



Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Yr C

13th July, 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
Parish Facebook Page www.facebook.com/stbrigidsparishgisborne

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.**

We pray for the recently deceased and for those who have
an anniversary at this time, especially **Mary De Lai &
Simon Khiet Tran.**

May they rest in peace.

**Upcoming Parish Masses & Events**

Sat 12/07/25 9am-10am Reconciliation – Gisborne
Sat 12/07/25 Saturday 6pm Mass – Gisborne
Sun 13/07/25 Normal Sunday Masses
Tue 15/07/25 9:15am – Weekday Mass – Gisborne
Wed 16/07/25 9:15am – Weekday Mass – Gisborne
Thu 17/07/25 9:15am – Weekday Mass – Gisborne
Fri 18/07/25 9:15am – Weekday Mass – Gisborne
Sat 19/07/25 9am-10am Reconciliation – Gisborne
Sat 19/07/25 Saturday 6pm Mass – Gisborne
Sun 20/07/25 Normal Sunday Masses

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

The lawyer asked a self-serving question: 'Who is my neighbour?' He could then set the limits, the boundaries of those close enough to merit his concern. Jesus replies with a story to show that the better question is: 'To whom should I be neighbourly?'

The answer is: To any person who is wounded in any way—physically, psychologically, socially, economically. And we have to do so overcoming the labelling, even bigotry, which can conveniently put a person outside the range of our concern. When we act like the Samaritan, we deserve the title 'Catholic' which means universal.

Pope Francis said that Christ is constantly inviting us, as he invited Thomas, to touch His wounds which are to be found in the wounded of our own time.

We could pause for a moment to thank God that we live in an age of technology which can enable us to be truly Catholic global citizens practising Mercy Without Borders. 'Do this and you will live.'

mtate@bigpond.com**Feast Day this Week****Tuesday 15th July - St Bonaventure**

Saint Bonaventure was a Franciscan friar who lived in the 13th century. He was born in Italy around 1217 and became one of the greatest leaders of the Franciscan Order. People remember him for his holiness, his teachings, and his work to guide the Franciscans during a difficult time. The Church gave him the title "Seraphic Doctor" because of his wisdom and love for God.

As a young boy, Bonaventure became very sick. His mother prayed to [Saint Francis of Assisi](#) for his healing. When he recovered, his family believed it was because of Saint Francis. This moment had a big impact on him, and later, he decided to join the Franciscans. He wrote books to help others grow in their faith. His most famous work, *The Journey of the Mind to God*, showed how people can know and love God more deeply. He died in 1274 while serving as a leader at an important Church council. He was later declared a saint and a Doctor of the Church. His teachings continue to guide Catholics today.

ST. BONAVENTURE**PRAY FOR US!**

Christian Apostles



Rosters & Events



Ministers for next weekend's Masses

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19th & 20th July, 2025

6:00pm Mass St. Brigid's Reader: J. Farrugia Eucharist: L. Wilson	8:00am Mass St. Ambrose's Welcomer: J. White Reader: A. Drummond	Flowers: M. Clifford & W. Kays 
9:30am Mass St. Patrick's Reader: K. Petherbridge Eucharist: R. Fisher	11:00am Mass St. Brigid's Reader: B. Myers Eucharist: T. Armstrong	

Stella Maris Seafarers' Centre

Stella Maris centres are part of the Catholic Church's official missionary work in its care of seafarers, and are active in numerous Archdioceses. These centres form a key outreach of the Apostleship of the Sea (AoS).

CARE

Pastoral care is a key component of the work, ensuring that the spiritual and social needs of seafarers are met.

WELFARE

Stella Maris actively engages with the maritime industry, promoting the well-being of seafarers and rendering assistance where possible.

SUPPORT

Regardless of nationality, cultural background, religious belief, gender or social standing, all seafarers are welcomed and provided help.

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.

SEA SUNDAY 2025 – 13th July.

Seafarers are among the least visible people in the world yet are among the greatest contributors to our daily life.

This Sunday, 13 July, is Sea Sunday. Stella Maris, the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church, is asking Catholics around Australia to reflect on the lives and contributions of seafarers, and the challenges they face, and to offer their support.

In 1922, Pope Pius XI approved the first constitution of Stella Maris, known as Apostleship of the Sea. It now operates in over 300 ports across the world. *Seafarers are among the least visible members of all humanity, and it is by way of their invisible effect that we can receive many of our necessities.*

'Seafarers' lives are hard, with daily challenges,' says bishop-promoter for Stella Maris Bishop Tim Norton.

'Seafarers share their stories with the volunteers who work with Stella Maris. These are stories of hard labour and long hours, and the dangers associated with storms; stories of unjust wages and poor working conditions.

'This is why Stella Maris exists: relying on the generosity of many people and maritime organisations, Stella Maris can address the issues that seafarers face.'

Stella Maris national director Fr Tony Cox SSC says while Sea Sunday is a time to appeal for financial assistance, more importantly it is 'an opportunity to become more actively conscious of the lives of seafarers and the hardships they encounter and endure.

By welcoming the stranger, regardless of race, colour, rank or creed, Stella Maris will continue to be a light in the darkness across the seas for all to see and experience.

'In a world where there is an ever-increasing level of hatred, war, individualism, selfishness and so many other expressions and actions that deny life, the Gospel of Matthew (25:35) remains the beacon of hope. By welcoming the stranger, regardless of race, colour, rank or creed, Stella Maris will continue to be a light in the darkness across the seas for all to see and experience.

