



Pentecost Sunday - Year A

28<sup>th</sup> 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](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, Cheryl L,  
Stephanie C, Archie P, Kylie I, George T, Bill P,  
Jacqueline D, Amanda H & Beau S.*

We pray for the recently deceased, especially *Margaret Fletcher*,  
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.*

**ALPHA EXPERIENCE at St. BRIGID'S**

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

The Alpha Group will meet for the next 6 weeks.

Wednesday evenings at 7pm - in the Presbytery.

**Please bring a plate to share prior to the meeting.**

Alpha is a series of interactive sessions in a friendly,  
welcoming space. Don't worry if you missed the first  
meeting, please come along and join us!

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 background and faith tradition.

**REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate**

As summer progresses in Australia, invariably great  
bushfires break out. Those who report the infernos speak  
not only of the flames, but often of a mighty roar like a  
great windstorm heralding the approaching fire.

The earth had quaked at the death of Jesus, but death had  
been conquered and the earth was supercharged with divine  
energy and vitality. Into all this the Risen Lord sent his  
Holy Spirit like a lightning strike. Divine energy was  
unleashed and St Luke portrays this particular event in our  
bushfire terms. The Holy Spirit, he says, was 'like tongues  
of fire' and 'like the sound of a mighty wind'  
accompanying the descent of the Holy Spirit on a gathering  
of a fearful group of followers of Our Lord.

The tangled undergrowth of fear, anxiety and timidity was  
cleared away. The new life of the church was germinated,  
took root and has been growing ever since, listening to the  
core message preached by St Peter: Jesus of Nazareth had  
conquered death and Peter and others were witnesses to the  
Risen Lord.

We could pause for a moment to pray for the successor of  
St Peter that he may preach the resurrection in a way which  
is understandable by people of every culture, every  
ethnicity, every language group around the world.

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**Catholic Mission seeks a Diocesan Parish Appeals Coordinator. This could be you!**



- Part-time 3 days per week, fixed term (18 months) position based in Melbourne VIC.
- Work within community engagement in a creative and innovative role.
- Become a member of an experienced Diocesan team.
- Recruiting and supervising a team of Parish Ambassadors across Melbourne;
- In concert with the Parish Ambassadors, recruiting a team of speakers to promote Church appeals.
- Overseeing a formation Program to support a growing team of Parish Mission Ambassadors.

For further information, contact the Diocesan Director of Catholic Mission, Kevin Meese at

**[Melbourne.director@catholicmission.org.au](mailto:Melbourne.director@catholicmission.org.au)**



# Rosters & Events



Ministers for next weekend's Masses

The Most Holy Trinity – Year A

3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> June, 2023

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

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

**Counters:**  
Not currently needed.

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

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

**Flowers:**  
J. Shumack



## St. BRIGID'S CALENDER OF EVENTS

*Sat 27/05 & Sun 28/05/23*

All Masses will be Commitment Masses for Confirmation children

*Sun 28/05/23* 12noon Baptism's

*Tues 06/06/23* Fr. Vin going to India

*Tues 06/06 to 09/06/23* No weekday Masses

*Tues 13/06 to 16/06/23* No weekday Masses

## THEOLOGY AT THE PUB

*Monday, June 5, 2023 – 6pm to 8:30pm*

The Hop Bar, Top level of Beer DeLuxe, Federation Square, Flinders Street, Melbourne

Theology at the Pub is a monthly event for those aged 18-35.

It is a chance to listen to terrific guest speakers talking about theology, history, apologetics, ethics, society and much more.

This month's speaker is Sr Mary Helen OP. Sr. Mary Helen will talk about the "New Wine of the Gospel: A Drink called Happiness"

The talk will be followed by a Q&A with the speaker and plenty of discussion with friends. Have a meal, a drink and meet new people from all over Melbourne!

Priests and religious of all ages welcome.

Doors open for dinner at 6pm. Talk starts at 7:30pm.

