



Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

25th 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, Stephanie C,
Kylie I, George T, Bill P, Jacqueline D, Amanda H,
Beau S, Fran S & John A.*

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

May they rest in peace ☩

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

SPECIAL COLLECTION THIS WEEK

Annual Collection for the Intentions of
the Holy Father

Peter's Pence is the name given to the financial support offered by the faithful to the Holy Father as a sign of their sharing in the concern of the Successor of Peter for the many different needs of the Universal Church and for the relief of those most in need.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JUNE

For the Abolition of Torture

We pray that the international community may commit in a concrete way to ensuring the abolition of torture and guarantee support to victims and their families.

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

Our Gospel reads: '... not one [sparrow] falls to the ground without your Father knowing.'

But that is a bad translation. The Greek simply says 'not one [sparrow] will fall to the ground without your Father.' Full stop! Our Heavenly Father accompanies a dying sparrow as it dies! That is the measure of the Creator's love for all creatures. God wants to – does – enter into the moment of death, our moment of death.

Now, that would be consoling if I were facing what Jesus was foreseeing for his disciples in the first century.

One of the first Christian groups to hear this Gospel was that set around the Tigris River running through Baghdad in modern day Iraq. Now they face terrible persecution from fanatical Muslims. We can barely imagine hearing today's Gospel amongst the remnant, left in Baghdad today. How does 'Do not be afraid' really sound to them? So, we could pause for a moment to pray for those for whom today's Gospel is a challenge beyond our imagining.

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ALPHA EXPERIENCE at St. BRIGID'S

The Alpha Group will continue to meet for the next 5 weeks each Wednesday evening at 7pm - in the Presbytery.

Please bring a plate to share prior to the meeting.

**Asylum Seeker Resource Centre (ASRC)
Food Drive**

Thank you to all who contributed to the ASRC Food Drive. The response from parishioners has been amazing!

Together with donations from St. Mary's Parish in Lancefield & Romsey; I have enough to completely fill the back of my car with all the seats down!

The ARSC will be extremely grateful. ☺



THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES

Thanksgiving envelopes from 02/07/23 to 30/06/24 are now available for collection in the churches.

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

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

1st & 2nd July, 2023

6:00pm Mass St. Brigid's
Reader: T. Wilson & F. Murone
Offertory: to be chosen on the day.
Eucharist: M. McCormack

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:
J. Shumack

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

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



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.

ASRC Food Drive – St. Mary's & St. Brigid's Contribution

This is what we achieved in a couple of weeks to help those in need.

The picture doesn't do it justice but the tins are 3 high and 6 deep.

THANK YOU



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 27th June to 30th 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 – 18 June, 2023

Total Amount received	\$	655	(envelopes)
Total Amount received	\$	60	(credit cards)
Total Amount received	\$	130	(direct debit)
Presbytery Collection	\$	617	(cash, c/c & d/d combined)

Thank you for your ongoing support through the Thanksgiving Program.

May the Lord bless you all.

Introduction: In Matthew's Gospel we are introduced to the way the Twelve are commissioned by Jesus to go out in his name. We, too, gather in worship to be strengthened and empowered in Christ's Risen Spirit.

1st Reading: Jeremiah 20: 10-13

The prophet Jeremiah is feeling overwhelmed, confused and a laughing stock. Yet, he can still turn with a heart felt prayer of praise to God.

2nd Reading: Romans 5: 12-15

In this reading Paul contrasts the parallel roles of Adam and Jesus. As one man sinned, so, too, has one Man saved us.

Gospel: Matthew 10: 26-33

We hear how Jesus continues his mission sermon to the Twelve. He prepares them for their role to share in the prophetic mission as witnesses to the Kingdom of God.

Prayer of Intercession: In today's Gospel, Jesus says, "Do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows." Inspired by his word, we come before our heavenly Father who hears our prayer.

1. We pray for the successors of the Twelve, the College of Bishops together with the Pope in Rome. May they always declare themselves for Jesus in the presence of the people of this world.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer

2. We pray for all the baptised into Christ's Body, the Church, that they take confidence in the Spirit of Jesus and never disown Him in the presence of others.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer

3. We pray in gratitude for those who first brought the message of the Gospel to our forebears. May we in turn be confident to give witness to the faith, especially those who have been Confirmed in the Spirit.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer

4. We pray in support of those who are anxious and apprehensive in this age of insecurity and confusion. May the promise of Jesus reassure us that there is no need to be afraid.

(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 & John A.* We pray for those who have recently died and for those who have an anniversary at this time, especially *Charles Sexton.* That their good deeds before others will mean that Christ will not disown them in the presence of his heavenly Father.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer

Celebrant: We come before you, O God, that in your great kindness, you will answer us with your help.

Hear these prayers which we bring before you in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

Next weeks readings: 2 Kings 4: 8-11, 14-16; Romans 6: 3-4, 8-11; Matthew 10: 37-42

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

Jeremiah 20:10-13

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah.

He has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of those who are evil.

Jeremiah said:

'I hear so many disparaging me,
"Terror from every side!
Denounce him! Let us denounce him!"
All those who used to be my friends
watched for my downfall,
"Perhaps he will be seduced into error.
Then we will master him
and take our revenge!"
But the Lord is at my side, a mighty hero;
my opponents will stumble, mastered,
confounded by their failure;
everlasting, unforgettable disgrace will be
theirs.
But you, Lord of Hosts, you who probe with
justice, who scrutinise the loins and heart,
let me see the vengeance you will take on
them, for I have committed my cause to you.
Sing to the Lord,
praise the Lord,
for he has delivered the soul of the needy
from the hands of evil men.'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 68:8-10. 14. 17. 33-35. R. v.14

(R.) Lord, in your great love, answer me.

1. It is for you that I suffer taunts,
that shame covers my face,
that I have become a stranger to my brothers,
an alien to my own mother's sons.
I burn with zeal for your house
and taunts against you fall on me. (R.)
2. This is my prayer to you,
my prayer for your favour.
In your great love, answer me, O God,
with your help that never fails:
Lord, answer, for your love is kind;
in your compassion, turn towards me. (R.)
3. The poor when they see it will be glad
and God-seeking hearts will revive;
for the Lord listens to the needy
and does not spurn his servants in their chains.
Let the heavens and the earth give him praise,
the sea and all its living creatures. (R.)

Second Reading

Romans 5:12-15

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

God's gift to us is nothing like our sin against him.

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law.

Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

John 15:26. 27

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of Truth will bear witness to me, says the Lord, and you also will be my witnesses.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 10:26-33

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Do not fear those who can kill the body.

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Do not be afraid. For everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and everything now hidden will be made clear. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the daylight; what you hear in whispers, proclaim from the house-tops.

'Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; fear him rather who can destroy both body and soul in hell. Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny? And yet not one falls to the ground without your Father knowing. Why, every hair on your head has been counted. So there is no need to be afraid; you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows.

'So if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of men, I will declare myself for him in the presence of my Father in heaven. But the one who disowns me in the presence of men, I will disown in the presence of my Father in heaven.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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