



Fourth Sunday of Easter - Year A

30<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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, Stephania C, Archie P,  
Kylie I & Joe M.*

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.*



**Lent - Caritas - Project Compassion -**

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

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT.**

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

***The Shepherd's Voice***

In Jesus' time, the shepherd lead from the front: the sheep followed the sound of his voice to reach good pasture. Jesus describes other voices who might try to mislead the sheep as 'thieves and brigands'.

In John's gospel, Judas, the *thief* from the common purse of the disciples, led a group of temple guards and Roman soldiers to take Jesus by force.

Barabbas was a *brigand*, a leader of an insurrection. Our Lord knew that armed rebellion against the Romans would lead to the destruction of Jerusalem. So, Jesus is warning his followers against the seductive voices of those who advocate the use of violence.

In particular, the successor of Peter should echo the voice of Jesus the Good Shepherd and no other. Popes of the modern era seem to be listening more attentively to the Good Shepherd, as successors of St Peter who was instructed: 'Feed my lambs, feed my sheep'.

We could pause for a moment to attune our ears to the sound of the Shepherd's voice and follow Him so that He may lead us to pastures where we can have life, abundantly.

Alleluia!

**GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY - 30 April, 2023**

Today is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Pope Francis tells us:

There can be no greater joy than to risk one's life for the Lord!

I would like to say this especially to you, the young. Do not be deaf to the Lord's call.

If he calls you to follow this path do not pull your oars into the boat but trust him.

Let us pray for the young people in our community, and in our families and circle of friends.

May our prayers help them to be open to the Lord's call to consecrated life or priesthood.



# Rosters & Events



Ministers for next weekend's Masses

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter – Year A

6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> May, 2023

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

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

**Counters:**  
Not currently needed.

**Flowers:**  
J. Shumack

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

**11:00am Mass** St. Brigid's  
**Reader:** J. Holmes & C. Holmes  
**Offertory:** to be chosen on the day.  
**Eucharist:** T. Armstrong



## 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](http://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](mailto: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.

### THANKSGIVING BY DIRECT DEBIT

Anyone not already on the Thanksgiving Program who would like to contribute to the Church 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

Anyone not already contributing to the Priest & Presbytery expenses who would like to contribute 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.

### 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 2<sup>nd</sup> May to 5<sup>th</sup> May, 2023

**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](http://www.cam.org.au/gisborne)

### St Brigid's Parish Weekly Thanksgiving Sunday – 23 April, 2023

Total Amount received	\$	661	(envelopes)
Total Amount received	\$	214	(credit cards)
Total Amount received	\$	210	(direct debit)
Presbytery Collection	\$	858	(cash, c/c & d/d combined)

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

**Introduction:** This Fourth Sunday of Easter is sometimes called Good Shepherd Sunday because of its reference to Chapter 10 of John's Gospel, in which Jesus calls his flock to follow him, and beware of any false shepherds.

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Acts 2:14, 36-41

We hear of Peter's sermon on the day of Pentecost. He challenges his listeners that they must repent and be baptised in the name of Jesus to receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** 1 Peter 2:20-25

We hear Peter's reflection on how much the suffering of Jesus is an expression of how Jesus, as the Good Shepherd, was prepared to suffer for his flock.

**Gospel:** John 10:1-10

This is the famous proclamation of Jesus as to his role as the gate of the sheepfold, he is prepared to give everything for his flock so that they may have life to the full.

**Prayer of Intercession:** We have heard the reassuring words of Jesus that he has come, that we may have life and have it to the full. Now we turn to him confident that he be open to our needs and hopes.

1. Lord, may your bishops, priests, deacons and religious gather all people to your Son by word and example and shepherd the flocks entrusted to their care.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

**Lord hear our prayer.**

2. For young men and women who feel called to give their lives in dedicated service to God and the Church, that they will be guided by the Holy Spirit in their discernment.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

**Lord hear our prayer.**

3. For married people and those preparing to celebrate the sacrament of Marriage, that their homes and hearts be holy places.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

**Lord hear our prayer.**

4. We pray for those in our parish who are sick, especially *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 those who have recently died, as well as those whose anniversary occurs at this time, that they may be comforted and gathered as sheep when feeling lost, that all will follow him as one flock, faithful to his message of salvation.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

**Lord hear our prayer.**

**Celebrant:** Father of heaven, may we take confidence in answering the call of Jesus and following his voice so that we may fear no evil, but come to the eternal reward of your promise.

Accept our prayer through Christ the Lord. Amen.

**Next weeks readings:** Acts 6:1-7; 1 Peter 2:4-9; John 14:1-12

**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, 36-41

*God has made Jesus both Lord and Christ.*

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd with a loud voice: 'The whole House of Israel can be certain that God has made this Jesus whom you crucified both Lord and Christ.'

Hearing this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the apostles, 'What must we do, brothers?' 'You must repent,' Peter answered 'and every one of you must be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise that was made is for you and your children, and for all those who are far away, for all those whom the Lord our God will call to himself.' He spoke to them for a long time using many arguments, and he urged them, 'Save yourselves from this perverse generation.' They were convinced by his arguments, and they accepted what he said and were baptised. That very day about three thousand were added to their number.

## Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 22:1-6. R. v.1**

*(R.) The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.*

*or*

*(R.) Alleluia.*

1. The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.  
Fresh and green are the pastures  
where he gives me repose.  
Near restful waters he leads me,  
to revive my drooping spirit. *(R.)*
2. He guides me along the right path;  
he is true to his name.  
If I should walk in the valley of  
darkness  
no evil would I fear.  
You are there with your crook and your  
staff;  
with these you give me comfort. *(R.)*
3. You have prepared a banquet for me  
in the sight of my foes.  
My head you have anointed with oil;  
my cup is overflowing. *(R.)*
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall  
follow me  
all the days of my life.  
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell  
for ever and ever. *(R.)*

## Second Reading 1 Pt 2:20-25

*You had gone astray but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.*

The merit, in the sight of God, is in bearing punishment patiently when you are punished after doing your duty.

This, in fact, is what you were called to do, because Christ suffered for you and left an example for you to follow the way he took. He had not done anything wrong, and there had been no perjury in his mouth. He was insulted and did not retaliate with insults; when he was tortured he made no threats but he put his trust in the righteous judge. He was bearing our faults in his own body on the cross, so that we might die to our faults and live for holiness; through his wounds you have been healed. You had gone astray like sheep but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

## Gospel Acclamation Jn 10:14

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;  
I know my sheep, and mine know me.  
Alleluia!*

## Gospel Jn 10:1-10

*I am the gate of the sheepfold.*

Jesus told them this parable but they failed to understand what he meant by telling it to them.

So Jesus spoke to them again:

'I tell you most solemnly,  
I am the gate of the sheepfold.  
All others who have come  
are thieves and brigands;  
but the sheep took no notice of them.  
I am the gate.  
Anyone who enters through me will be  
safe:  
he will go freely in and out  
and be sure of finding pasture.  
The thief comes  
only to steal and kill and destroy.  
I have come  
so that they may have life  
and have it to the full.'

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