## 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 30<sup>th</sup> May to 2<sup>nd</sup> June, 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*

## St Brigid's Parish Weekly Thanksgiving Sunday – 21 May, 2023

Total Amount received \$ 510 (*envelopes*)

Total Amount received \$ 60 (*credit cards*)

Total Amount received \$ 210 (*direct debit*)

Presbytery Collection \$ 722 (*cash, c/c & d/d combined*)

*Thank you for your ongoing support through the Thanksgiving Program.*

*May the Lord bless you all.*

**Introduction:** Today we celebrate Pentecost Sunday, the birthday of the Church. We commemorate the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles, and how their immediate transformation was a sign of the presence of the Spirit as if a new creation.

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Acts 2:1-11

We hear a description of the events of the first Pentecost, in which St Luke uses images resonant of the creation story in Genesis to show that the era of the Spirit is a new creation.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** 1 Corinthians 12:3-7

In this reading Paul introduces the analogy of the human body for the Church as the Body of Christ. This metaphor almost becomes his trade mark.

**Gospel:** John 20:19-23

We hear the events on the night of the resurrection, when the Risen Jesus greeted the disciples by saying “receive the Holy Spirit”.

**Prayer of Intercession** On this birthday of the Church we pray to the Holy Spirit that it guide the Church in this time just as the early Christian community responded to the presence of the Spirit.

1. We pray that our Church leaders, especially Pope Francis, be inspired by the Spirit to proclaim the Gospel of life.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

**Lord hear our prayer.**

2. We pray for the Church, that she may be renewed by the gifts of the Holy Spirit as she was on the first Pentecost day.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

**Lord hear our prayer.**

3. We pray for all families that the first experience of human love be a positive model to lead each generation to recognise God's love manifested in human love.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

**Lord hear our prayer.**

4. As we gather as a community we pray for all of those receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. 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, Cheryl L, Stephania C, Archie P, Kylie I George T, Bill P, Jacqueline D, Amanda H & Beau S*. May the Holy Spirit be to them a source of comfort and consolation. We pray for the recently deceased, especially *Margaret Fletcher*, may they rest in peace. We pray also for those whose anniversary occurs at this time.

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**Lord hear our prayer.**

**Celebrant:** Loving God of creation, you sent your Holy Spirit to recreate the world. Send forth your Holy Spirit on all who seek your kingdom that they be witnesses to your plan for life and life to the full.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**Next weeks readings:** Exodus 34:4-6, 8-9; 2 Corinthians 13:11-13; John 3:16-18

**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 2:1-11**

### **A reading from the Acts of the Apostles**

*They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak different languages.*

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak different languages. When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome – Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

**The word of the Lord.**

### **Responsorial Psalm**

*Psalm 103:1. 24. 29-31. 34. R. v.30*

(R.) Lord, send out your Spirit  
and renew the face of the earth. or  
(R.) Alleluia.

1. Bless the Lord, my soul!  
Lord God, how great you are,  
How many are your works, O Lord!  
The earth is full of your riches. (R.)
2. You take back your spirit, they die,  
returning to the dust from which they came.  
You send forth your spirit, they are created;  
and you renew the face of the earth. (R.)
3. May the glory of the Lord last for ever!  
May the Lord rejoice in his works!  
May my thoughts be pleasing to him.  
I find my joy in the Lord. (R.)

## **Second Reading**

**1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13**

### **A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians**

*In the one Spirit we were all baptized, making one body.*

In the one Spirit we were all baptized, making one body. No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit.

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose.

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptized, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

**The word of the Lord.**

### **Gospel Acclamation**

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

Come, Holy Spirit; fill the hearts of your faithful  
and kindle in them the fire of your love.

*Alleluia!*

## **Gospel**

**John 20:19-23**

As the Father sent me, so I send you: Receive the Holy Spirit. In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again,

'Peace be with you.  
'As the Father sent me,  
so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.  
For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven;  
for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

