



Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

2<sup>nd</sup> July, 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, Michael W, Glenys O,  
Anthony S, Ryan F, Jessica C, Cheryl L, Stephanie C,  
Kylie I, George T, Bill P, Jacqueline D, Beau S, Fran S  
& John A.*

We pray for the recently deceased, and for those who have an anniversary at this time, especially *Gordon Ragland, Fr Ron Poulson, Jim Nolan, Helen Taylor & Len Collins.*

**May they rest in peace** ☩

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

**SPECIAL COLLECTION LAST WEEK**

Annual Collection for the Intentions of the Holy Father  
Total Contribution - \$141.25  
Thank you for your support.

**ABORIGINAL & TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER SUNDAY – 2<sup>nd</sup> July, 2023**

Each year, Catholics from all corners of Australia gather on Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Sunday to celebrate the unique gifts and contributions of Australia's First Peoples. This year's theme,

**"A New Life in Christ"**

reflects the hope and promise of a brighter future, rooted in unity and shared commitment to positive change.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait islander Sunday symbolises our unity as one people in Christ, and we urge both indigenous and non-indigenous Catholics to come together in every Catholic Parish and School across this great Southern land.

**REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate**

In the early Church, Christianity ripped families apart. Good Jewish families would have been appalled to see their sons and daughters go off to follow a crucified blasphemer. Good reason to keep apart in the synagogue, avoiding damnable pollution. This sectarianism contrasted with the Christians who fearlessly went out into the world.

St John Paul II personified what it is to be Catholic. But, he pressed a prayer into a crack in the Wailing Wall in Jerusalem and as an old man shuffled across the floor of a Mosque in Syria.

Of course, there was no compromise of belief and faith in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, denied by both Jews and Muslims. But his actions were not those of one with the siege mentality of the member of a cult. Rather, he was able to respond to the promptings of the Holy Spirit to take these steps recognising what was good amongst the *adherents* of those faiths.

We could pause for a moment to implore the Holy Spirit to break us out from any constricting cult-like tendencies so that we can go out into the world powerfully proclaiming the resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

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**POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JULY**

**For a Eucharistic life**

We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.

**THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES**

The majority of Thanksgiving envelopes for the coming year have been collected. If you have not seen your envelopes please let me know as they may have been delivered to one of the other churches. Thank you all for your continued support of the Thanksgiving Program.



# Rosters & Events



Ministers for next weekend's Masses

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> July, 2023

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

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

**Counters:**  
Not currently needed.

**Flowers:**

M. Clifford & W. Kays

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

**11:00am Mass** **St. Brigid's**  
**Reader:** T. Armstrong  
**Offertory:** to be chosen on the day.  
**Eucharist:** *Volunteer required*



## St. PATRICK'S CHOIR - PARISH SOCIAL EVENT

### General Knowledge Pub Trivia

Friday the 7<sup>th</sup> of July

The Victoria Hotel in Woodend

Free entry, Bookings Essential.

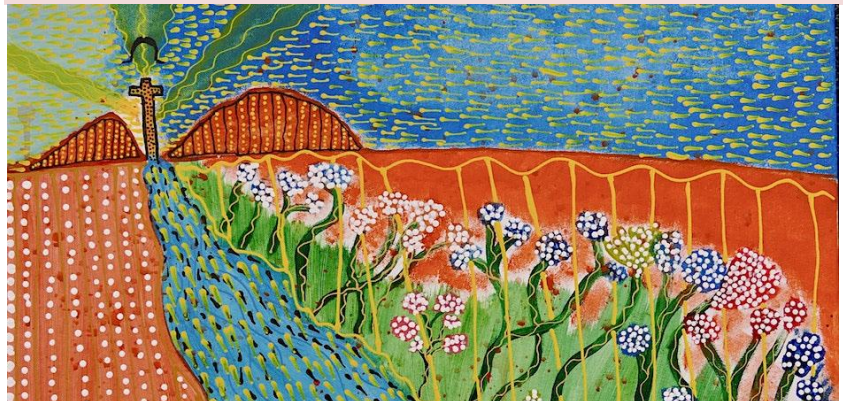
### Prizes to be won!

Registration from 6:30pm.

First question from 7pm.

