



Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Yr C

2nd 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

**Joan Robertson, Joanne Clifford, Maxine O'Connell
& Anthony Hede.**

May they rest in peace

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

- 01/03/25 Saturday 6pm Mass – Gisborne
- 02/03/25 Normal Sunday Masses
- 04/03/25 5pm – Weekday Mass – Gisborne
- 04/03/25 7pm – 150 Working Party Mtg - Gisborne
- 05/03/25 9:15am – St. Brigid's School - Ash
Wednesday Mass
- 05/03/25 7pm – Ash Wednesday Mass - Gisborne
- 06/03/25 **NO Weekday Mass**
- 07/03/25 9:15am – Weekday Mass - Gisborne
- 07/03/25 10:30am – World Day of Prayer
- 08/03/25 Saturday 6pm Mass – Gisborne
- 09/03/25 Normal Sunday Masses

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2025

Focus country: the Cook Islands

On behalf of the Ecumenical churches in Gisborne

St. Brigid's Catholic Church

will host WDOP this year.

Friday, March 7th, 2025 - 10:30am

All welcome

**REFLECTION by Fr. Michael Tate**

A Greek word for an actor is *hypokrites*, and Jesus often uses it in a disparaging way. How often have we heard the sad, sometimes angry, remark by someone let down by a person they trusted: 'It was all a big act'.

Eventually, the true character of the dishonest or manipulative person is revealed. All the acting in the world will not forever suppress what is bound to overflow from the heart.

This takes us to the Sermon on the Mount where Jesus pronounces a blessing on 'the pure in heart, for they will see God'. This does not describe those who are ritually or sexually pure, but those who, at the core of their being, are not actors. There is no duplicity or camouflage, no lie or deception clouding the heart. Because of this, Jesus says they are well prepared to see God because they do not have the great plank of acting in their eye.

Of course, we already see God in the person of Jesus of Nazareth, so that we can pray with the clear-sighted Richard, Bishop of Chichester in 1253: 'O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother, may I know thee more clearly, love thee more dearly and follow thee more nearly, day by day.'

We could pause for a moment and resolve to make that prayer with a pure heart. Then, when we grace-fully share Christ's resurrection life in Heavenly Glory, in the embrace of Divine Love we shall truly see the Triune God face-to-face!

mtate@bigpond.com**150th Anniversary Celebration**

Photographs wanted

Along with the professional footage shot on the day, there were a lot of cameras and phones being used to capture the celebrations.

If you would like your photographs to be included in the historical file for the 150th Anniversary event, please forward them to gisborne@cam.org.au

Livestreaming

If you weren't able to attend or watch online live you can still access the footage via the link below:

<https://www.westwardfilms.com.au/st-brigids-anniversary>



Rosters & Events



Ministers for next weekend's Masses

1st Sunday of Lent – Year C

8th & 9th March, 2025

6:00pm Mass St. Brigid's Reader: B. Floreani Eucharist: N. Spiers	8:00am Mass St. Ambrose's Welcomer: J. White Reader: P. Sammut	Flowers: No flowers during Lent Greenery only please 
9:30am Mass St. Patrick's Reader: B. O'Callaghan Eucharist: K. Petherbridge	11:00am Mass St. Brigid's Reader: K. Page Eucharist: T. Armstrong	

'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.

A PRAYER FOR POPE FRANCIS

by Father James Martin

Loving God,
We ask you to look with favor on your servant Francis, who has served you as a Jesuit, a priest, an archbishop, a cardinal and now as a pope.

Most of all, he has served you as a faithful Christian, sharing the love, mercy and compassion that you Son showed to all he encountered, especially those who were poor or struggling.

As Francis faces this new illness, help the doctors and nurses who care for him, help him to bear any pain with grace, and help him to heal quickly.

We ask this in your Holy Name.
Amen.



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 \$473
Thanksgiving \$922

Thank you for your ongoing support through the Thanksgiving Program.

Introduction: In today's Gospel, Jesus teaches us that we must address our own faults before correcting others. We pray that we follow Jesus' instructions in our day to day lives.

Reading: **Ecclesiasticus 27:4-7**

The test of a man is in his conversation.

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:54-58

Thanks be to God who has given us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel: Luke 6:39-45

Can the blind lead the blind? Each tree is known by its yield.

Prayer of Intercession: To God the Father almighty, dear brothers and sisters, may every prayer of our heart be directed, for his will it is that all humanity should be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth.

1. We pray for the holy Church of God, that the Lord may graciously watch over her and care for her.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

2. We pray for the peoples of all the world, that the Lord may graciously preserve harmony among them.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

3. We Pray for all who are oppressed by any kind of need, that the Lord may graciously grant them relief. We pray also in particular for those who are victims of other's vile deeds, we ask you for grace and healing.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

4. We pray for the children at St Brigid's Primary School, Holy Cross Primary School and the wider parish community who have begun their preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. As they begin this journey may they come to know the unconditional love of Jesus.

(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 **Joan Robertson, Joanne Clifford, Maxine O'Connell & Anthony Hede**. May their faith in the resurrection of Jesus give them acceptance and security that their peace will be with and through the Lord.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

Please join in the Parish Prayer.

