



Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

29th 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**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,
Helen K, Shane R, George T, Gerard H,
Henslee C & Doris S.**

We pray for the recently deceased, especially **Mike Phillips**
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**

28/09/24 Saturday 6pm Mass – Gisborne
29/09/24 Normal Sunday Masses
October No weekday Masses during October
02/10/24 7:30pm – Baptism Information evening
05/10/24 Saturday 6pm Mass – Gisborne
06/10/24 Normal Sunday Masses
12/10/24 Saturday 6pm Mass – Gisborne
13/10/24 Normal Sunday Masses
17/10/24 7pm – PPC meeting – parish office
19/10/24 Saturday 6pm Mass – Gisborne
20/10/24 Normal Sunday Masses

FR. VINCENT – ANNUAL LEAVE

Fr. Vincent will be on annual leave during October.
There will be no Weekday Masses during this time.
Weekend Masses will continue as normal.

MASS SUPPLY FOR OCTOBER

October 5 & 6	Fr. Arnold Heredia
October 12 & 13	Fr. John Healy
October 19 & 20	Fr. Arnold Heredia
October 26 & 27	Fr. Arnold Heredia

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

An easy way to deal with this Gospel: 'anyone who is not against us is for us,' would be to emphasise the transformation of the relationship of Catholics with Protestants. Too easy.

But what about our relationship with the Muslims? There is a huge gulf between Muslims and us about Jesus Christ. Muslims do not even believe that he was killed on the cross, let alone raised to life. We hold to the testimony and the faith of the Apostles.

But Catholics also believe that the Divine Wind blows where it pleases amongst all people of all religious traditions (and of none). In the early Church this was expressed by saying that the Seeds of the Word were sown by the Holy Spirit in the hearts of all human beings.

We need to recognise the Seed of the Word in Islam– our shared belief in the one God, Creator of the cosmos, Lord of history, merciful and just. The task of the Church is to bring that Seed closer to the illumination of Divine Light so that it may eventually grow in belief that God is indeed One in the loving relationship of Triune life.

The world is holding its breath over the encounter of the Catholic Church and Islam. There is a history of mutual violence and contemporary barbarities which are inhumane and blasphemous. But, in the face of indifference and hostility to religion, at least in the West, it is good to acknowledge what we share in common.

We may take a moment to pray for the grace to relate to those Muslims whom we know in our own society in light of our faith that the Divine Wind has sown and is nurturing the Seed of the Word amongst them.

mtate@bigpond.com**St. Brigid's Church 150th Anniversary PAVER & St. Colmcille Installation**

Paver order period: **Closes Sunday, September 29th.** (I will be in the office Tuesday for any last minute orders!)

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

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B

5th & 6th October 2024

6:00pm Mass St. Brigid's Reader: L. Jackanic Eucharist: N. Spiers	8:00am Mass St. Ambrose's Welcomer: J. White Reader: A. Dewar	Flowers: J. Shumack 
9:30am Mass St. Patrick's Reader: E. Kilgariff Eucharist: R. Fisher	11:00am Mass St. Brigid's Reader: C. Fry Eucharist: <i>Vol. required</i>	

MASS for ALL NATIONS': MIGRANT and REFUGEES MASS

St. Patrick's Cathedral
1 Cathedral Place,
East Melbourne
Sunday 29 September, 2024
2pm to 4pm

Celebrate the 110th World Day of
Migrants and Refugees with
migrant communities from all over
Melbourne at the annual Mass for
All Nations.

2pm: Procession and Rosary in
various languages

3pm: Mass celebrated by
Archbishop Peter
Comensoli and migrant
chaplains of the
Archdiocese

All most welcome!

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.

Tuesday 1st October: Saint Thérèse of Lisieux



"I prefer the monotony of obscure sacrifice to all ecstasies. To pick up a pin for love can convert a soul." These are the words of Thérèse of Lisieux, a Carmelite nun called the "Little Flower," who lived a cloistered life of obscurity in the convent of Lisieux, France. And her preference for hidden sacrifice did indeed convert souls. Few saints of God are more popular than this young nun. Her autobiography, *The Story of a Soul*, is read and loved throughout the world. Thérèse Martin entered the convent at the age of 15 and died in 1897 at the age of 24. Life in a Carmelite convent is indeed uneventful and consists mainly of prayer and hard domestic work. But Thérèse possessed that holy insight that redeems the time, however dull that time may be. She saw in quiet suffering a redemptive suffering, suffering that was indeed her apostolate. Thérèse said she came to the Carmel convent "to save souls and pray for priests." And shortly before she died, she wrote: "I want to spend my heaven doing good on earth." Thérèse was canonized in 1925.

