



Fifth Sunday of Easter - Year A

7th May, 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, Stephanie C, Archie P &
Kylie I.*

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.

YAHOO email addresses

We are currently experiencing some issues with Yahoo accounts that aren't accepting emails from the parish office.

If you have a Yahoo account and are no longer receiving the Parish Bulletin sent out each Thursday afternoon, please head to the parish website to see it.

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

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

The disciples are full of premonitions that their beloved leader was about to be cruelly done to death, leaving them abandoned. Yet he tells them: 'Let not your hearts be troubled.' Why shouldn't their hearts, our hearts, be troubled by the disappearance of Our Lord's physical presence?

The answer is because there is a purpose to his passage through death. It was to bring about a situation where our Risen Lord could share his life in ever more intimate fashion with his followers.

How does this come about? At every Mass, after the gifts are brought to the altar, I pour a little water into the chalice of wine, saying: 'By the mystery of this water and wine may we come to share in the divinity of Christ, who humbled himself to share in our humanity.' What a powerful verb! By grace, we can participate in the Divine Life of the Risen Lord. As the Greek saints of the early church used to say in very daring fashion: 'God became human so that humans might become God.' We anticipate this at every Holy Communion when, as Pope John Paul II used to say: 'We digest, as it were, the secret of the Resurrection.'

We could pause for a moment after Communion to reverence the Divine Life dwelling in us, a truly Holy Communion! Alleluia!

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ALPHA EXPERIENCE at St. BRIGID'S GISBORNE

Ever wanted to pause and consider the big questions about life, meaning and faith?

Alpha is a series of interactive sessions in a friendly, welcoming space.

Participants gain an insight into the basics of the Christian faith and discuss its meaning in various aspects of our lives. Everyone is welcome, regardless of your background and faith tradition.

We are having an Alpha Information Night beginning with nibbles on Wednesday 17th May at 7pm in the church hall at St Brigid's 66 Aitken Ave, Gisborne.

Please bring a plate to share.

Come and bring a friend along. For catering purposes, please call the Office on 5428 2591 and leave your name and mobile number or email to

gisborne@cam.org.au

"In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop"

The Sisters of Saint Joseph have prepared an Australian Pilgrimage,

"In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop"

commencing in Melbourne on 17 October, journeying through Victoria and South Australia, and ending at Mary MacKillop Place, North Sydney on 28 October 2023.

During the pilgrimage we visit many places associated with Mary MacKillop's life and ministry.

Please contact Tam in the office if you would like full details.

"NO ONE COMES TO
THE FATHER
EXCEPT THROUGH ME."



Rosters & Events



Ministers for next weekend's Masses

6th Sunday of Easter – Year A

13th & 14th May, 2023

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

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

Counters:
Not currently needed.

Flowers:
M. Clifford & W. Kays

9:30am Mass St. Patrick's
Reader: E. Kilgariff
Offertory: to be chosen on the day.
Eucharist: J. O'Callaghan

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



Caritas – Project Compassion

The total parish contribution for Project Compassion was \$1,192.50
Thank you for your generosity.



POSITIONS VACANT

Applications are invited from suitably qualified and experienced people for the positions of:

Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne -

- Discipleship Specialist - Marriage and Family Accompaniment
- Retail Shop Assistant - St Patrick's Cathedral Shop

Parish Positions

- Discipleship Specialist - Marriage and Family Accompaniment
- **Parish Secretary – St Dominic's Parish, Melton**
- Parish Secretary – Holy Family Parish, Maidstone and Braybrook
- Liturgical & Sacramental Coordinator - Nazareth Parish, Torquay
- Parish Secretary - St Andrew's Parish, Clayton South

Further details of the above positions can be found on the Archdiocese website at: <https://melbournecatholic.org/job-vacancies>

Please forward to family or friends living in the area's mentioned.

