



Third Sunday of Easter - Year A

23rd 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 S, Corrine V, Megan B, Andrew M, Michael W,
Glenys O, Anthony S, Ryan F, Jessica C,
Gerard H, Mary-Rose C, Cheryl L, Stephania C, Archie P,
Kylie I & Joe M.*

We pray for the recently deceased, and for those who have an anniversary at this time, especially *Maria Garzia, Annette Morton, Joseph Perera & Thomas Christopher Santiago.*

May they rest in peace ☩

Please email Tam if you would like an Anniversary included in the prayers.

Lent - Caritas - Project Compassion -

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

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT.

PARISH EVENTS

Wed – Apr 26th 9:15am – St. Brigid's School Mass

Wed – Apr 26th 7:00pm – School Advisory Council Meeting

Fri – Apr 28th 10:30am – Warrina Aged Care Mass

ACCOMODATION AVAILABLE

If you are female, over 55 and looking to downsize or simply share accommodation, please contact Tam at the office for more details. Opportunity available in Warrina Retirement Village.

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY 2023

Next Sunday we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday - the **World Day of Prayer for Vocations**. During this coming week, perhaps you may like to make a prayer each day for more vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. Perhaps there is a young person you may know to pray for by name this week.

THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES

Our new sets of Thanksgiving Envelopes will be arriving in the coming weeks.

If you are attending Mass and are not yet on the Thanksgiving Program, please contact Tam in the office and some envelopes can be arranged for you.

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Rosters & Events



Ministers for next weekend's Masses

4th Sunday of Easter – Year A

29th & 30th April, 2023

6:00pm Mass **St. Brigid's**
Reader: B. Floreani
Offertory: to be chosen on the day.
Eucharist: L. Wilson

8:00am Mass **St. Ambrose's**
Welcomer: J White
Reader: M. Henry
Offertory: to be chosen on the day.
Eucharist: -----

Counters:
Not currently needed.

Flowers:
K. Page & L. DeBono

9:30am Mass **St. Patrick's**
Reader: B. O'Callaghan
Offertory: to be chosen on the day.
Eucharist: D. Briffa

11:00am Mass **St. Brigid's**
Reader: C. Fry
Offertory: to be chosen on the day.
Eucharist: *Volunteer required please*



Cardinal Pell Luncheon & Lecture

Aid to the Church in Need is launching an annual
George Cardinal Pell Luncheon & Lecture

with the inaugural event to take place in Melbourne CBD on Sunday 21 May.

The keynote speaker will be Mr David Pell, brother of the late Cardinal.

For information and to register, please visit www.trybooking.com/CGUDA.

ALPHA PROGRAM STARTING IN OUR PARISH

An Alpha Program is a way of Evangelisation with several decades of successful fruits here and internationally. It can be used by a parish, led by a team of parishioners who facilitate a series of faith conversations for participants who will also share a meal.

We are planning to start an Alpha Program, to be held at St Brigid's Gisborne, on May 3rd, 2023 from 10 am to 12 pm.

If you are interested in attending please email us at gisborne@cam.org.au or call us on 03 5428 2591 for further details.

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.

19/04/23 - Fr. Robert "Bob" John Thomas Maguire has died

Father "Bob" Maguire, Priest of the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne, has died this morning, aged 88 years.

Statement from Archbishop Peter A Comensoli.

"It has been sad news to hear of the death of Fr Bob Maguire earlier today. Bob has been a faithful priest of the Catholic Church in Melbourne since his Ordination in 1960, and a fierce friend of the downhearted, the broken and the lost throughout his whole life. Without a doubt, he was the "larrikin priest", who had a great love for Jesus - who also lived with the outcast and the unloved. Recent months have been a struggle for Bob in both health and relationships. We pray that he is now at peace with his Saviour and Lord. In faith, we now entrust Bob to eternal life.

May he be welcomed to the Heavenly feast."