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

## ABORIGINAL & TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER SUNDAY



### 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 4<sup>th</sup> July to 7<sup>th</sup> July, 2023

**Tues**  
**Wed** **There will be no weekday Masses**  
**Thurs** **until further notice.**  
**Fri** **Sorry for the inconvenience.**

### 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 – 25 June, 2023

Total Amount received	\$	799	(envelopes)
Total Amount received	\$	214	(credit cards)
Total Amount received	\$	330	(direct debit)
Presbytery Collection	\$	593	(cash, c/c & d/d combined)

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

**Introduction:** We continue with the mission theme from Matthew's Gospel as Jesus instructs the Twelve about their attitudes and openness to the task ahead. We, too, are called to witness to Gospel values.

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** 2 Kings 4: 8-11, 14-16

We hear a wonderful story of hospitality shown to the prophet Elisha, and we are reminded that those who welcome a prophet in the Lord's name will receive a prophet's reward.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** Romans 6: 3-4, 8-11

St. Paul reminds us that in baptism we go down into the tomb with Christ and are baptised into his death so that we are raised up with him to new life.

**Gospel:** Matthew 10: 37-42

In this final segment of Matthew's mission sermon to the Twelve, Jesus emphasises that the ties that bind those who accept Jesus' Word are stronger than any other relationship.

**Prayer of Intercession:** Confident in the promise of God's faithfulness to us, we open our hearts in petition for the hopes, the hurts, and the needs of all.

1. We pray that the successors of the Apostles in the College of Bishops with the Pope, will be strengthened in their role to take up the cross and follow in the footsteps of Jesus.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

**Lord hear our prayer.**

2. We pray for forgiveness for the times when we have treated others with disrespect and ignorance. May our hearts and minds be filled with God's love and peace to spread his good news to all people.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

**Lord hear our prayer.**

3. We pray for all Indigenous peoples who are experiencing loss of identity, displacement and generational trauma from the effects of colonisation. We especially ask that our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and non-Aboriginal Australians work together for restoration, justice and healing in Christ's name.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

**Lord hear our prayer.**

4. We pray in thanksgiving for the generosity and sacrifices of all those parishioners who have supported our parish communities. May the Spirit reward them with the prophet's reward as God knows best.

(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, Beau S, Fran S & John A*. We pray for those who have recently died and also for those who have an anniversary at this time, especially *Gordon Ragland, Fr. Ron Poulson, Jim Nolan, Helen Taylor & Len Collins*. May they now rest in peace in the presence of the heavenly Father.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

**Lord hear our prayer.**

**Celebrant:** Gracious God, we bless your name that saves us. Listen to our prayers today and be our consolation and our guide. We make our prayer in Jesus' name. Amen.

**Next weeks readings:** Zechariah 9: 9-10; Romans 8: 9, 11-13; Matthew 11: 25-30

**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

2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16

A reading from the second book of the Kings

*That is the holy man of God, let him remain there.*

One day as Elisha was on his way to Shunem, a woman of rank who lived there pressed him to stay and eat there. After this he always broke his journey for a meal when he passed that way. She said to her husband, 'Look, I am sure the man who is constantly passing our way must be a holy man of God. Let us build him a small room on the roof, and put him a bed in it, and a table and chair and lamp; whenever he comes to us he can rest there.'

One day when he came, he retired to the upper room and lay down. 'What can be done for her?' he asked. Gehazi (his servant) answered, 'Well, she has no son and her husband is old.' Elisha said, 'Call her.' The servant called her and she stood at the door. 'This time next year,' Elisha said 'you will hold a son in your arms.'

**The word of the Lord.**

## Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 88:2-3. 16-19. R. v.2

(R.) *Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.*

1. I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord;  
through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth.  
Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever,  
that your truth is firmly established as the heavens. (R.)
2. Happy the people who acclaim such a king,  
who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face,  
who find their joy every day in your name,  
who make your justice the source of their bliss. (R.)
3. For it is you, O Lord, who are the glory of their strength;  
it is by your favour that our might is exalted:  
for our ruler is in the keeping of the Lord;  
our king in the keeping of the Holy One of Israel. (R.)

## Second Reading Rom 6:3-4. 8-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Having been buried with him through baptism, we shall walk in a new life.

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life.

But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

**The word of the Lord.**

## Gospel Acclamation

1 Peter 2:9

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people. Praise God who called you out of darkness and into his marvellous light.

*Alleluia!*

## Gospel

Matthew 10:37-42

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

*Anyone who does not accept his cross is not worthy of me.*

*Anyone who welcomes you, welcomes me.*

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me.

Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me. Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it.

'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me. 'Anyone who welcomes a prophet because he is a prophet will have a prophet's reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man because he is a holy man will have a holy man's reward.

'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

**This is the Gospel of the Lord.**

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