



Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

18th 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 **Victor Gauci**.

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

17/08/24 Saturday 6pm Mass – Gisborne
18/08/24 8am & 9:30am Normal Sunday Masses
18/08/24 11am Mass – St. Brigid's Community
Building Mass – Junior Students
20/08/24 5pm – Weekday Mass – Gisborne
21/08/24 9:15am – Weekday Mass – Gisborne
22/08/24 **No Weekday Mass**
22/08/24 Holy Cross Mass
23/08/24 9:15am – Weekday Mass – Gisborne
23/08/24 Warrina Communion visits
24/08/24 Saturday 6pm Mass – Gisborne
25/08/24 Normal Sunday Masses
25/08/24 12noon – Baptism's – Gisborne

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**

When I was a boy (is it so long ago?) it was still the rule at Mass that only the priest drank from the chalice. One of the great actions of the Church over the last fifty years has been the recovery of the ancient practice of offering Holy Communion under the appearance of both bread and wine.

The reception of both the consecrated bread and the consecrated wine is in perfect harmony with today's Gospel: 'Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood has eternal life.' Note the present tense: 'has' – right now! This is because, as St John Paul II put it: 'We digest, as it were, the secret of the Resurrection.'

Of course, Our Risen Lord is really present under the appearance of either the bread or the wine. For a Jew, (unlike the Greeks) the body was absolutely core to being the person one is. For a Jew, blood was identified as the life-force of any animal. So, for the Jewish Jesus, to say 'This is my body... this is my blood' was to gift us his core identity, his deepest vitality. Either the consecrated bread or consecrated wine gives us His whole life.

But to receive both the Heavenly Bread and the Spiritual Drink does enable us to more fully respond to Our Lord at the Last Supper: 'Take, eat ... take, drink'. Then the words of today's Gospel can more physically resonate in our own bodies: 'He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I in him.'

We could take a moment to pray in thanksgiving that we are able to join in the tradition starting with the Apostles at the Last Supper and, in doing so, to enter into Holy Communion with the only One who can embody in us the secret of His resurrection.

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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

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B

24th & 25th August, 2024

6:00pm Mass St. Brigid's Reader: B. Floreani Eucharist: N. Spiers	8:00am Mass St. Ambrose's Welcomer: J. White Reader: M. Henry	Flowers: T. Armstrong 
9:30am Mass St. Patrick's Reader: B. O'Callaghan Eucharist: K. Petherbridge	11:00am Mass St. Brigid's Reader: C. Fry Eucharist: V. Firman	

2024 ARCHBISHOP'S CAMPAIGN

The 2024 Archbishop's Campaign is now underway, and we ask everyone to consider a pledge to support the vital ministries of our Archdiocese. These ministries are outlined in the Campaign brochure which you will find in church.

Gifts of \$2 or more are tax-deductible. Tax-deductible donations go to the Archbishop's Charitable Fund which supports the Corpus Christi College Building Fund, the Priests Retirement Foundation, John Pierce Centre, Melbourne

Overseas Mission, University of Divinity Building Fund as well as Catholic community agencies and service organisations through annual grants. Non-tax-deductible donations go to the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne Religious Projects Fund and support seminarian formation and evangelisation ministries. Please review the campaign material and prayerfully consider pledging a recurring monthly gift to help us continue to strengthen the Christian faith and address the needs of God's people.

Tear-off pledge cards are attached to the campaign envelopes in the church. You can also make a gift online at melbournecatholic.org/archbishopscampaign or via the QR codes on the campaign materials. I invite you to give generously to this important campaign.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL GUIDELINES

A summary of the PPC Guidelines are available in church or by email. Please contact the Secretary if you would like a copy.

ST. BRIGID'S GROTTO

Thank you to Bernie Stanchinotti for tidying up around the grotto at the Gisborne Church.

We are still looking for someone to keep an eye on the grotto on a more regular basis. 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 \$563
Thanksgiving \$1133

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: As we continue with the Eucharist Discourse from Ch.6 of John's Gospel, we are reminded that Jesus himself draws life from the Father. So too do we draw life from him in the Eucharist that we share.

