



Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Yr C

10th August, 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
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Secretary Hours Tuesday & Thursday 9:00am – 5:00pm**CONTINUING PRAYER LIST:**

Please pray for those who are in ill health:

**Eileen S, Corrine V, Anthony S,
Fran S, Helen K, George T, Diane M,
Marg P, Zoe F, Beth T &
Willow O.**

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

**Upcoming Parish Masses & Events****Sat 09/08/25 NO Reconciliation****Sat 09/08/25** Saturday 6pm Mass – Gisborne (*supply*)**Sun 10/08/25** Normal Sunday Masses**Tue 12/08/25** 5pm - Weekday Mass - Gisborne**Wed 13/08/25** 9:15am – Weekday Mass – Gisborne**Thu 14/08/25** 9:15am – Weekday Mass – Gisborne**Fri 15/08/25** 9:15am – Weekday Mass – Gisborne**Assumption of Mary – Holy day of Obligation****Sat 16/08/25** Saturday 6pm Mass – Gisborne**Sun 17/08/25** Normal Sunday Masses**Mon 18/08/25 to Fri 22/08/25 – NO Weekday Masses***Due to Fr. Vincent being away at the Clergy Conference***Sat 23/08/25** Saturday 6pm Mass – Gisborne**Sun 24/08/25** Normal Sunday Masses**All weekend Masses - Eucharist Commitment Masses****Sun 24/08/25** 12pm – Baptism's**Fr. Vincent – Annual Leave**

Mon 18/8/25 to Fri 22/8/25 clergy conference

Sat 6/9/25 to Fri 12/9/25 annual leave

Please note there will be no Weekday Masses whilst Fr.
Vincent is on annual leave or at the Clergy Conference.

Fr. Aurelio – Welcome

We welcome Fr. Aurelio Fragapane to our parish this
weekend and thank him for celebrating Mass with us on
Saturday evening.

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

Jesus lived in a remote part of the Roman Empire where the majority eked out an existence. One of the few ways in which redistribution of wealth could occur was by voluntarily giving to the poor. So Jesus instructs his followers: 'Sell your possessions and give generously to those in need.'

We live in a very different society: 'The Commonwealth of Australia.' 'Common wealth' indicates that the wealth of this nation, its people and resources, are meant to be directed to the common good.

So, we must respond to Our Lord's command in ways very different to what was possible in his day.

We have a compulsory taxation system which forces us to give up some of our possessions, some of our wealth to the common-wealth. Taxation and social justice policies help fulfil Our Lord's command to create a society more humane than anything remotely possible under the Roman Empire. And that would please Our Lord. Why?

In part because those in need are helped. But, perhaps in greater part, because it makes us larger hearted people. We have to arrive at the moment of death with a heart so capacious that it can include the billions of people we hope inhabit heavenly existence.

We might pause for a moment to pray for our hearts to be expanded by our contribution to the common-wealth of all peoples throughout the world.

mtate@bigpond.com**National Vocations Awareness Week****August 3rd to 10th, 2025**

Vocations come from families, communities and parishes. Strong families and communities are the place where vocations are first nurtured.

In this National Vocations Awareness Week, let us pray for all families in our parish, and for those preparing for marriage.

Let us also pray that our parish community may always be welcoming and encouraging of vocations to marriage, priesthood and consecrated life.



Rosters & Events



Ministers for next weekend's Masses

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C

16th & 17th August, 2025

6:00pm Mass St. Brigid's Reader: T. Wilson Eucharist: L. Wilson	8:00am Mass St. Ambrose's Welcomer: J. White Reader: A. Dewar	Flowers: M. Clifford & W. Kays 
9:30am Mass St. Patrick's Reader: M. Redman Eucharist: B. Stanchinotti	11:00am Mass St. Brigid's Reader: K. Page Eucharist: T. Armstrong	

THE ARCHBISHOPS CAMPAIGN 2025

During the month of August each Parish Community is invited to take up the annual collection for the Archbishops Campaign.

Available in all churches from this week will be envelopes and flyers that explain what agencies are supported by this campaign.

Over the next three weeks you are invited to support this campaign.

Please place your contribution in the envelope and put it in any of the collections over the next three weeks.

There is also an opportunity to make your contribution electronically.

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.

Feast Days This Week:



Friday, 15th August – The Assumption of Mary

During this week of celebrating the feast of the Assumption of Mary, we pray for each of us gathered here. May we, like Mary, recognise how God works in and through us to bring life, goodness and hope to the world.

