



Sixth Sunday of Easter - Year A

14th 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,
Cheryl L, Stephania C, Archie P,
Kylie I & Victor B.*

We pray for the recently deceased, especially Raul Yacapin,
Paddy Isaacs & Patricia Shelly 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>

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

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

Today's Gospel speaks of an advocate. This translates a Greek
word: 'paraclete'. Our Lord says: 'I will send you *another*
Paraclete to be with you forever.' Our Lord was a *Paraclete*,
and he would send *another*.

What does this strange sounding word mean? Here is a hint. We
all know that parallel lines run, well, para-ll-el. They run
alongside each other. A paraclete is a person who stands
alongside someone and pleads their case.

That is how our Lord Jesus Christ saw himself. His role was not
to condemn but to plead the case for mercy and compassion, to
be the intercessor *par excellence*.

Our Lord promises another Paraclete dwelling within us,
individually and as the body of Christ's disciples, the Holy Spirit
advocating our cause, assisting us to live Truth-fully by the
measure of the One who is the Way, the Truth and the Life. This
Paraclete particularly assists us by acting as the Spirit of Truth.

We could pause for a moment to thank God for the two
Paracletes, constantly pleading our case before the Throne of
Mercy.

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"In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop"

The Sisters of Saint Joseph have prepared an Australian Pilgrimage,

"In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop"

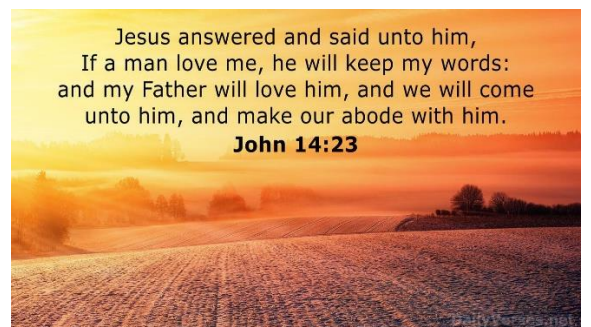
commencing in Melbourne on 17 October, journeying through
Victoria and South Australia, and ending at Mary MacKillop Place,
North Sydney on 28 October 2023.

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.

Jesus answered and said unto him,
If a man love me, he will keep my words:
and my Father will love him, and we will come
unto him, and make our abode with him.

John 14:23





Rosters & Events



Ministers for next weekend's Masses

The Ascension of the Lord – Year A

20th & 21st May, 2023

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

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

Counters:
Not currently needed.

Flowers:
T. Armstrong

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

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



St. Patrick's Cathedral Mother's Day Concert Sunday May 14, 2023

3:00pm – 4:00pm

Australian operatic tenor Michael Petrucci and internationally recognised pianist Coady Green will visit St Patrick's Cathedral on Mother's Day for a vocal recital guaranteed to warm the heart.

A joyous family event and a perfect way to spend your Sunday afternoon! All welcome.
Tickets: \$30 (adults) | \$25 (concession) at door or trybooking.com/BRYBS

Children aged 15 years and under admitted free.

All enquiries, email music@cam.org.au

A PRAYER FOR OUR MOTHERS THIS MOTHERS' DAY

At the foot of the cross, her heart broke for Jesus, yet she accepted God's will not only for her Son, but for herself in her new role as mother to us all (cf. John 19:25–27). As we honour today our earthly mothers and mother figures—including stepmothers, relatives, guardians, close family friends and those who would be mothers—let us honour our heavenly mother as well. Those devoted to her are always led to her Son. For her wise counsel tells us, "Do whatever he tells you" (John 2:5).

And so, we invite you to pray:

Lord Jesus Christ, You chose to put yourself—tiny, needy and helpless—into the nurturing and watchful hands of a human mother. Since then, every act of mothering, both physical and spiritual, in every time and every corner of the world recollects Mary's. Inspired by this example, we, too, honour our mothers and mother figures today. Bless these women, that they may be strengthened as Christian mothers and nurturers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, honour them always with a spirit of profound respect. We ask this in your holy name. Amen.