1st Reading: Proverbs 9:1-6

In this reading Wisdom is described as a person able to teach us about God and walk in God's ways. The image of eating the bread and wine prepared is what we do in the Eucharist.

2nd Reading: Ephesians 5:15-20

In this reading St. Paul reminds us that the sort of lives we lead, like intelligent not senseless people, should lead us to redemption.

Gospel: John 6:51-58

We hear how the Jews started to grumble about the teaching of Jesus in his offer of giving his flesh for the life of the world. Jesus responds in even more specific and stronger words.

Prayer of Intercession: Filled with the Spirit, we give thanks always and for everything, trusting that God looks with favour upon all those who are in distress.

1. We pray for our Pope and bishops. May they continue to call the Church to celebrate this "holy exchange of gifts, so that we may receive the gift of God's life as we offer the Eucharistic sacrifice in Christ".

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

2. We pray for the Church everywhere. May we always celebrate Eucharist, giving thanks to God in the name of the Lord Jesus.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

3. We pray for all those who share the cross of Christ in their suffering. May this sacrament which makes them one with Christ lead them to share his eternal life in heaven.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

4. We pray for the vital ministries of our Archdiocese of Melbourne. May they continue to flourish and thrive. May the 2024 Archbishop's Campaign enjoy the generous support of the faithful. We pray for all seminarians and all retired priests; may they be filled with the light of your love, continuing to faithfully do your work and serve your people right across our Archdiocese.

(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 **Victor Gauci**. As they became more like Christ on earth, may they now share his glory for ever.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

Please join in the Parish Prayer.

Celebrant: Father you sent your Son into the world to draw all people to yourself. Hear the prayers we make through Christ our Lord.

Next weeks readings: Joshua 24:1-2,15-18; Ephesians 5:21-32; John 6:63,68

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

Proverbs 9:1-6

A reading from the book of Proverbs.

Come and eat my bread; drink the wine I have prepared.

Wisdom has built herself a house,
she has erected her seven pillars,
she has slaughtered her beasts, prepared her wine,
she has laid her table.

She has despatched her maidservants
and proclaimed from the city's heights:
'Who is ignorant? Let him step this way.'

To the fool she says,
'Come and eat my bread,
drink the wine I have prepared!
Leave your folly and you will live,
walk in the ways of perception.'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 33:2-9. 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. Revere the Lord, you his saints.
They lack nothing, those who revere him.
Strong lions suffer want and go hungry
but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing. (R.)
3. Come children, and hear me
that I may teach you the fear of the Lord.
Who is he who longs for life
and many days, to enjoy his prosperity? (R.)
4. Then keep your tongue from evil
and your lips from speaking deceit.
Turn aside from evil and do good;
seek and strive after peace. (R.)

Second Reading

Ephesians 5:15-20

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

Be watchful that you may know the will of God.

Be very careful about the sort of lives you lead, like intelligent and not like senseless people. This may be a wicked age, but your lives should redeem it. And do not be thoughtless but recognise what is the will of the Lord. Do not drug yourselves with wine, this is simply dissipation; be filled with the Spirit. Sing the words and tunes of the psalms and hymns when you are together, and go on singing and chanting to the Lord in your hearts, so that always and everywhere you are giving thanks to God who is our Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

John 6:56

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who eat my flesh and drink my blood
live in me and I in them, says the Lord.

Alleluia!

Gospel John 6:51-58

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

My flesh is real food and my blood is real drink.

Jesus said to the crowd: 'I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world.' Then the Jews started arguing with one another: 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' they said. Jesus replied: 'I tell you most solemnly, if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you will not have life in you. Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood has eternal life, and I shall raise him up on the last day. For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I live in him. As I, who am sent by the living Father, myself draw life from the Father, so whoever eats me will draw life from me. This is the bread come down from heaven; not like the bread our ancestors ate: they are dead, but anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.'

The Gospel of the Lord.



Wordsearch

Try to find these words:

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blood	day	forever
bread	drink	last
certain	everyone	true

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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