



Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord - Year A

2nd April, 2023

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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 <http://pol.org.au/gisborne/Home.aspx>

Secretary Hours Tuesday & Thursday 9:00am – 5:00pm

CONTINUING PRAYER LIST:

Please pray for those who are in ill health:

*Eileen Seric, Corrine Van der Merwe, Megan Brannigan,
Andrew Moore, Michael Wisniewski, Tanja Schnitzler,
Glenys O'Dea, Brian Dullard, Anthony Seric, Ryan
Fitzgerald, Jessica Cochran, Gerard Hede,
Mary-Rose Carroll, Cheryl Lapworth, Stephanina Cremasco,
Archie Power & Kylie Inserra.*

We pray for the recently deceased, 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 in the prayers.

Special Collection through Lent - Caritas - Project Compassion - 22 February – 8 April

Please return Mite boxes and Collection envelopes in the coming weeks.

PRAYER

We pray that the mystery of the death of Jesus will deepen within our hearts.

May we be ready to take up the cross in our time, especially as we support those who experience injustice throughout the world.

EASTER SERVICES

Tenebrae - Wednesday April 5th, 6:15pm, followed by
Communal Service of Forgiveness - at 7pm - St. Brigid's
First Rite of Reconciliation - Thursday April 6th & Saturday April 8th, 9am - St. Brigid's
(please arrange a suitable time with Fr. Vin
Mass of the Lord's Supper - Thursday April 6th, 7pm - St. Brigid's
Good Friday Stations of the Cross - Friday April 7th, 10am - St. Brigid's
Good Friday Passion of the Lord - Friday April 7th, 3pm - St. Brigid's
Holy Saturday Easter Vigil Mass - Saturday April 8th, 7pm - St. Brigid's
Easter Sunday Mass - Sunday April 9th, 8am - St. Ambrose
Easter Sunday Mass - Sunday April 9th, 9:30am - St. Patrick's
Easter Sunday Mass - Sunday April 9th, 11am - St. Brigid's

HELP REQUIRED FOR EASTER SERVICES

Holy Week rosters are now in church.

Could Readers already listed on the regular roster for Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday, please advise if you will be unavailable.

Please sign up to help if you will be attending any of the Easter Services.

Thank you.

SPECIAL COLLECTION – GOOD FRIDAY – HOLY PLACES – APRIL 7th

This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment, housing, parishes, and orphanages. It is also used to maintain over 70 churches and shrines, associated with the life of Jesus.

Whilst life in the Holy Land is returning to some new sense of normality (as is the rest of the world) the Church and people of the Holy Land are still struggling with reduced income due to fewer pilgrims and lower church attendance around the world. In 2022 Australian Catholics were extremely generous and we were able to send to the Holy Land \$1.4 million [compared to \$1,126,098 (2021) \$406,023 (2020) and \$1.3 million (2019)].

The reality for the Holy Land mission is that they will continue to face challenges financial and spiritual and so we again ask Catholics around the world again to be as generous as possible, with their financial support as well as the spiritual support.

Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land on Good Friday. Thank you.



Rosters & Events



Ministers for next weekend's Masses

Easter Sunday – Year A

8th & 9th April, 2023

6:00pm Mass **St. Brigid's**
Reader: L. Scott & M. McCormack
Offertory: to be chosen on the day.
Eucharist: M. McCormack

8:00am Mass **St. Ambrose's**
Welcomer: Jim White
Reader: Marie Hall
Offertory: to be chosen on the day.
Eucharist: -----

Counters:
Not currently needed.

Flowers:
K. Page & L. DeBono

9:30am Mass **St. Patrick's**
Reader: K. Petherbridge
Offertory: to be chosen on the day.
Eucharist: R. Fisher

11:00am Mass **St. Brigid's**
Reader: B. Meyers
Offertory: to be chosen on the day.
Eucharist: V. Firman



WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

"Live Your Best Life in Love"

The weekend is based around Catholic values and couples of all faiths are welcome. Enhance communication and rekindle the passion in your marriage!

April 28 to 30, 2023 in Melbourne
(Book early to avoid disappointment)

For details and application, visit:

wwme.org.au

or Phone Mercy & James 0409 183 676

Marriage refers to the Catholic understanding of the spousal relationship between a man and a woman.

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION - 2023

Correction: Thanks to Joe for providing more up to date information.

The Australian Catholic Bishops' Conference determined that, in addition to all the Sundays in the year, the only feast days to be observed in Australia as holy days of obligation are **the solemnities of the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ and the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.**

Christmas Day (December 25 – the Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ)

The Assumption (August 15 – the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary)

All Sundays of the year

Historically, we had many more Holy Days of Obligation, but the list has been significantly cut back.

As per communications from the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne, there are now many online options to attend Sunday Mass due to the implications of Covid-19 if people choose to not attend in person.

WELCOME

St. Brigid's Parish community warmly welcomes visitors and new parishioners. We invite new parishioners to introduce yourself to Fr. Vinoth, fill in a census card located in the church foyer and place in either collection or contact Tam directly at the parish office.

THANKSGIVING

Any parishioner wishing to join the Thanksgiving program is invited to contact Tam at the parish office to arrange some Thanksgiving envelopes.

Thanksgiving contributions by Direct Debit or Credit Card are also welcome.

CHALLENGING SLAVERY AT EASTER

Each Easter, millions of Australians will enjoy a chocolate egg, but few consider the dark reality of exploitation that lurks within its supply chains.

"Every person ought to have the awareness that purchasing is always a moral – and not simply an economic – act."

Pope Francis Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking in Humans (ACRATH) this year is encouraging Australians to join the campaign for Slavery Free Easter eggs and Chocolate.

To find more information on this topic and how you can help please go to website.acrath.org.au/take-action/chocolate/

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

SCRIPTURE STUDIES

Every Thursday—10am—St. Brigid's Church

Enquiries: Bernie Floreani—0414 890 377

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 11:00 am Sunday Mass
at the Kaffee Bar – 30 Aitken Street for a coffee and chat.

Everyone Welcome

Weekday Services 4th April to 7th April, 2023

See front page

Tues 5:00 pm to 5:30 pm - Mass for full Easter
Wed 9:15 am to 10:00 am - Mass schedule
Thurs 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper
Fri 3:00 pm 4:00am - Passion of the Lord

Reconciliation & Spiritual Direction:

APPOINTMENT ONLY—please call Parish Office 5428 2591 to book a time

Please see parish website for any changes—www.cam.org.au/gisborne

St Brigid's Parish Weekly Thanksgiving Sunday – 26 March, 2023

Total Amount Pledged	\$	1269
Total Amount received	\$	727 (envelopes)
Total Amount received	\$	214 (credit cards)
Total Amount received	\$	270 (direct debit)
Presbytery Collection	\$	832 (cash, c/c & d/d combined)

Thank you for your ongoing support through the Thanksgiving Program.
May the Lord bless you all.