



Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

23rd 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

Parish Website <http://pol.org.au/gisborne/Home.aspx>

Secretary Hours Tuesday & Thursday 9:00am – 5:00pm

Dear Parishioners

I would like to extend my gratitude to Kevin Petherbridge, who has recently stepped down from his role as Chairperson of the Child Safety Committee at St. Brigid's, for his commitment to the very important task of bringing our Parish into line with the guidelines set out by the Archdiocese. It has been a huge job and I thank Kevin for his work.

I note in the Parish Pastoral Council Minutes that 75% of our Parish volunteers have supplied a current WWCC or VIT registration. Whilst this is a great starting point; there is a still as significant number that do not have the required documentation needed to volunteer within the parish.

Together with the Archdiocese, I see this as a priority; therefore those without the required documentation will be contacted in the coming weeks to arrange for their WWCC to be completed. Our parish secretary, Tam, will co-ordinate this work. I'd like to emphasize that those without the appropriate documentation will be unable to continue in their volunteer role after 31 October, 2023. Please feel free to contact Tam if you require help obtaining your WWCC.

The safety of our young and vulnerable people is everyone's responsibility and we are committed to providing a safe environment at St. Brigid's Parish.

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WEEKDAY MASS – TUESDAY'S 5pm

Effective as of Tuesday 25 July, 2023 at 5pm

Fr. Denis will be celebrating weekday Mass
at St. Brigid's Church in Gisborne.

EVERYONE WELCOME

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

One loves someone so much – a child, a parent, a spouse or partner – yet when one tries to pray for that person the words seem only a pale shadow of the intensity of feeling and total love one feels. Stop! Simply put the person or situation before God and say nothing. The Holy Spirit will express our heartfelt prayer for us.

One's heart is breaking with grief for someone close who is very ill or dying. Or one feels a terrible anxiety or anguish. Words don't come easily even though one wants to pray. Stop! Put the person or situation before God and say nothing. The Holy Spirit will express our heartfelt prayer for us.

Perhaps accentuated by the constant messaging of social media, when trying to pray we can get anxious when there is a lull in the noise and no words come. We could pause for a moment to relax and to allow the Spirit to express our plea in a way which could never be put into words.

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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, *Agnes Haire &*

Flo Fitzgerald..

May they rest in peace ☩

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



Rosters & Events



Ministers for next weekend's Masses

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

29th & 30th July, 2023

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

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

Counters:
Not currently needed.

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

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

Flowers:

J. Shumack



“WOMEN DEACONS & the SYNOD: WHAT HAPPENS NOW?”

On **7 August 2023** (10-11:30am AEST) the ACU Centre for Liturgy will host Dr Phyllis Zagano (Hofstra University, New York) who will give an online public lecture (via Zoom) entitled **“Women Deacons and the Synod: What Happens Now?”** Most of the Continental Assemblies and the syntheses of several Episcopal Conferences call for the question of women's inclusion in the diaconate to be considered at the Synod on Synodality. Is it possible to envisage this, and in what way? She will address the questions: What are the arguments for and against women ordained as deacons? What will happen in October? Dr Zagano is an internationally acclaimed Catholic scholar and lecturer on contemporary spirituality and women's issues in the church.

To register, please go to www.acu.edu.au/publiclectureCfL

SITUATIONS VACANT

Applications are invited from suitably qualified and experienced people for the positions of:

Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne

- Archdiocesan Personal Assistant, Western Region

- Executive Officer, East Melbourne

Parish Positions

- Parish Secretary Holy Family Parish, Doveton

- Pastoral Worker St Peter's & Paul's Parish, Doncaster East

- Parish Coordinator- St Jude's Parish, Scoresby

- Parish Secretary-Our Lady of Southern Cross Parish, Clifton Hill

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WELCOME

St. Brigid's Parish community warmly welcomes visitors and new parishioners. Please introduce yourselves and 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 for 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 Kaffee Bar – 30 Aitken Street for a coffee and chat.
Everyone Welcome

Weekday Services 25th July to 28th July, 2023

Tues 5pm – 5:30pm – Weekday Mass – St. Brigid's
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 – 16 July, 2023

Total Amount received	\$	984	(envelopes)
Total Amount received	\$	130	(credit cards)
Total Amount received	\$	60	(direct debit)
Presbytery Collection	\$	515	cash, c/c & d/d combined)

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

Introduction: Through Jesus' parables we realise that the hidden work of God is going on around us all the time, if only we know how to recognize it.