2024 COMBINED CATHOLIC PARISHES RAFFLE

All tickets sales support our parish and have a chance of winning one
(or more) of 7 great prizes,

1st 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

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 \$420
Thanksgiving \$1507

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 time.

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

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

OPEN HOUSE

Meet after 11am
Sunday Mass at the
Kaffeine Bar for a
coffee and chat.
Everyone Welcome!

SCRIPTURE STUDIES

For all enquiries
please contact
Bernie 0414 890 377

Introduction: We begin a series of readings from St. Mark's Gospel, which highlight the cost of discipleship and what are the obstacles to living in Gospel faith.

1st Reading: Numbers 11:25-29

In this early reading from the Book of Numbers we find that there is jealousy amongst the leaders in the community. The passage is a direct parallel with the same problems we encounter amongst the disciples of Jesus.

2nd Reading: James 5:1-6

We hear another practical example from St. James as he chastises all those who cheat and exploit the poor or weak.

Gospel: Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

The disciples highlight one of the difficulties in following their Master: they want to protect their own territory. Jesus challenges them whether their attitudes of exclusion are more of a problem.

Prayers of Intercession: God calls us to show concern for the whole person as we proclaim the Gospel to the world. Let our prayers today be a sign of our dedication and commitment to all who thirst for hope.

1. We pray for the Pope and Bishops. May the balance between their words and example give witness to genuine Christian discipleship.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

2. We pray that the leaders of our nation – politicians, scientists, economists, teachers, artists and poets - use their gifts to shape us as a community steeped in justice and respect for all people.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

3. We pray for the seminarians, that as they prepare to become priests they will grow in knowledge and love of God, and of the people they will serve.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

4. We pray for our family members and parishioners who have celebrated Eucharist with us. May our common offering now be the source of eternal blessing for them.

(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 **Mike Phillips** and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they find healing and peace in the Lord.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

Please join in the Parish Prayer.

Celebrant: Gracious God, you have given us all a share in your Spirit. May that Spirit continue to inspire us in our prayers to you. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Next weeks readings: Genesis 2:18-24; Hebrews 2:9-11; Mark 10:2-16

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

Numbers 11:25-29

A reading from the book of Numbers.

Are you jealous on my account? Who decrees that all people may prophesy?

The Lord came down in the Cloud. He spoke with Moses, but took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. When the spirit came on them they prophesied, but not again.

Two men had stayed back in the camp; one was called Eldad and the other Medad. The spirit came down on them; though they had not gone to the Tent, their names were enrolled among the rest. These began to prophesy in the camp. The young man ran to tell this to Moses, 'Look', he said, 'Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.' Then said Joshua the son of Nun, who had served Moses from his youth, 'My Lord Moses, stop them!' Moses answered him, 'Are you jealous on my account? If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets, and the Lord gave his Spirit to them all!'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 18:8. 10. 12-14. R. v.9

(R.) *The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.*

1. The law of the Lord is perfect,
it revives the soul.
The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,
it gives wisdom to the simple. (R.)
2. The fear of the Lord is holy,
abiding for ever.
The decrees of the Lord are truth
and all of them just. (R.)
3. So in them your servant finds instructions;
great reward is in their keeping.
But who can detect all his errors?
From hidden faults acquit me. (R.)
4. From presumption restrain your servant
and let it not rule me.
Then shall I be blameless,
clean from grave sin. (R.)

Second Reading

James 5:1-6

A reading from the letter of St. James.

Your wealth is rotting.

An answer for the rich. Start crying, weep for the miseries that are coming to you. Your wealth is all rotting, your clothes are all eaten up by moths. All your gold and your silver are corroding away, and the same corrosion will be your own sentence, and eat into your body. It was a burning fire that you stored up as your treasure for the last days.

Labourers mowed your fields, and you cheated them – listen to the wages that you kept back, calling out; realise that the cries of the reapers have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. On earth you have had a life of comfort and luxury; in the time of slaughter you went on eating to your heart's content. It was you who condemned the innocent and killed them; they offered you no resistance.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

See Jn 17:17

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your word, O Lord, is truth:
make us holy in the truth.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

Anyone who is not against us is for us. If your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off.

John said to Jesus, 'Master, we saw a man who is not one of us casting out devils in your name; and because he was not one of us we tried to stop him.' But Jesus said, 'You must not stop him: no one who works a miracle in my name is likely to speak evil of me. Anyone who is not against us is for us.

'If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just because you belong to Christ, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.

'But anyone who is an obstacle to bring down one of these little ones who have faith, would be better thrown into the sea with a great millstone round his neck. And if your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life crippled, than to have two hands and go to hell, into the fire that cannot be put out. And if your foot should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life lame, than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. And if your eye should cause you to sin, tear it out; it is better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell where their worm does not die nor their fire go out.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