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

SCRIPTURE STUDIES

Every Thursday—10am—St. Brigid's Church
Enquiries: Bernie Floreani—0414 890 377

Open House - meet after 11:00 am Sunday Mass

at the Kaffeine Bar – 30 Aitken Street for a coffee and chat.
Everyone Welcome

Weekday Services 25th April to 28th April, 2023

^{10am}
Tues 5:00pm to 5:30pm - Mass at St. Brigid's
Wed 9:15am to 10:00am - Mass at St. Brigid's
Thurs 9:15am to 10:00am - Mass at St. Brigid's
Fri 9:15am to 10:00am - Mass at St. Brigid's

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 – 16 April, 2023

Total Amount Pledged	\$	1269
Total Amount received	\$	570 (envelopes)
Total Amount received	\$	210 (credit cards)
Total Amount received	\$	70 (direct debit)
Presbytery Collection	\$	671 (cash, c/c & d/d combined)

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

Introduction: As we continue our Easter celebrations we, again, come back to the experience of the resurrection in the early Church. Like the apostles on the road to Emmaus, the disciples recognised Jesus in the breaking of bread.

1st Reading: Acts 2:14, 22-33

We hear the preaching of Peter in the temple area at Pentecost. He proclaims that they are witnesses to the Risen Life of Jesus whose Spirit is present with them.

2nd Reading: 1 Peter 1:17-21

In this first letter of Peter the Apostle explains their faith in Jewish images, that the ransom paid to free them was the blood of the lamb, Jesus the Lord.

Gospel: Luke 24:13-35

In this marvellous story of the two disciples on the road to Emmaus, Jesus interpreted the Scriptures for them, and they acclaim how much their hearts were burning within them.

Prayer of Intercession: We have heard the Emmaus story and the joy of the disciples in recognising Jesus. Now we turn to him in prayer to intercede for us because he is the Risen Lord.

1. We pray for the Church leaders, especially the Bishops, that they may “strengthen the Church to answer God’s call”.
(pause) We pray to the Lord. **Lord hear our prayer.**

2. We pray for all Christians who seek to live by the Word of God that their hearts may burn with love when they accept God’s Word.
(pause) We pray to the Lord. **Lord hear our prayer.**

3. We pray for all civil leaders that they continue to strive to bring peace and security to the world so that the common interests of all peoples will be achieved as the basis for unity.
(pause) We pray to the Lord. **Lord hear our prayer.**

4. We pray for young people searching for identity and meaning in life. May the Christian message inspire them to witness to their faith; we remember especially those preparing for Confirmation this year.
(pause) We pray to the Lord. **Lord hear our prayer.**

5. We pray for those who struggle with illness.. We pray for all our parishioners and family members who have died, as well as those whose anniversary occurs at this time, especially Maria Concetta Garzia, Annette Morton, Joseph Perera & Thomas Christopher Santiago, that as they lived the Easter hope, they may share the glory of everlasting life.
(pause) We pray to the Lord. **Lord hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Loving Father, we ask you to lead us all in living more deeply our response to the Easter Sacraments we have received so that we may share the glory of your Son’s resurrection, and come to eternal life.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen

Next weeks readings: Acts 2:14, 36-41; 1 Peter 2:20-25; John 10:1-10

THE GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory.
Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ,
Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
You take away the sins of the world; have mercy on us;
You take away the sins of the world; receive our prayer;
You are seated at the right hand of the Father; have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
In the glory of God the Father. 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 Acts 2:14, 22-33

It was impossible for him to be held by the power of Hades.

On the day of Pentecost, Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: 'Men of Israel, listen to what I am going to say: Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God by the miracles and portents and signs that God worked through him when he was among you, as you all know. This man, who was put into your power by the deliberate intention and foreknowledge of God, you took and had crucified by men outside the Law. You killed him, but God raised him to life, freeing him from the pangs of Hades; for it was impossible for him to be held in its power since, as David says of him:

I saw the Lord before me always,
for with him at my right hand nothing
can shake me.

So my heart was glad
and my tongue cried out with joy:
my body, too, will rest in the hope
that you will not abandon my soul to Hades
nor allow your holy one to experience corruption.
You have made known the way of life to me,
you will fill me with gladness through your presence.

