



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

Dear Parishioners,

I would like to share with you that last Friday I was appointed by the Archbishop of Melbourne as the Administrator of St. Brigid's Parish, Gisborne.

My name is Fr. Denis Stanley, the Parish Priest of your neighbouring parish of Sunbury. This appointment will come into effect on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> of July 2023, and will stay in place until the issue being investigated is resolved.

I am happy to assist the parish and its three communities of faith during this time. The Vicar General has advised me that he will take responsibility to ensure that a priest is available for all weekend masses and baptisms.

I will be responsible for administration, as a contact person for parish leadership and for pastoral care. This will include funerals and care of the sick.

I look forward very much to serving you.

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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.

**REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate**

In the Jewish story of the creation of Adam, the author has God fashion a figure of a human being out of damp earth, and then breathes into the nostrils of this clay figure. It becomes 'Adam'. In Hebrew, the word for breath, wind or Spirit is the same, so this story tells us that we become human when the Holy Spirit is breathed into our very being.

St Paul tells the early converts in Rome, those recently baptised, and therefore tells us who are baptised: 'The Spirit of God has made his home in you.'

Since your baptism, the Holy Spirit, the Breath of God, dwells in you in a special way. Baptism re-creates us, sharing in the life of the true Adam.

We could pause for a moment to pray:

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

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**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, Beau S, Fran S & John A.*

We pray for the recently deceased, and for those who have an anniversary at this time, *Carmen Cutajar &*

*Les Kays.*

**May they rest in peace** ☩

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

**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

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> July, 2023

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

**8:00am Mass** **St. Ambrose's**  
**Welcomer:** J. White  
**Reader:** P. Sammut  
**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:** R. Fisher

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



## BAPTISM PRAYER



We pray for

**Audrey, Luka & Elijah**

who will be Baptised in our parish this week.

The parishioners of St. Brigid's parish welcome and support you.

Find out what Jesus said to his followers by using the words below to complete the sentences.



----- to me all who -----  
I will give you -----  
I am ----- and humble of -----  
My ----- is easy.  
My burden is -----

heart gentle labor  
Come yoke light rest

## 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 11<sup>th</sup> July to 14<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 – 2 July, 2023

**Total Amount received** \$ 611 (envelopes)  
**Total Amount received** \$ 160 (credit cards)  
**Total Amount received** \$ 410 (direct debit)  
**Presbytery Collection** \$ 601 (cash, c/c & d/d combined)

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

**Introduction:** As the Gospel of Matthew unfolds for us we enter a new phase of Jesus' proclamation of the mystery of God's kingdom. Can we listen today?

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Zechariah 9: 9-10

We hear Zechariah overturn the image current in his day as to what would be the role of the future Messiah. He will come not on a horse as a soldier in triumph, but on a donkey, the symbol of peace.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** Romans 8:9, 11-13

We hear St. Paul's words about the consequences of our baptism. The spirit of God now lives in us and we should live in the spirit.

**Gospel:** Matthew 11: 25-30

We hear the opening narrative section when Jesus explains that the Lord of heaven and earth has revealed his Kingdom to those humble enough to listen. He invites us to take up his yoke and learn from him.

**Prayer of Intercession:** Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who labour and are burdened, and I will give you rest." In response to his invitation, we bring our petitions before God who lifts up all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down.

1. We pray that the successors to the Twelve, the Pope with the College of Bishops continue to proclaim the kingdom of heaven as the revelation from God.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

**Lord hear our prayer.**

2. We pray for all those baptised in Christ that they be open to the Spirit of God dwelling within them. May we live in Christ's Spirit and bring forth the fruits of his promise.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

**Lord hear our prayer.**

3. We pray for the humility of heart and the simplicity of children that we may be open to the revelation of God's kingdom among us.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

**Lord hear our prayer.**

4. We pray for those who labour and are over burdened, that the encouragement of living in God's Kingdom now will be the source of peace of mind for them.

(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 *Carmen Cutajar & Les Kays* that their sharing in the sufferings of Christ will be the source of their being raised to eternal life in his Spirit.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

**Lord hear our prayer.**

**Celebrant:** Lord, you are gracious and merciful, slow to anger and of great kindness. This day let your goodness shine before all. Show your compassion toward all who come to you in need. We ask this through Christ our Lord. . Amen.

**Next weeks readings:** Isaiah 55: 10-11; Romans 8: 18-23; Matthew 13:1-23 (shorter form 13: 1-9)

**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

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

9 July 2023

## First Reading

Zechariah 9:9-10

A reading from the prophet Zechariah.

*See how humbly your king comes to you!*

The Lord says this:

‘Rejoice heart and soul, daughter of Zion!  
Shout with gladness, daughter of Jerusalem!  
See now, your king comes to you;  
he is victorious, he is triumphant,  
humble and riding on a donkey,  
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.  
He will banish chariots from Ephraim  
and horses from Jerusalem;  
the bow of war will be banished.  
He will proclaim peace for the nations.  
His empire shall stretch from sea to sea,  
from the River to the ends of the earth.’

## The word of the Lord

## Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 144:1-2. 8-11. 13-14. R. v.1

(R.) *I will praise your name for ever,  
my king and my God. or*

(R.) *Alleluia!*

1. I will give you glory, O God my King,  
I will bless your name for ever.  
I will bless you day after day  
and praise your name for ever. (R.)
2. The Lord is kind and full of compassion,  
slow to anger, abounding in love.  
How good is the Lord to all,  
compassionate to all his creatures. (R.)
3. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,  
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.  
They shall speak of the glory of your reign  
and declare your might, O God. (R.)
4. The Lord is faithful in all his words  
and loving in all his deeds.  
The Lord supports all who fall  
and raises all who are bowed down. (R.)

## Second Reading

Romans 8:9.11-13

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

*If by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body, you will live.*

Your interests are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him, and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live.

## The word of the Lord.

## Gospel Acclamation

See Matthew 11:25

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

*Alleluia!*

## Gospel

Matthew 11:25-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

*I am gentle and humble of heart.*

Jesus exclaimed, ‘I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children. Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. ‘Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.’

## This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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