Celebrant: O God, our refuge and our strength, hear the prayers of your Church, for you yourself are the source of all devotion, and grant, we pray, that what we ask in faith we may truly obtain.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen

Next weeks readings: Deuteronomy 26:4-10, Romans 10:8-13, Luke 4:1-13

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 Ecclesiasticus 27:4-7

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus.

Do not praise someone before they have spoken.

In a shaken sieve the rubbish is left behind,
so too the defects of a man appear in his talk.
The kiln tests the work of the potter,
the test of a man is in his conversation.
The orchard where the tree grows is judged on the quality
of its fruit,
similarly a man's words betray what he feels.
Do not praise a man before he has spoken,
since this is the test of men.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 91:2-3. 13-16. R. See v.2

(R.) *Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.*

1. It is good to give thanks to the Lord
to make music to your name, O Most High,
to proclaim your love in the morning
and your truth in the watches of the night. (R.)
2. The just will flourish like the palm-tree
and grow like a Lebanon cedar. (R.)
3. Planted in the house of the Lord
they will flourish in the courts of our God,
still bearing fruit when they are old,
still full of sap, still green,
to proclaim that the Lord is just.
In him, my rock, there is no wrong. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 15:54-58

A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians.

Victory has been given to us through Jesus Christ.

When this perishable nature has put on imperishability, and
when this mortal nature has put on immortality, then the
words of scripture will come true: Death is swallowed up in
victory. Death, where is your victory? Death, where is
your sting? Now the sting of death is sin, and sin gets its
power from the Law. So let us thank God for giving us the
victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Never give in then, my dear brothers, never admit defeat;
keep on working at the Lord's work always, knowing that,
in the Lord, you cannot be labouring in vain.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Philippians 2:15-16

Alleluia, alleluia!

Shine on the world like bright stars;
you are offering it the word of life.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 6:39-45

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

A person speaks from what is in his heart.

Jesus told a parable to his disciples, 'Can one blind man
guide another? Surely both will fall into a pit? The
disciple is not superior to his teacher; the fully trained
disciple will always be like his teacher. Why do you
observe the splinter in your brother's eye and never notice
the plank in your own? How can you say to your brother,
"Brother, let me take out the splinter that is in your eye,"
when you cannot see the plank in your own? Hypocrite!
Take the plank out of your own eye first, and then you will
see clearly enough to take out the splinter that is in your
brother's eye. 'There is no sound tree that produces rotten
fruit, nor again a rotten tree that produces sound fruit. For
every tree can be told by its own fruit: people do not pick
figs from thorns, nor gather grapes from brambles. A good
man draws what is good from the store of goodness in his
heart; a bad man draws what is bad from the store of
badness. For a man's words flow out of what fills his
heart.'

Wordsearch

Try to find these words:

character	eye	faithful	log
palm	speck	students	teacher
test	tree	true	words

S W R T Y S F G E D U Y P X E
D A J D I P X O H G R K F T Y
E D F T R E T K F S W A H B E
F S A L O C V A Z T I V D F D
X K I G S K R S T U D E N T S
Z G T W H C B U L H K Y W B T
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Consecration of Melbourne's newest bishops

On 1 February 2025, St Patrick's Cathedral was overflowing—with people and with a spirit of joy and hopeful anticipation—as the Archdiocese of Melbourne welcomed two new auxiliary bishops. People gathered to witness the Episcopal Consecration of the Most Rev Thinh Nguyen and Most Rev Rene Ramirez RCJ.



During the Liturgy of the Word, Mr Eric Ramirez read the first reading, from the Book of Jeremiah, in Tagalog, and Mrs Van Nguyen, Bishop Nguyen's sister, read the second reading, from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy, in Vietnamese. The Gospel reading, was from the Gospel of John (15:9–17), highlighting Jesus' call to sacrificial love and his commandment to 'love one another as I have loved you'.

The ministry of bishop 'is first and foremost a gift from God, to be fanned into a flame. It comes from the Spirit of the Lord as strength, love and self-control.'

Mrs Annie Carrett, Chancellor of the Archdiocese of Melbourne, read the letter appointing Bishop Ramirez, in which Pope Francis 'wholeheartedly endorsed' Archbishop Comensoli's request for an auxiliary bishop. 'Beloved Son,' he wrote, addressing Bishop Ramirez, 'we choose you to fill that office having in mind your human and pastoral gifts, whereby, till now, you served in the midst of God's Holy People.' The congregation responded with resounding applause.



In the top right hand corner of the photo on the right you can see an arrow pointing to Bishop Greg Bennet [Sale] accompanying the newly ordained Bishop Rene Ramirez through St Patrick's Cathedral

[If you look carefully through the pavers outside St Brigid's Church you will see one purchased by Bishop Greg Bennet who grew up in the Parish of Gisborne.]

Bishop Rene Ramirez has replaced Bishop Terry Curtain, Auxiliary Bishop of the Northern Region who officially retired on January 31st, 2025. Since taking up his new role, Bishop Rene has been very busy settling in to all the duties associated with his new position as Auxiliary Bishop of the Northern Region.



One of his more pleasurable duties is that of visiting parishes to say Mass, usually on a Sunday. St Brigid's Parish was lucky enough to have Bishop Rene visit and join with the 11:00am congregation last Sunday, February 23rd.

How lucky was this St Brigid's Primary School family to have their young son's preparation blessing for Baptism to be from Bishop Ramirez at last week's mass.