MASS – 15/08/25 – 9:15am – Gisborne Church – ALL WELCOME

Assumption Day, celebrated on **August 15**, refers to the **Assumption of Mary**, a significant feast in the Catholic Church. It commemorates the belief that **Mary, the Mother of God, was assumed body and soul into Heaven at the end of her earthly life**. This day is marked by joy and hope for Catholics, as it reflects the destiny promised to all the faithful.

HELP WANTED – 2025 Communion Reflection Day

Following on from last years successful “bridging of the generations” St. Brigids Primary School welcomes the participation of parishioners once again to share the activities with our Year 4 students as they prepare for their First Holy Communion by attending their Reflection Day.

If you would like to lead an activity or simply participate with the “middle students” in planned activities throughout the day, we would love to have you join in. A current Working with Children Check is required.

If you have an hour to spare or half a day, we'd love your company.

Please contact Emma Barker: on 0408 339 642 to register your interest.

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 \$438
Thanksgiving \$1157

Thank you for your ongoing support through the Thanksgiving Program.

Introduction: We return to a warning that frequently occurs in the Gospels. It is the reminder for vigilance, always to be ready for when God's call comes. In this Eucharist, the Lord himself calls us to his table and offers us communion in his life given for us.

1st Reading: Wisdom 18:6-9

In this reading from the Wisdom literature we are reminded of the great event of the Exodus. At the Passover, God freed the people of Israel from the slavery of Egypt. They rejoiced in the blessings of God and sang his praise.

2nd Reading: Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19

Often the events of life cannot be understood, and call for faith in the power of God. The experience of helplessness or vulnerability is an invitation to trust in God during this pilgrimage on earth.

Gospel: Luke 12:32-48

Trusting in God's gift of the Kingdom which removes all fear, the disciple can live each moment as a response to God.

Prayer of Intercession: We have heard in the Gospel the Lord's instruction to always be watchful and ready to hear his Word. We pray now for ourselves and for all of Christ's Church to be watchful and faithful in their service of the Lord and his people.

1. We pray for Pope Francis and our leaders in faith and service. May they continue to proclaim the Gospel of Christ Jesus in season and out of season.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

2. We pray for all those who are born again in water and the Holy Spirit through their baptism. As Christians, may their love be signs to the world and may they grow in the love that God has promised.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

3. We pray that we all be prepared for the coming of the Son of man and not be taken unawares by a sudden death.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

4. We pray for all who have answered the call to consecrated and religious life that their work and prayers will be rewarded by young people joining them.

(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 and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially **Gerard Tadd**. May God welcome them into the eternal kingdom and give them the reward of their faithful service.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Please join in the parish Prayer.

Celebrant: Loving God may we pass over with your Risen Son, Jesus, so that sharing in his humanity we may be transformed to share in your divinity and be with you our God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. Amen.

Next week's readings: Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10; Hebrews 12:1-4; Luke 12:49-53

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

Wisdom 18:6-9

A reading from the book of Wisdom.

Just as you struck our enemies, you made us glorious by calling us to you.

That night had been foretold to our ancestors, so that, once they saw what kind of oaths they had put their trust in, they would joyfully take courage. This was the expectation of your people, the saving of the virtuous and the ruin of their enemies; for by the same act with which you took vengeance on our foes you made us glorious by calling us to you. The devout children of worthy men offered sacrifice in secret and this divine pact they struck with one accord: that the saints would share the same blessings and dangers alike; and forthwith they had begun to chant the hymns of the fathers.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 32:1. 12. 18-20. 22. R. v.12

(R.) Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

1. Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just; for praise is fitting for loyal hearts. They are happy, whose God is the Lord, the people he has chosen as his own. (R.)
2. The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. (R.)
3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. (R.)

Second Reading

Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19

(shorter form Heb 11:1-2, 8-12)

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

We will look for the city designed and built by God.

Only faith can guarantee the blessings that we hope for, or prove the existence of the realities that at present remain unseen. It was for faith that our ancestors were commended.

It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going. By faith he arrived, as a foreigner, in the Promised Land, and lived there as if in a strange country, with Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. They lived there in tents while he looked forward to a city founded, designed and built by God.

It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it.

of him.' Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore. All these died in faith, before receiving any of the things that had been promised, but they saw them in the far distance and welcomed them, recognising that they were only strangers and nomads on earth.

