonders. He brought us here and gave us this land, a land where milk and honey flow. Here then I bring the first-fruits of the produce of the soil that you, Lord, have given me." You must then lay them before the Lord your God, and bow down in the sight of the Lord your God.'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 90:1-2. 10-15. R. v.15

(R.) *Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.*

1. He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High and abides in the shade of the Almighty says to the Lord: 'My refuge, my stronghold, my God in whom I trust!' (R.)
2. Upon you no evil shall fall, no plague approach where you dwell. For you has he commanded his angels, to keep you in all your ways. (R.)
3. They shall bear you upon their hands lest you strike your foot against a stone. On the lion and the viper you will tread and trample the young lion and the dragon. (R.)
4. His love he set on me, so I will rescue him; protect him for he knows my name. When he calls I shall answer: 'I am with you.' I will save him in distress and give him glory. (R.)

Second Reading

Romans 10:8-13

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

The confession of faith of the believers in Christ.

Scripture says: The word, that is the faith we proclaim, is very near to you, it is on your lips and in your heart. If your lips confess that Jesus is Lord and if you believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, then you will be saved.

By believing from the heart you are made righteous; by confessing with your lips you are saved. When scripture says: those who believe in him will have no cause for shame, it makes no distinction between Jew and Greek: all belong to the same Lord who is rich enough, however many ask for his help, for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 4:4

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel

Luke 4:1-13

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus was led by the Spirit through the wilderness where he was tempted.

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit through the wilderness, being tempted there by the devil for forty days. During that time he ate nothing and at the end he was hungry. Then the devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to turn into a loaf.' But Jesus replied, 'Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone.'

Then leading him to a height, the devil showed him in a moment of time all the kingdoms of the world and said to him, 'I will give you all this power and the glory of these kingdoms, for it has been committed to me and I give it to anyone I choose. Worship me, then, and it shall all be yours.' But Jesus answered him, 'Scripture says: You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.'

Then he led him to Jerusalem and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God', he said to him 'throw yourself down from here, for scripture says: He will put his angels in charge of you to guard you, and again:

They will hold you up on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.'

But Jesus answered him, 'It has been said:

You must not put the Lord your God to the test.'

Having exhausted all these ways of tempting him, the devil left him, to return at the appointed time.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Light in the Desert

A LENTEN RESOURCE

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Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert, for forty days being put to the test by the devil ...Then the devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become a loaf.' But Jesus replied to him, 'Scripture says: *A human does not live on bread alone.*'

Then, leading him to a height, the devil showed him in a moment of time all the kingdoms of the world and said to him, 'I will give you all this power and their splendour, for it has been handed over to me, and I give it to anyone I wish. If you, then, worship me, it shall all be yours.' But Jesus answered him, 'It is written: *You shall worship the Lord your God, him alone shall you serve.*' Then he led him to Jerusalem and set him on the parapet of the Temple and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God throw yourself down from here, for it is written: *He has given his angels orders about you, to guard you, and that, they will carry you in their arms in case you trip on a stone.*' But Jesus answered him, 'It is said: *Do not put the Lord your God to the test.*'

Having finished every way of putting him to the test, the devil left him, until the opportune moment. (*Luke 4:1-2, 3-13*)

Did you know?

Points of interest and Catholic lore.

In the Catholic Church, Lent is a season of conversion where we observe three penitential practices: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. As a season of conversion, it is also a season of grace: 'Conversion is first of all a work of the grace of God who makes our hearts return to him: "Restore us to thyself, O Lord, that we may be restored!" (Lam 5:21)' (*Catechism of the Catholic Church §1432*).



Follow me, Satan (Temptation of Jesus Christ), by Ilya Repin (1901-1903).

Exploring the faith

The desert evokes a lot of things in the Bible. The desert is wandering and pilgrimage, punishment and hardship. It is the place of betrothal, where God draws his people to speak to their hearts (Hosea 2:17-18). But it is also a place of testing and deepening, where God teaches us dependence, trust, and what it means to worship him alone. It is a place, quite literally, 'set apart' for growth in holiness.

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As we start Lent, a time of intentional struggle and growth in holiness, a reading from *Lumen gentium* (Vatican II's Dogmatic Constitution on the Church) is the perfect place to start. *Lumen gentium*'s teaching on 'the universal call to holiness' has been called the 'dynamite' of the Second Vatican Council. It teaches us that holiness is not a calling for a select few but for everyone, no matter their circumstances in life. It teaches us that holiness is both a grace *and* a quest. Christ is the beginning and end of our holiness, but we are called to participate in this gift, to see it grow and flourish. The Church calls us to strive along 'the quest for perfect love,' in the knowledge that the world as we know it is passing away (LG §42).

10. The Lord Jesus, the divine Teacher and Model of all perfection, preached holiness of life to each and everyone of His disciples of every condition. He Himself stands as the author and consummator of this holiness of life: 'Be you therefore perfect, even as our heavenly Father is perfect' (Mt 5:48). Indeed He sent the Holy Spirit upon all men that He might move them inwardly to love God with their whole heart and their whole soul, with all their mind and all their strength, and that they might love each other as Christ loves them. The followers of Christ are called by God, not because of their works, but according to His own purpose and grace. They are justified in the Lord Jesus, because in the baptism of faith they truly become sons of God and sharers in the divine nature. In this way they are really made holy. Then too, by God's gift, they must hold on to and complete in their lives this holiness they have received. They must follow in His footsteps and conform themselves to His image seeking the will of the Father in all things. They must devote themselves with all their being to the glory of God and the service of their neighbour. In this way, the holiness of the People of God will grow into an abundant harvest of good, as is admirably shown by the life of so many saints in Church history.

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