



Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

18th June, 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, 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 Steffanoni.*

We pray for the recently deceased, and for those who have an anniversary at this time, especially *George Debono.*

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 we WELCOME Fr. Tom Cleary who will be celebrating our weekend Masses with us.

SPECIAL COLLECTION NEXT WEEK

Peter's Pence

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

When Jesus saw the crowds 'he felt sorry for them'. The Greek original actually says 'his guts were in a knot'. When Jesus saw a desperate need he found it stomach-churning stuff.

Our bodies often tell us what we should pray for. Another good signal is tears, not only of sadness but also of joy.

Body-felt impulse and prayer go together, whether celebrating good things or confronting bad things. This is what our Lord wants and, where possible, leading to effective action... labourers in the harvest.

So, when our body gives us the signal – stomach in a knot, or tremendous joy flooding into our lives – follow the body's signals. Pray for the person or the situation concerned. You can be sure that your prayer will be authentic.

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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

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24th & 25th June, 2023

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

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:
K. Page & L. DeBono

9:30am Mass St. Patrick's
Reader: B. O'Callaghan
Offertory: to be chosen on the day.
Eucharist: M. Cooper

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



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 20th June to 23rd June, 2023

Tues No service
Wed No service
Thurs 9:15am to 10:00am – Mass at St. Brigid's
Fri 9:15am to 10:00am – Mass at St. Brigid's
Fri 10:30am – Mass at Warrina Aged Care

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 – 11 June, 2023

Total Amount received	\$	865	(envelopes)
Total Amount received	\$	100	(credit cards)
Total Amount received	\$	305	(direct debit)
Presbytery Collection	\$	632	(cash, c/c & d/d combined)

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

Introduction: The compassionate word, in today's Gospel, is the key motivation of the mission sermon of Jesus when he sends out the Twelve to share in his mission and proclaim that the Kingdom of heaven is close at hand. Let us listen.

1st. Reading: Exodus 19:2-6

In this famous passage from the book of Exodus the Lord God assures the Chosen People that they are his treasured possession. This is also true of us.

2nd. Reading: Romans 5:6-11

We hear St. Paul's comparisons between the willingness to die for a good person compared to those less worthy. God's love is shown by the fact that Christ Jesus died for us while we were still sinners.

Gospel: Matthew 9:36-10:8

We hear the call of the Twelve, who share in the mission of Jesus; they are sent out with the same authority of Jesus with his ability to cure disease and sickness.

Prayer of Intercession: Aware of our baptismal dignity, we intercede before God for the Church, for the world, and those needs particularly entrusted to us this day.

1. We pray for the successors of the Twelve, Pope Benedict XVI and the Bishops. May the Spirit promised by Jesus lead them to show compassion for the sheep without a shepherd.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

2. We pray for those who are lost and feel like sheep without a shepherd. May they find helpers who can lead them to pasture in the way of Jesus, the Good Shepherd.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

3. We pray to the Lord of the harvest that he send labourers into his harvest and meet the needs of those who feel harassed and helpless.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

4. We pray for those in need of healing and searching for peace within themselves. May the ministry of friends and family lead them to the peace promised by the compassionate Christ.

(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, and for those whose anniversary occurs at this time, especially George Debono. May their faith in Jesus risen from the dead now be the source of eternal life in him. (pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

Celebrant: Lord God, we are your people, the flock you tend. Hear our prayers today so that all the earth may know you alone are God.

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

Next weeks readings: Jeremiah 20:10-13; Romans 5:12-15; 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

Exodus 19:2-6

A reading from the book of Exodus

You will be a kingdom of priests, a consecrated nation.

From Rephidim the Israelites set out again; and when they reached the wilderness of Sinai, there in the wilderness they pitched their camp; there facing the mountain Israel pitched camp.

Moses then went up to God, and the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, ‘Say this to the House of Jacob, declare this to the sons of Israel, “You yourselves have seen what I did with the Egyptians, how I carried you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself. From this you know that now, if you obey my voice and hold fast to my covenant, you of all the nations shall be my very own, for all the earth is mine. I will count you a kingdom of priests, a consecrated nation.”’

This is the word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 99:2-3, 5 v.3

(R.) *We are his people:
the sheep of his flock.*

1. Cry with joy to the Lord, all the earth.
Serve the Lord with gladness.
Come before him, singing for joy. (R.)
2. Know that he, the Lord, is God.
He made us, we belong to him,
we are his people, the sheep of his flock (R.)
3. Indeed, how good is the Lord,
eternal his merciful love.
He is faithful from age to age. (R)

Second Reading

Romans 5:6-11

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans.

We have been reconciled to God through the death of his Son; we are saved by his life.

We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners. Having died to make us righteous, is it likely that he would now fail to save us from God’s anger? When we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, we were still enemies; now that we have been reconciled surely we may count on being saved by the life of his Son?

Not merely because we have been reconciled but because we are filled with joyful trust in God, through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have already gained our reconciliation.

This is the word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation Mark 1:15

Alleluia, alleluia!

The kingdom of God is near;

repent and believe the Good News!

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 9:36 – 10:8

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

He summoned his twelve disciples, and sent them out.

When Jesus saw the crowds he felt sorry for them because they were harassed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, ‘The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest.’

He summoned his twelve disciples, and gave them authority over unclean spirits with power to cast them out and to cure all kinds of diseases and sickness.

These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew; James the son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, the one who was to betray him. These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them as follows:

‘Do not turn your steps to pagan territory, and do not enter any Samaritan town; go rather to the lost sheep of the House of Israel. And as you go, proclaim that the kingdom of heaven is close at hand. Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out devils. You received without charge, give without charge.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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