People who use such terms about themselves make it quite plain that they are in search of their real homeland. They can hardly have meant the country they came from, since they had the opportunity to go back to it; but in fact they were longing for a better homeland, their heavenly homeland. That is why God is not ashamed to be called their God, since he has founded the city for them. It was by faith that Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac. He offered to sacrifice his only son even though the promises had been made to him and he had been told: It is through Isaac that your name will be carried on. He was confident that God had the power even to raise the dead, and so, figuratively speaking, he was given back Isaac from the dead.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 24:42. 44

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful and ready:

You know not when the Son of Man is coming.

Alleluia!

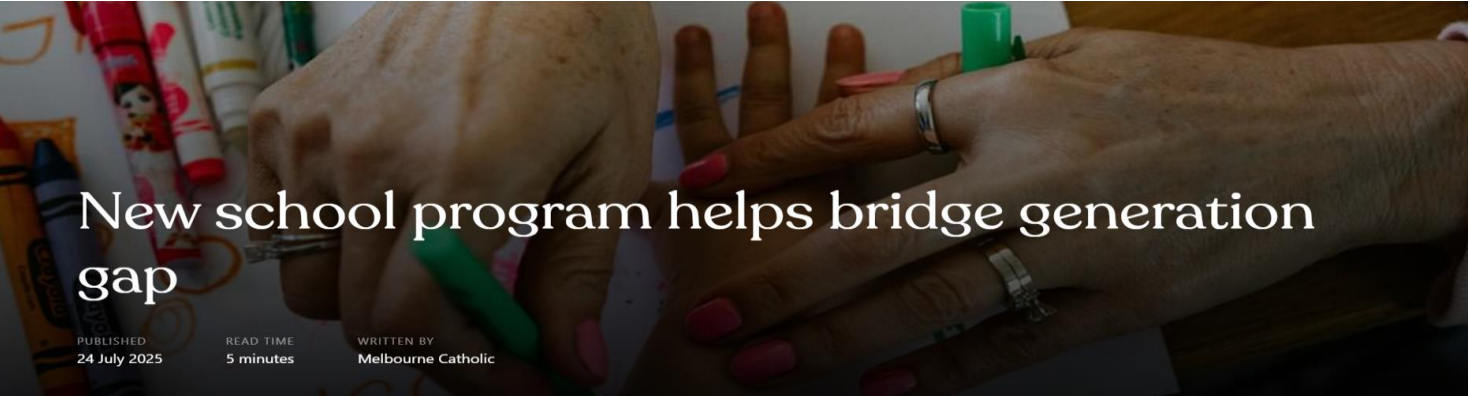
Gospel

Luke 12:32-48 (shorter form Luke 12:35-40)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

See that you are prepared.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There is no need to be afraid, little flock, for it has pleased your Father to give you the kingdom. 'Sell your possessions and give alms. Get yourselves purses that do not wear out, treasure that will not fail you, in heaven where no thief can reach it and no moth destroy it. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. 'See that you are dressed for action and have your lamps lit. Be like men waiting for their master to return from the wedding feast, ready to open the door as soon as he comes and knocks. Happy those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. I tell you solemnly, he will put on an apron, sit them down at table and wait on them. It may be in the second watch he comes, or in the third, but happy those servants if he finds them ready. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what hour the burglar would come, he would not have let anyone break through the wall of his house. You too must stand ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.' Peter said, 'Lord, do you mean this parable for us, or for everyone?' The Lord replied, 'What sort of steward, then, is faithful and wise enough for the master to place him over his household to give them their allowance of food at the proper time? Happy that servant if his master's arrival finds him at this employment. I tell you truly, he will place him over everything he owns. But as for the servant who says to himself, "My master is taking his time coming", and sets about beating the menservants and the maids, and eating and drinking and getting drunk, his master will come on a day he does not expect and at an hour he does not know. The master will cut him off and send him to the same fate as the unfaithful. 'The servant who knows what his master wants, but has not even started to carry out those wishes, will receive very many strokes of the lash. The one who did not know, but deserves to be beaten for what he has done, will receive fewer strokes. When a man has had a great deal given him, a great deal will be demanded of him; when a man has had a great deal given him on trust, even more will be expected

A close-up photograph of several hands of different ages and skin tones holding a green marker, ready to draw on a white surface. The hands are positioned in the foreground, with the marker held between them. The background is slightly blurred, showing more hands and what appears to be a drawing activity.

New school program helps bridge generation gap

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A new program called Generations of Value has been introduced in Catholic primary schools across Australia at the start of term 3. The program aims to help children appreciate the unique contributions of people at all stages of life, showing them how society is stronger and more vibrant with generations working together.