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 Kaffee Bar – 30 Aitken Street for a coffee and chat.
Everyone Welcome

Weekday Services 9th May to 12th May, 2023

Tues 10:00am to 10:30am Mass at The Oaks
Tues 5:00pm to 5:30pm Mass at St. Brigid's
Wed 9:15am to 10:00am - Mass at St. Brigid's (School Mass)
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 – 30 April, 2023

Total Amount received	\$	500	(envelopes)
Total Amount received	\$	160	(credit cards)
Total Amount received	\$	10	(direct debit)
Presbytery Collection	\$	604	(cash, c/c & d/d combined)

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

Introduction: Throughout these Sundays of the Easter season, we read St. John's Gospel with his discourse of Jesus' words at the Last Supper. Today we hear one of the most famous phrases when Jesus proclaimed that he is the Way, the Truth and the Life.

1st Reading: Acts 6:1-7

We hear another historic event in the life of the early Church when, faced with a new situation, they decided on the new strategy which gave rise to the ministry of what we call deacons.

2nd Reading: 1 Peter 2:4-9

We hear Peter's use of an unusual image to describe the role of Jesus. He describes Jesus as the living stone rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious in God's sight.

Gospel: John 14:1-12

We hear the reassurance of Jesus when he seeks to support his disciples when they are confused. Our way to the Father is through belief in his Son.

Prayer of Intercession: We have heard the reassurance of Jesus that he is the Way, the Truth and the Life, so we turn to him in trust as we seek to follow him.

1. We pray that the Church's leaders of today will be open to the Spirit of Jesus guiding them.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

2. We pray that all baptised into Christ's Church be encouraged by the awareness that God has called them out of darkness into his wonderful light.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

3. We pray that the Spirit guide all the churches in their response to Jesus' prayer that the unity of his disciples will be the sign that he was sent by the Father.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

4. As we gather as a community, we pray for all the mothers in our parish. May they be enriched and strengthened by the love of those around them.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

5. 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*. May they find comfort and support in those who care for them. We pray for the recently deceased and remember those whose anniversary occurs at this time.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

Celebrant: Almighty Father, you have called us to be a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation. Strengthen us in the gifts of the Spirit your Son has given the Church so that we may walk in his light to the glory of your kingdom, where you are God for ever and ever. Amen

Next weeks readings: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; 1 Peter 3:15-18; John 14:15-21

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

Fifth Sunday of Easter, Year A

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First Reading Acts 6:1-7

They elected seven men filled with the Spirit and wisdom.

About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. So the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed them, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food; you, brothers, must select from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them, and continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word.' The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

The word of the Lord continued to spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 32:1-2. 4-5. 18-19. R. v.22

(R.) Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you. or

(R.) Alleluia.

1. Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just;
for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.
Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp,
with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs. (R.)
2. For the word of the Lord is faithful
and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right
and fills the earth with his love. (R.)
3. The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Pt 2:4-9

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood.

The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too, the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making a spiritual house. As scripture says: See how I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone that I have chosen and the man who rests his trust on it will not be disappointed. That means that for you who are believers, it is precious; but for unbelievers, the stone rejected by the builders has proved to be the keystone, a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring men down. They stumble over it because they do not believe in the word; it was the fate in

store for them. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 14:6

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord;
no one comes to the Father, except through me.

Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 14:1-12

I am the way, the truth, and the life.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'Do not let your hearts be troubled.

Trust in God still, and trust in me.

There are many rooms in my Father's house;
if there were not, I should have told you.

I am now going to prepare a place for you,
and after I have gone and prepared you a place,

I shall return to take you with me;

so that where I am

you may be too.

You know the way to the place where I am going.'

Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going,
so how can we know the way?' Jesus said:

'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.

No one can come to the Father except through me.

If you know me, you know my Father too.

From this moment you know him and have seen him.'

Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied.' 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip,' said Jesus to him 'and you still do not know me?

'To have seen me is to have seen the Father,
so how can you say, "Let us see the Father"?''

Do you not believe

that I am in the Father and the Father is in me?

The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself:

it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work.

You must believe me when I say

that I am in the Father and the Father is in me;

believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other reason.

'I tell you most solemnly,

whoever believes in me

will perform the same works as I do myself,

he will perform even greater works,

because I am going to the Father.'

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