



The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ - Year A

11th June, 2023

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CHILD PROTECTION - is everyone's responsibility

Parish Email gisborne@cam.org.au
Parish Website <http://pol.org.au/gisborne/Home.aspx>
Secretary Hours Tuesday & Thursday 9:00am – 5:00pm

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.

CONTINUING PRAYER LIST:

Please pray for those who are in ill health:

*Eileen S, Corrine V, Megan B, Michael W, Glenys O,
Anthony S, Ryan F, Jessica C, Cheryl L, Stephania C,
Kylie I, George T, Bill P, Jacqueline D, Amanda H, Beau S
& Fran S.*

We pray for the recently deceased, especially *Geraldine Milton* and for those who have an anniversary at this time, especially *Robert Morton, Gwen Carroll, Charles Tadd, & Bernie Gardiner.*

May they rest in peace ☩

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

WELCOME FR. TOM CLEARY

During Fr. Vinoth's absence over the next two weeks, we WELCOME Fr. Tom Cleary who will be celebrating our weekends Masses with us.

Catholic Missions – Propagation of the Faith

Total contribution - \$273.90

Thank you for your support of this worthy cause.

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

I once saw a young mother discreetly breastfeeding her baby during Mass, and thought ... 'What a wonderful thing!' There could not be a better illustration, a better acting out of what Jesus says in today's Gospel: 'The one who eats me will live.'

Of course, even mothers who find they cannot breastfeed offer the same gift for nine months as the baby draws its life from the mother's body in the womb.

This is a good analogy for what Our Lord was teaching in today's Gospel.

'Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me and I in them.' Notice the very maternal language. The risen Lord truly abides in us, we truly abide in the risen Lord. This is as intimate as the baby dwelling in the womb of its mother.

Moreover, it is a Holy communion which is both a present reality and a foretaste and promise about our place in God's future: 'The one who eats this bread will live forever.'

We could pause for a moment to pray with St Thomas Aquinas: 'Oh Sacred Banquet in which Christ is received and a pledge of future glory is given to us.'

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St. PATRICK'S CHOIR - PARISH SOCIAL EVENT

General Knowledge Pub Trivia

Friday the 7th of July

The Victoria Hotel in Woodend

Free entry, Bookings Essential.

Prizes to be won!

Registration from 6:30pm.

First question from 7pm.

Call (03) 5427 2721 and specify you're booking in for trivia and on which date.

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 5 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. Participants gain an insight into the basics of the Christian faith and discuss its meaning in various aspects of our lives. Everyone is welcome.

THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES

Thanksgiving envelopes from 02/07/23 to 30/06/24 will be available for collection in the church over the coming few weeks; please advise if you are unable to pick yours up and they will be delivered.

Thank you all for your continued support of the Thanksgiving Program.



Rosters & Events



Ministers for next weekend's Masses

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

17th & 18th June, 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: P. Lawry
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: *Volunteer required*

11:00am Mass St. Brigid's
Reader: J. Holmes & C. Holmes
Offertory: to be chosen on the day.
Eucharist: V. Firman



ASRC needed items

- 1.. Honey, jam & spreads
- 2.. Tuna 425 gms
- 3.. Tinned diced tomatoes
- 4.. Olive or vegetable oil 750mls
- 5.. Herbs & spices, small packets
- 6.. Tinned vegetables peas, carrots etc.
- 7.. Tomato paste
- 8.. Tinned beans & chickpeas
- 9.. Sweet & savoury biscuits
10. Nuts & dried fruit
11. Cereals, oats & wheat bix
12. Black tea & coffee

Asylum Seeker Resource Centre (ASRC) – World Refugee Day Telethon - June 20th, 2023

Every fortnight, the ASRC Foodbank provides food, toiletries and other essentials for more than 600 people. More than 80% of the people they support have no income and the ASRC Foodbank is their only pathway to food security and personal hygiene items.

St. Brigid's Food Drive will run from June 3rd to June 18th.
Grocery items may be left in each of our churches or at the parish office on Tuesday's and Thursday's.

Thank you for your support of this important cause.
The ASRC is very grateful for our support.

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 13th June to 16th June, 2023

Tues No service
Wed No service
Thurs No service
Fri No service

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 – 4 June, 2023

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| Total Amount received | \$ | 991 | (envelopes) |
| Total Amount received | \$ | 10 | (credit cards) |
| Total Amount received | \$ | 55 | (direct debit) |
| Presbytery Collection | \$ | 679 | (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 have a Solemnity that is celebrated on Sunday early in Ordinary Time. This feast of Corpus Christi, the Body and Blood of Christ, is an opportunity to reflect on the presence of Christ among us.

