



Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

30th 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

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

Josip & Ana Jackanic and Alec Gardiner.

May they rest in peace ☩

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

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

A burning rubbish tip in Jerusalem (Gehenna) provided Jesus with one image of Hell. Here is John Henry Newman's image.

Have you travelled to a foreign country and can't speak the language? There is lots of weeping and gnashing of teeth. What if you were born with a good ear for languages, but had deliberately never learnt the language of that other place? You would only have yourself to blame. It would be a living hell.

That is what happens at death. The soul is suddenly transported to a different dimension of existence, and it can be either heavenly or hellish depending on the choices and actions of a lifetime.

So, our lifetime project is to 'learn the language of heaven'. We can mainly do this by following the story of Jesus, the Word of God, the perfect conversation between humanity and God.

We could pause for a moment to move from incommunicado to communion by learning and practising the language of Heaven.

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MISSIONARY SOCIETY of St. COLUMBAN (SSC)

On behalf of all Parishioners, I extend a very sincere **Thank You** to the Columban's who have supported our parish during these past months. A special mention to Fr. Tom Cleary who has celebrated Mass with us over 6 of the last 8 weeks! Thanks also to Fr. Ray Scanlon and of course Bp. Terry Curtin. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Over the weekend of August 5 & 6, we will welcome Fr. Jossy to St. Brigid's.

WEEKDAY MASS – TUESDAY'S 5pm

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

EVERYONE WELCOME

St Brigid's Parish Calendar of Events

July		
Sunday	30th	Fr. Tom Cleary
August		
Tuesday	1 st	5pm Weekday Mass – Fr. Denis
Tuesday	1 st	6pm Finance Committee Meeting
Wednesday	2 nd	7:30pm Baptism Information night
Sat/Sun	5 th /6 th	Fr. Jossy
Sunday	13 th	12pm Baptism's
Sat/Sun	19 th /20 th	Eucharist Ceremonies
Sat/Sun	26 th /27 th	Eucharist Ceremonies
Sunday	27 th	12pm Baptism's



Rosters & Events



Ministers for next weekend's Masses

The Transfiguration of the Lord – Year A

5th & 6th of August, 2023

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

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:
M. Clifford & W. Kays

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

11:00am Mass **St. Brigid's**
Reader: K. Page
Offertory: to be chosen on the day.
Eucharist: *Volunteer required please*



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.

Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual and Pastoral Formation

Retreat in Everyday Life – Moments of Grace

Over five weeks, beginning Monday, 31 July & concluding 28 August

(at Heart of Life, Malvern, or via Zoom)

Flexible timing.

The Retreat in Everyday Life involves a commitment to daily prayer and weekly spiritual accompaniment for an hour per week over five weeks with this year's theme "Moments of Grace".

This is an ideal opportunity for a spiritual community to retreat together; as well as for individuals who would like to experience an opportunity to recognise God's presence in their everyday lives, in a more intentional way.

Register your interest

<https://www.heartoflife.melbourne/events/retreat-in-everyday-life-moments-of-grace/> or info@heartoflife.melbourne and we will be in touch to have a conversation.

Cost: Donation

Mindfulness & Meditation – Sat, 28 Aug 2023, 10 am – 3.30 pm

When we are present to the 'now', centredness and relaxation become a natural part of life, and we know how to act from a heart of love.

Facilitated by Paola Cheng who is a Spiritual Director, mental health social worker and meditation teacher, this is a day of prayer in the practice of Mindfulness and Meditation. We invite you to bring an open mind and heart to journey with others and within oneself. Bookings via

<https://www.heartoflife.melbourne/events/mindfulness-meditation/> or email info@heartoflife.melbourne. *Cost: \$60 (BYO Lunch)*

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

Parishioners wishing to join the Thanksgiving program are 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.

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 1st August to 4th August, 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 9744 1060 to book a time

Please see parish website for any changes—www.cam.org.au/gisborne

St Brigid's Parish Weekly Thanksgiving Sunday – 23 July, 2023

Total Amount received \$ 717 (envelopes)

Total Amount received \$ 214 (credit cards)

Total Amount received \$ 1030 (direct debit)

Presbytery Collection \$ 541 (cash, c/c & d/d combined)

Thank you for your ongoing support through the Thanksgiving Program.

May the Lord bless you all.

Introduction: Once again the teaching through parables is the medium in which Jesus led his people to recognise God's action in the Kingdom in the world.

1st Reading: 1 Kings 3: 5, 7-12

This story about King Solomon reveals his prayer as he asked for a heart to understand his people and not material things. He achieved a reputation for wisdom.

2nd Reading: Romans 8: 28-30

We hear how St. Paul points out that God can turn everything into their good when people co-operate in God's plan.

Gospel: Matthew 13: 44-52

We listen to the final bracket of the three parables that conclude Matthew's section on the spread and the mysteries of God's Kingdom. We become images of God's Son and a deeper sharing in this mystery.

Prayer of Intercession: Like Solomon, we seek the wisdom that gives us an understanding heart so that we may learn to hear and speak the needs of your people.

1. We pray for all leaders in our community, both civil and religious, who serve the common good, that they receive the gift of discernment and leadership for the good of others.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

2. We pray that we have the strength of mind and the inner courage to be willing to make sacrifices for the values we esteem and cherish.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

3. We pray for all ministers of the Word that in their preaching the Good News they may make people's hearts burn within them in hearing the Gospels proclaimed.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

4. We pray that young people may answer the call to be priests, deacons, religious brothers, sisters, and consecrated people. We pray also for those serving our church through Ordained and Consecrated Life.

(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 and for those whose anniversary occurs at this time, especially, Josip & Ana Jackanic and Alec Gardiner, that their sacrifices and suffering now be rewarded in the fullness of the Kingdom.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

Celebrant: Lord, let your compassion shine before us this day so that all who seek your word of guidance, comfort, and forgiveness, may see the light of your presence. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Next week's readings: Daniel 7: 9-10, 13-14; 2 Peter 1: 16-19; Matthew 17: 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

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First Reading

1 Kings 3:5.7-12

A reading from the first book of Kings

You have asked for wisdom.

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, 'Ask what you would like me to give you.' Solomon replied, 'Lord, my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its numbers cannot be counted or reckoned.

Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. 'Since you have asked for this' the Lord said 'and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 118:57. 72. 76-77. 127-130. R. v.97

(R.) *Lord, I love your commands.*

1. My part, I have resolved, O Lord,
is to obey your word.
The law from your mouth means more to me
than silver and gold. (R.)
2. Let your love be ready to console me
by your promise to your servant.
Let your love come to me and I shall live
for your law is my delight. (R.)
3. That is why I love your commands
more than finest gold.
That is why I rule my life by your precepts:
I hate false ways. (R.)
4. Your will is wonderful indeed;
therefore I obey it.
The unfolding of your word gives light
and teaches the simple. (R.)

Second Reading

Romans 8:28-30

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

He predestined us to become true images of his Son.

We know that by turning everything to their good God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those that he has called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers.

He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.

This is 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 13:44-52

(or shorter form Mt 13:44-46)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

He sells everything he owns and buys the field.

Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea that brings in a haul of all kinds. When it is full, the fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting down, they collect the good ones in a basket and throw away those that are no use. This is how it will be at the end of time: the angels will appear and separate the wicked from the just to throw them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.

'Have you understood all this?' They said, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Well, then, every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

"Again, the kingdom of
heaven is like..."



-Matthew 13:45

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