



## Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

15<sup>th</sup> September, 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](mailto:gisborne@cam.org.au)**Parish Website** [melbcatholic.org/s/gisborne](http://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,**  
**Helen K, Shane R,**  
**George T, Gerard H, Patricia C,**  
**& Henslee C.**

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

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

- 14/09/24** Saturday 6pm Mass – Gisborne  
**15/09/24** Normal Sunday Masses  
 All weekend Masses 14/9-15/9 will be  
 First Holy Communion Masses  
**17/09/24** 5pm – Weekday Mass – Gisborne  
**18/09/24** 9:15am – Weekday Mass – Gisborne  
**19/09/24** 9:15am – Weekday Mass – Gisborne  
**19/09/24** 6pm – Parish Finance Meeting  
**20/09/24** 9:15am – St. Brigid's School Mass  
**21/09/24** Saturday 6pm Mass – Gisborne  
**22/09/24** Normal Sunday Masses  
**22/09/24** 12noon – Baptism's - Gisborne  
**24/09/24** 5pm – Weekday Mass - Gisborne  
**25/09/24** 9:15am – Weekday Mass – Gisborne  
**26/09/24** 9:15am – Weekday Mass – Gisborne

**REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate**

Here in our Australian democracy we hardly feel the force of the famous gospel passage in which Jesus forewarns his disciples of the high cost of following him. We trivialise the meaning of taking up the cross to make it refer to bearing a chronic ailment, or putting up with a particularly irritating family member or work colleague: 'It/he/she is the cross I have to bear.'

No, our Lord was referring to the terrible reality which could be inflicted on his followers, as even happens today: the beheadings by ISIL in Iraq, the rape and enslavement of women in Nigeria, the displacement from homelands in Syria. The True Cross is not to be found in splinters of wood but in the various means by which suffering is inflicted on those whose allegiance to Jesus Christ does not waiver.

Peter could not, would not, grasp this. His head was full of political fantasy, easy sovereignty. Jesus rebuked Peter quite savagely: 'Satan, get behind me.' Only after the resurrection, believing that our Lord had conquered the worst that death could do, did Peter follow Jesus to crucifixion, upside down at the base of the Vatican Hill. We could take a moment to pray for and, where possible, give appropriate political support to, our fellow Christians wherever they are persecuted, forced to bear the true cross of suffering. May God give those Christian martyrs victory in the embrace of the resurrection power of Jesus Christ.

[mtate@bigpond.com](mailto:mtate@bigpond.com)**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL NOMINATIONS**

Thank you to all those who nominated for a position on the Parish Pastoral Council.

We had an overwhelming response which shows how many parishioners want to care for and nurture the growth of our parish. Nominees will be contacted in the coming weeks to advise the next steps moving forward.

**St. Brigid's Church 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary PAVER & St. Colmcille Installation**Paver order period: Now OPEN – Closes Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you to those who have already placed their order.

***If you choose to pay online by direct debit, please ensure you still put a completed order form in a sealed envelope marked with your surname & Paver order on the front and place in the TG collection at Mass or leave at the school office. Please mark on the order form that you have paid by direct debit and the date money was transferred.***

We currently have a number of deposits in the account with no Order Form received; please contact the parish office if one of them may be yours. Thank you.



# Rosters & Events



Ministers for next weekend's Masses

25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B

21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2024

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| <b>6:00pm Mass</b> <b>St. Brigid's</b><br><b>Reader:</b> N. Spiers<br><b>Eucharist:</b> L. Scott             | <b>8:00am Mass</b> <b>St. Ambrose's</b><br><b>Welcomer:</b> J. White<br><b>Reader:</b> P. Sammut | <b>Flowers:</b><br><br>T. Armstrong<br><br> |
| <b>9:30am Mass</b> <b>St. Patrick's</b><br><b>Reader:</b> B. O'Callaghan<br><b>Eucharist:</b> J. O'Callaghan | <b>11:00am Mass</b> <b>St. Brigid's</b><br><b>Reader:</b> K. Page<br><b>Eucharist:</b> D. Egan   |                                                                                                                                |

## ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD – Saturday 21 September 2024 - 10.00am–11.30am

Venue - St Patrick's Cathedral, 1 Cathedral Place, East Melbourne

Rev Jean-Sébastien Géry will be ordained to the priesthood.

Please, pray for him as he embarks on his priestly ministry in the service of God's people in the Archdiocese.

15 September 2024  Catholic Social Services Victoria

### Social Services Sunday

**What does the Lord require of you?**  
 To **act justly** and to **love mercy** and  
 to walk humbly with your God  
 - Micah 6:8




Watch the video

## Social Services Sunday - 15 September 2024

### A day to reflect on mercy, justice and charity

Sunday 15 September 2024 marks Social Services Sunday within the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne. On this day we give thanks for the dedicated work of the thousands of staff and volunteers who stand with and serve the poor, disadvantaged and marginalised. We acknowledge with gratitude all of Catholic Social Services Victoria's 40 member organisations, their 7,000+ staff and 15,000+ volunteers and the important work that they do to serve over 300,000 people.