1st Reading: Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14-16

We hear the words of Moses and how he reminds the people that God's love for them was shown by the miraculous signs he revealed to them in the wilderness.

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:16-17

We hear a brief segment from St. Paul's account of the Last Supper. It is a profound reflection on the unity we share in Christ's Body through the one bread and the one cup we share.

Gospel: John 6:51-58

In this passage about the Bread of Life theme in John's Gospel we hear the solemn words of Jesus about the living bread come down from heaven.

Prayer of Intercession: We now ask in prayer that the bread of life and the cup of salvation will lead the Church to the Trinitarian life it shares in God.

1 We pray for the Church throughout the world: that in the strength of the Eucharist it will stand as a sacrament of unity and of love to all peoples.

(pause) We pray to the Lord

Lord hear our prayer

2 We pray that the Church will always celebrate the Eucharist as the summit of the Church's worship and the source of God's power present in the Church.

(pause) We pray to the Lord

Lord hear our prayer

3 We pray for all who receive the Body and Blood of Jesus today: may they radiate his compassion and concern in their daily living.

(pause) We pray to the Lord

Lord hear our prayer

4 We pray for those who suffer from hunger and thirst, that their sufferings will be brought to an end by the care and generosity of others.

(pause) We pray to the Lord

Lord hear our prayer

5. We, pray for those in our parish who are sick and in need of healing, especially *Eileen S, Corrine V, Megan B, Michael W, Glenys O, Anthony S, Ryan F, Jessica C, Cheryl L, Stephania C, Kylie I, George T, Bill P, Jacqueline D, Amanda H, Beau S & Fran S*. We pray for the recently deceased, especially *Geraldine Milton* and for those whose anniversary occurs at this time, especially *Robert Morton, Bernie Gardiner, Gwen Carroll and Charles Tadd*. Lord receive them into your loving presence.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

Celebrant: Loving God, may our worship of this sacrament of your body and blood help us to experience the salvation you have won for us and the peace of your kingdom.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Next weeks readings: Jeremiah 20: 10-13 Romans 5: 1-15 Matthew 10: 26-33

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 Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14-16

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

He gave you food which you and your ancestors did not know.

Moses said to the people: 'Remember how the Lord your God led you for forty years in the wilderness, to humble you, to test you and know your inmost heart – whether you would keep his commandments or not. He humbled you, he made you feel hunger, he fed you with manna which neither you nor your fathers had known, to make you understand that man does not live on bread alone but that man lives on everything that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

'Do not then forget the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery: who guided you through this vast and dreadful wilderness, a land of fiery serpents, scorpions, thirst; who in this waterless place brought you water from the hardest rock; who in this wilderness fed you with manna that your fathers had not known.

This is the word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 147:12-15. 19-20. R. v.12

(R.) *Praise the Lord, Jerusalem. or*

(R.) *Alleluia!*

1. O praise the Lord, Jerusalem!
Zion, praise your God!
He has strengthened the bars of your gates,
he has blessed the children within you. (R.)
2. He has established peace on your borders,
he feeds you with finest wheat.
He sends out his word to the earth
and swiftly runs his command. (R.)
3. He makes his word known to Jacob,
to Israel his laws and decrees.
He has not dealt thus with other nations;
he has not taught them his decrees. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 10:16-17

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

Though we are many, we form a single body because we share this one loaf.

The blessing-cup that we bless is a communion with the blood of Christ, and the bread that we break is a communion with the body of Christ. The fact that there is only one loaf means that, though there are many of us, we form a single body because we all have a share in this one loaf.

This is the word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation John 6:51-52

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord;
whoever eats this bread will live for ever.

Alleluia!

Gospel John 6:51-58

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

My flesh is real food and my blood is real drink.

Jesus said to the Jews:

'I am the living bread which has come down from heaven.

Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever;
and the bread that I shall give
is my flesh, for the life of the world.'

Then the Jews started arguing with one another: 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' they said. Jesus replied:

'I tell you most solemnly,
if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man
and drink his blood,
you will not have life in you.
Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood
has eternal life,
and I shall raise him up on the last day.
For my flesh is real food
and my blood is real drink.
He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood
lives in me
and I live in him.
As I, who am sent by the living Father,
myself draw life from the Father,
so whoever eats me will draw life from me.
This is the bread come down from heaven;
not like the bread our ancestors ate:
they are dead,
but anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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