The program was developed by Mercy Health Foundation, Australian Catholic University (ACU), Catholic Development Fund and Catholic Health Australia. One of the main instigators, the foundation's partnerships manager, Mark Trayling, says the thinking behind the program stemmed from a comment by his grandfather, a naval man, that when people lose their last parent, they become a ship without a rudder.

'I appreciated the sentiment because it underscored how much we rely on previous generations for guidance,' Mr Trayling says.

'But upon reflection, I'd modify that image: while growing up, it's helpful to have two hands on the tiller and someone pointing to the North Star—so that later in life, we'll know how to steer on our own. Generations of Value is a reflection of this sentiment.'

Older people now are healthier, more educated and more involved than they ever have been.

ACU Professor of Healthy Ageing Laurie Buys is another of the program's creators and explains that one of its goals is reshaping the narrative around ageing. 'A stereotypical way of looking at ageing is that ageing is a "deficit"—that when you grow older, you "decline", physically and cognitively,' she says.

'And that's a very traditional and old-world way of looking at ageing. In fact, older people now are healthier, more educated and more involved than they ever have been in the community. [Babies born now] are likely to have a hundred-year life, so we need to really challenge that view that you're old at 65.'



Intergenerational activities may include gardening. (Photo via Shutterstock)

Generations of Value consists of eight sessions, each focusing on a Bible verse and activities that encourage reflection on the different roles and generations within a family.

Grandparents give a lot to their grandchildren, but they also get a lot.

'The Bible encourages mentorship and the sharing of wisdom, enabling older generations to guide and support the young,' says Mr Trayling. 'More than that, it honours both giving and receiving in relationships.'

'We don't need to reinvent the wheel in our teachings. Christianity already offers rich, time-tested lessons.'

At the start of the program, children create a 'Relationship Constellation Map' to visualise their connections with friends and family. This unit revolves around a verse from the Psalms:

One generation commends your works to another; they tell of your mighty acts. (Psalm 145:4)

Children note the number of generations within their family group and discuss something they've learnt from an older member, whether parent or grandparent or, if they're lucky, a great grandparent. For homework, they ask an older person to tell them a story about when they were young. Later sessions revolve around outings and games with their older relatives.

'A lot of the activities are designed so that the kids go out and interact with their grandparents and other older members of the community,' Professor Buys explains. 'It's encouraging those really healthy and engaging conversations and reciprocal relationships—you give and you take and you create that bond.'

'Grandparents give a lot to their grandchildren, but they also get a lot from their grandchildren. [Building positive relationships] becomes a foundation of trust, a foundation of love and having someone who's got your back, for both generations.'



Grandfather and grandson bond over video games. (Photo via Shutterstock.)

One key theme is questioning misconceptions about ageing. In a session about challenging stereotypes of ageing by contrasting myths with reality, students contemplate the meaning behind a passage in the Book of Samuel:

The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart. (1 Samuel 16:7)

The curriculum creators say the passage directly counters that 'deficit mindset' about ageing—that it is about being diminished as a human, rather than just another phase of life.

Prof Buys says if this generation of children will be living hundred-year lives, that myth needs to be cast aside. 'Everyone needs meaning and purpose in their life. We really want to bring to the conversation with young people that meaning and purpose is vital to having a good life.'

She believes it is important to create that mindset from an early age, and that has to happen through intergenerational partnerships and relationships. 'You've got to be part of the community and be active and engaged basically your whole life. You could be well and truly living into your 100s, so it's important to have something that gets you out of bed and get up in the morning.' It really is around living your best life.

The program draws inspiration from [the New Map of Life](#), developed in Stanford University's Centre for Longevity, which reimagines ageing as a time of opportunity. 'Our life is no longer linear,' Prof Buys says, referring to the 'traditional' path of birth, school, work, marriage, death. 'That sort of trajectory no longer occurs in that there's a lot of different transitions and pathways.'

'[Stanford researchers] say that learning doesn't just occur in school and at uni, that it occurs throughout your life. The *New Map of Life* talks about the different ways we're going to work, the different opportunities that will become available.'

'What I like about the *New Map of Life* is it doesn't pit the generations against each other. It encourages everyone to work together. So it's a really nice way of demonstrating that we all need each other.'

The program's final session celebrates community, with children sharing their completed maps and envisioning ways to create spaces where people of all ages feel welcome. The intention, Prof Buys says, is to change the narrative around the opportunities that come with longevity.

'And it's exciting. It really is about living your best life up until the very, very end of it.'