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

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 Kaffeine Bar – 30 Aitken Street for a coffee and chat.

Everyone Welcome

Weekday Services 16th May to 19th 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 9:30am to 10:00am - Mass at Holy Cross

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 – 7 May, 2023

Total Amount received \$ 487 (*envelopes*)

Total Amount received \$ 40 (*credit cards*)

Total Amount received \$ 605 (*direct debit*)

Presbytery Collection \$ 695 (*cash, c/c & d/d combined*)

Thank you for your ongoing support through the Thanksgiving Program.

May the Lord bless you all.

Introduction: The Easter season continually calls us to reflect on the hope we share because of the resurrection of Jesus. Today we hear of the promise of Jesus to send the Spirit to be with us for all time, the source of our joy and courage.

1st Reading: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

We read of the journey of Philip to a Samaritan town and of his success in proclaiming the Gospel; the people are open to the gift of the Spirit.

2nd Reading: 1 Peter 3:15-18

We hear the words of Peter encouraging the people to give witness to Christ by the reverence for him they hold in their hearts; a message for us too.

Gospel: John 14:15-21

We hear another segment of Jesus' discourse at the Last Supper. He promises another advocate, the Spirit of truth who will be with us for all time.

Prayer of Intercession: We have heard Jesus' promise of the Spirit. We have professed our faith in the Spirit, the Lord and giver of life. Let us pray that the Spirit lead us always to live in this promise.

1. We pray that the Church of our time, led by our Holy Father, Pope Francis may rest confident in the promise of Jesus, that the Spirit is with us for all time.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

2. We pray for all who lead the fight against suffering and violence in all its forms. May they continue to hope and persevere.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

3. We pray for all who are persecuted for their beliefs. May God grant them the inner strength they need.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

4. We pray for our Catholic chaplains that are mentors, providers of wise counsel, a steady hand and a stable presence in lives where stability and positive role models are not always present.

(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, Cheryl L, Stephania C, Archie P, Kylie I & Victor B*. May they find comfort and support in those who care for them. We pray for the recently deceased, especially Raul Yacapin, Paddy Isaacs & Patricia Shelly and remember those whose anniversary occurs at this time, may they receive the rewards of their labours.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

Celebrant: Father, help us to use our gifts to work with all like-minded people for the glory of your kingdom and a world of justice and peace. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Next weeks readings: Acts 1:1-11; Ephesians 1:17-23; Matthew 28:16-20

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 8:5-8, 14-17

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

They laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town.

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 65:1-7. 16. 20. R. see v.1

(R.) *Let all the earth cry out to God with joy, or*

(R.) *Alleluia.*

1. Cry out with joy to God all the earth,
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise.
Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds! (R.)
2. 'Before you all the earth shall bow;
shall sing to you, sing to your name!
Come and see the works of God,
tremendous his deeds among men. (R.)
3. He turned the sea into dry land,
they passed through the river dry-shod.
Let our joy then be in him;
he rules for ever by his might. (R.)
4. Come and hear, all who fear God.
I will tell what he did for my soul:
Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer
nor withhold his love from me. (R.)

Second Reading

1 Peter 3:15-18

A reading from the First Letter of Peter

In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong.

Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

John 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and
we will come to them.

Alleluia!

Gospel

John 14:15-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

I shall ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If you love me you will keep my commandments.

I shall ask the Father,

and he will give you another Advocate

to be with you for ever,

that Spirit of truth

whom the world can never receive

since it neither sees nor knows him;

but you know him,

because he is with you, he is in you.

I will not leave you orphans;

I will come back to you.

In a short time the world will no longer see me;

but you will see me,

because I live and you will live.

On that day

you will understand that I am in my Father

and you in me and I in you.

Anybody who receives my

commandments and keeps them

will be one who loves me;

and anybody who loves me will be loved

by my Father,

and I shall love him and show myself to

him.'

The word of the Lord.

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