1st Reading: Wisdom 12:13, 16-19

We hear a selection from the Book of Wisdom. This is chosen to go with the parables that make up today's Gospel. Our God is a God of justice and mercy.

2nd Reading: Romans 8:26-27

We hear a brief but powerful word from Paul. The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. God also knows everything in our hearts.

Gospel: Matthew 13:24-43

We again hear the parables of Jesus about the hidden action of the Kingdom. They indicate that the universality of the Kingdom in God's plan is greater than the smallness of the human way of thinking.

Prayer of intercession: The book of Wisdom gives us hope. It is hope that moves us today to bring before God's mercy the hopes and dreams of all who long for His Word.

1. We pray for the Church as the witness to the Kingdom. May all levels within the Church learn to temper their enthusiasm to pull up the weeds and destroy the harvest as well. May they leave the judgement to God.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

2. We pray that the Spirit helps everyone in their weakness and leads them, like the mustard seed, to grow and produce God's fruits.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

3. We pray that those involved in responding to the needs of others find consolation and hope that their actions become like the yeast that leavens all through society.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

4. We pray that the Spirit always brings the needs of our hearts before God and that we pray according to the mind of God.

(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 all those who have recently died that the rewards of their goodwill will lead them to share the eternal reward in God's promise. We also remember those whose anniversary occurs at this time, especially *Agnes Haire & Flo Fitzgerald*. May they rest in the Lord's peace.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

Celebrant: We come before you, O God, through the Spirit who teaches us to pray. Receive these petitions from our hearts. Grant us this through Christ our lord. Amen.

Next weeks readings: 1 Kings 3: 5, 7-12; Romans 8: 28-30; Matthew 13 :44-52

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

Wisdom 12:13. 16-19

A reading from the book of Wisdom.

In the place of sin, you give repentance.

There is no god, other than you, who cares for everything, to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly.

Your justice has its source in strength, your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all.

You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned and you expose the insolence of those who know it; but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement, you govern us with great lenience, for you have only to will, and your power is there.

By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men, and you have given your sons the good hope that after sin you will grant repentance.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 85:5-6. 9-10. 15-16 R. v.5

(R.) Lord, you are good and forgiving.

1. O Lord, you are good and forgiving,
full of love to all who call.
Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer
and attend to the sound of my voice. (R.)
2. All the nations shall come to adore you
and glorify your name, O Lord:
for you are great and do marvellous deeds,
you who alone are God. (R.)
3. But you, God of mercy and compassion,
slow to anger, O Lord,
abounding in love and truth,
turn and take pity on me. (R.)

Second Reading

Romans 8:26-27

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

The Spirit himself pleads for us in a way that could never be put into words.

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

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 13:24-43

(or shorter form Mt 13:24-30)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Let them grow together until the harvest.

Jesus put a parable before the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and said, "Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?" "Some enemy has done this" he answered. And the servants said, "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn."'

He put another parable before them, 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed which a man took and sowed in his field. It is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the biggest shrub of all and becomes a tree so that the birds of the air come and shelter in its branches.'

He told them another parable, 'The kingdom of heaven is like the yeast a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour till it was leavened all through.'

In all this Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables; indeed, he would never speak to them except in parables. This was to fulfill the prophecy:

I will speak to you in parables and expound things hidden since the foundation of the world.

Then, leaving the crowds, he went to the house; and his disciples came to him and said, 'Explain the parable about the darnel in the field to us.' He said in reply, 'The sower of the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world; the good seed is the subjects of the kingdom; the darnel, the subjects of the evil one; the enemy who sowed them, the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; the reapers are the angels. Well then, just as the darnel is gathered up and burnt in the fire, so it will be at the end of time. The Son of Man will send his angels and they will gather out of his kingdom all things that provoke offences and all who do evil, and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth. Then the virtuous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.