'Brothers, no one can deny that the patriarch David himself is dead and buried: his tomb is still with us. But since he was a prophet, and knew that God had sworn him an oath to make one of his descendants succeed him on the throne, what he foresaw and spoke about was the resurrection of the Christ: he is the one who was not abandoned to Hades, and whose body did not experience corruption. God raised this man Jesus to life, and all of us are witnesses to that. Now raised to the heights by God's right hand, he has received from the Father the Holy Spirit, who was promised, and what you see and hear is the outpouring of that Spirit.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 15:1-2, 5, 7-11. R. v.11

(R.) Lord, you will show us the path of life.

or

(R.) Alleluia.

1. Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.
I say to the Lord: 'You are my God.
O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;
it is you yourself who are my prize.' (R.)
2. I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel,
who even at night directs my heart.
I keep the Lord ever in my sight:
since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. (R.)
3. And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;
even my body shall rest in safety.
For you will not leave my soul among the dead,
nor let your beloved know decay. (R.)
4. You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence,
at your right hand happiness for ever. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Pt 1:17-21

The ransom that was paid to free you was the blood of the Lamb, Jesus Christ.

If you are acknowledging as your Father one who has no favourites and judges everyone according to what he has done, you must be scrupulously careful as long as you are living away from your home. Remember, the ransom that was paid to free you from the useless way of life your ancestors handed down was not paid in anything corruptible, neither in

silver nor gold, but in the precious blood of a lamb without spot or stain, namely Christ; who, though known since before the world was made, has been revealed only in our time, the end of the ages, for your sake. Through him you now have faith in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory for that very reason – so that you would have faith and hope in God.

Gospel Acclamation See Lk 24:32

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us:
make our hearts burn with love when
you speak.*

Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 24:13-35

They recognised him at the breaking of the bread.

Two of the disciples of Jesus were on their way to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking together about all that had happened. Now as they talked this over, Jesus himself came up and walked by their side; but something prevented them from recognising him. He said to them, 'What matters are you discussing as you walk along?' They stopped short, their faces downcast.

Then one of them, called Cleopas, answered him, 'You must be the only person staying in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have been happening there these last few days.' 'What things?' he asked. 'All about Jesus of Nazareth' they answered 'who proved he was a great prophet by the things he said and did in the sight of God and of the whole people; and how our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and had him crucified. Our own hope had been that he would be the one to set Israel free. And this is not all: two whole days have gone by since it all happened; and some women from our group have astounded us: they went to the tomb in the early morning, and when they did not find the body, they came back to tell us they had seen a vision of angels who declared he was alive. Some of our friends went to the tomb and found everything exactly as the women had reported, but of him they saw nothing.'

Then he said to them, 'You foolish men! So slow to believe the full message of the prophets! Was it not ordained that the Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory?' Then, starting with Moses and going through all the prophets, he explained to them the passages throughout the scriptures that were about himself.

When they drew near to the village to which they were going, he made as if to go on; but they pressed him to stay with them. 'It is nearly evening' they said 'and the day is almost over.' So he went in to stay with them. Now while he was with them at table, he took the bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognised him; but he had vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?'

They set out that instant and returned to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven assembled together with their companions, who said to them, 'Yes, it is true. The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.' Then they told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of bread.



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

This story is the story of each one of us at Mass. Each Mass is structured on the Road to Emmaus travelogue.

Two men set off on a journey of their own making. At the beginning of Mass we confess that we have gone off course.

The traveller helps the men on the road to Emmaus understand what had happened to Jesus of Nazareth by showing God's plan revealed in the Hebrew Scriptures. In the Liturgy of the Word, we hear Scriptures expounded, revealing more fully the true identity of Jesus of Nazareth. Every so often you will experience the burning sensation in your heart as something that is said hits home.

The traveller takes bread, blesses it, and gives it to them to eat. In that moment of bread-sharing, the two men recognised their travelling companion as the Risen Lord. Eat the bread consecrated at Mass, and we receive into our very being the Divine Companion for our journey through life.

We could pause for a moment to thank God for the privilege at every Mass of having our eyes opened so that we recognise Our Risen Lord Jesus Christ in the breaking of the bread.

Alleluia!

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