'As we continue to launch into the deep, I pray that you will continue in prayer, support and thought for the advocacy that we see as very much a part of our mission. As you remember us, we will always appreciate and remember you as you journey with us.'

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 \$476
Thanksgiving \$977

Thank you for your ongoing support through the Thanksgiving Program.

Introduction: As Jesus continues his journey to Jerusalem we listen to the parable of the Good Samaritan. Do we truly live its message and show ourselves as neighbours to others? The heart of this Gospel message is how we become people of compassion.

1st Reading: Deuteronomy 30:10-14

We hear from the book of Deuteronomy which contains the law given to Moses. Today we are challenged to see that the law enjoined on us “is not beyond our strength or reach”.

2nd Reading: Colossians 1:15-20

This passage from St. Paul's letter is an early liturgical hymn proclaiming the Christian message in a Jewish style of prayer in confessing and praising God for all he has done through his Son, Jesus.

Gospel: Luke 10:25-37

We hear how Jesus handles the trick questions of a scholar of the law. He can quote it, but Jesus challenges him - and us - to make sure we understand its deeper message and its call to put it into practice.

Prayer of Intercession: We have heard the challenge of Jesus to “go, and do the same yourself”. Now we must commit ourselves in prayer to seek to live out the Gospel values, because we know that Jesus has the words of everlasting life.

1. We pray for Pope Leo and all Church leaders. May they constantly be inspired to proclaim Christ through their ministry of humble service.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

2. We pray for our Church agencies that work throughout the world. May they respond to those in need in the spirit of the Good Samaritan—may they be ever willing to challenge the ‘priests and Levites’ of our day.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

3. We pray for all who need healing and support in our community. In the spirit of the Good Samaritan, may we do everything we can to improve their lot, whatever it may cost us.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

4. On this Apostleship of the Sea Sunday, we pray for all seafaring men and women who work on the oceans. May they be protected from all dangers and return safely to their homes.

(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 *Mary De Lai*. May they be comforted by the presence of the healing power of Christ.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Please join in the parish Prayer.

Celebrant: Merciful God, your Son Jesus has helped us see our neighbour in everyone who is in need. May we fulfil the Gospel's command by loving God and our neighbour. We ask this through Christ, our Lord.. Amen.

Next week's readings: Genesis 18:1-10; Colossians 1:24-28; Luke 10:38-42

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

Deuteronomy 30:10-14

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy.

Let the instruction of the Lord God be near you.

Moses said to the people: 'Obey the voice of the Lord your God, keeping those commandments and laws of his that are written in the Book of this Law, and you shall return to the Lord your God with all your heart and soul.

'For this Law that I enjoin on you today is not beyond your strength or beyond your reach. It is not in heaven, so that you need to wonder, "Who will go up to heaven for us and bring it down to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?" Nor is it beyond the seas, so that you need to wonder, "Who will cross the seas for us and bring it back to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?" No, the Word is very near to you, it is in your mouth and in your heart for your observance.'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 68:14. 17. 30-31. 33-34. 36-37. R. see v.33

(R.) *Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.*

1. This is my prayer to you,
my prayer for your favour.
In your great love, answer me, O God,
with your help that never fails:
Lord, answer, for your love is kind;
in your compassion, turn towards me. (R.)
2. As for me in my poverty and pain
let your help, O God, lift me up.
I will praise God's name with a song;
I will glorify him with thanksgiving. (R.)
3. The poor when they see it will be glad
and God-seeking hearts will revive;
for the Lord listens to the needy
and does not spurn his servants in their chains. (R.)
4. For God will bring help to Zion
and rebuild the cities of Judah.
The sons of his servants shall inherit it;
those who love his name shall dwell there. (R.)

Second Reading

Colossians 1:15-20

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

All things were created through him and for him.

Christ Jesus is the image of the unseen God and the first-born of all creation,
for in him were created all things in heaven and on earth:
everything visible and everything invisible,
Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignities, Powers
all things were created through him and for him.
Before anything was created, he existed,
and he holds all things in unity.

Now the Church is his body, he is its head.

As he is the Beginning,
he was first to be born from the dead,
so that he should be first in every way;
because God wanted all perfection to be found in him and
all things to be reconciled through him and for him,
everything in heaven and everything on earth,
when he made peace by his death on the cross.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

See John 6:63. 68

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your words, Lord, are spirit and life;
you have the words of everlasting life.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 10:25-37

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Who is my neighbour?

There was a lawyer who, to disconcert Jesus, stood up and said to him, 'Master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' He said to him, 'What is written in the Law? What do you read there?' He replied, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbour as yourself.' 'You have answered right,' said Jesus, 'do this and life is yours.'

But the man was anxious to justify himself and said to Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?' Jesus replied, 'A man was once on his way down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of brigands; they took all he had, beat him and then made off, leaving him half dead. Now a priest happened to be travelling down the same road, but when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. In the same way a Levite who came to the place saw him, and passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan traveller who came upon him was moved with compassion when he saw him. He went up and bandaged his wounds, pouring oil and wine on them. He then lifted him on to his own mount, carried him to the inn and looked after him. Next day, he took out two denarii and handed them to the innkeeper. "Look after him," he said, "and on my way back I will make good any extra expense you have." Which of these three, do you think, proved himself a neighbour to the man who fell into the brigands' hands?' 'The one who took pity on him,' he replied. Jesus said to him, 'Go and do the same yourself.'

The Gospel of the Lord.