At this challenging time of a cost of living and housing affordability crisis, the Gospel message of love, care and welcome is needed more than ever. We can all play a role in building a more just and compassionate society.

## 2024 COMBINED CATHOLIC PARISHES RAFFLE

All tickets sales support our parish and have a chance of winning one (or more) of 7 great prizes, 1<sup>st</sup> 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

### 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 \$642  
Thanksgiving \$1037

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:** Today, we ask Jesus followers: “Who do you say I am?” We believe he is the Christ who saved us through suffering and death, leading us to a new life in his resurrection. Let us support one another in this faith.

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Isaiah 50:5-9

The Prophet describes the situation of a mysterious figure who is subjected to insult and injury and yet does not lose sight of God in whom he trusts.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** James 2:14-18

Continuing his instruction from last week, St James tells us that faith alone, as an attitude of the heart, is not enough; it must be seen in good deeds to be real.

**Gospel:** Mark 8:27-35

The time has come for Jesus to ask the disciples what they think of him. When they have some faith, Jesus goes on to instruct them about the way he will do his job-through suffering.

**Prayer of Intercession:** Today we pray together, especially for these children of our Christian community, who will receive the risen Lord, the bread of life, for the first time.

1. We pray for our Church leaders, especially Francis, our Pope, Peter, our Archbishop and Fr. Vincent. Give them the wisdom they need to guide us to a stronger awareness of you.

**(pause)** We pray to the Lord.

**Lord hear our prayer.**

2. We pray for the leaders of our nations, that they will have the wisdom and courage to guide their people in their daily lives.

**(pause)** We pray to the Lord.

**Lord hear our prayer.**

3. We pray for people in countries that are experiencing difficult times. May they be blessed with your love and wisdom, so that they can soon find peace.

**(pause)** We pray to the Lord.

**Lord hear our prayer.**

4. We pray for the First Communicants and for all those sharing in the Eucharist today. May they grow in love for you Father and for each other.

**(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, especially Terrence Ryan and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May the death of Christ on the Cross lead them to the glory of his resurrection.

**(pause)** We pray to the Lord.

**Lord hear our prayer.**

**Please join in the Parish Prayer.**

**Celebrant:** Father, we ask you to hear the prayers we offer you today.

Please send your son, Jesus, to these children in a special way, to help them grow in the spirit of your love.

We make our prayers through Jesus Christ, your Son. Amen

**Next Weeks Readings:** Wisdom 2:12, 17-20; James 3:16 – 4:3; Mark 9:30-37

**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

Isaiah 50:5-9

**A reading from the prophet Isaiah.**

*I gave my body to those who struck me.*

The Lord has opened my ear.

For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle.

The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed. My vindicator is here at hand. Does anyone start proceedings against me? Then let us go to court together. Who thinks he has a case against me? Let him approach me. The Lord is coming to my help, who dare condemn me?

**The word of the Lord.**

## Responsorial Psalm

**Psalm 114:1-6. 8-9. R. v.9**

(R.) *I will walk in the presence of the Lord,  
in the land of the living.*

1. I love the Lord for he has heard  
the cry of my appeal;  
for he turned his ear to me  
in the day when I called him. (R.)
2. They surrounded me, the snares of death,  
with anguish of the tomb;  
they caught me, sorrow and distress.  
I called on the Lord's name.  
O Lord my God, deliver me! (R.)
3. How gracious is the Lord, and just;  
our God has compassion.  
The Lord protects the simple hearts;  
I was helpless so he saved me! (R.)
4. He has kept my soul from death,  
my eyes from tears  
and my feet from stumbling.  
I will walk in the presence of the Lord  
in the land of the living. (R.)

## Second Reading

James 2:14-18

**A reading from the letter of St. James.**

*Faith without good works is dead.*

Take the case, my brothers, of someone who has never done a single good act but claims that he has faith. Will that faith save him? If one of the brothers or one of the sisters is in need of clothes and has not enough food to live on, and one of you says to them, 'I wish you well; keep yourself warm and eat plenty,' without giving them these bare necessities of life, then what good is that? Faith is like that: if good works do not go with it, it is quite dead.

This is the way to talk to people of that kind: 'You say you have faith and I have good deeds; I will prove to you that I have faith by showing you my good deeds – now you prove to me that you have faith without any good deeds to show.'

**The word of the Lord.**

## Gospel Acclamation Galatians 6:14

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

My only glory is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, which crucifies the world to me and me to the world.

*Alleluia!*

## Gospel

Mark 8:27-35

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.**

*You are the Christ ... the Son of Man was destined to suffer much.*

Jesus and his disciples left for the villages round Caesarea Philippi. On the way he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say I am?' And they told him. 'John the Baptist,' they said, 'others Elijah; others again, one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he asked, 'who do you say I am?' Peter spoke up and said to him, 'You are the Christ.' And he gave them strict orders not to tell anyone about him.

And he began to teach them that the Son of Man was destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and to be put to death, and after three days to rise again; and he said all this quite openly. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. But, turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said to him, 'Get behind me, Satan! Because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

He called the people and his disciples to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.'

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

