



The Transfiguration of the Lord - Year A

6th August, 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, especially *Gwlad Kennedy* and for those who have an anniversary at this time, especially *Gerard Tadd*.

May they rest in peace ☩

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

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

We have to get rid of the idea that the soul is a dot of energy in some hidden core of our body. In fact, the body is in the soul. There is no part of my body which is not immersed in my soul. It is my whole person, bodysoul, which needs to be saved.

As Thomas Aquinas says: 'If only my soul is saved, I am not saved.' Today's Gospel does not portray an out-of-body experience of religious ecstasy. Jesus' body was translucent, totally radiant with Divine Light. Further, this transfiguration was not a solitary experience for Jesus. Peter, James and John witnessed it precisely because it told them what our Heavenly Father desired as their destiny beyond martyrdom, if only they would listen to Jesus.

Heavenly salvation will involve my whole person, bodysoul, being transformed. But could a person, during their earthly existence, share in the transfiguration experience of Christ?

We could pause for a moment to 'Google' or otherwise get hold of my favourite story of a saint – St Seraphim of Sarov – and pray that we may share with his disciple the bodily experience of 'immeasurable wellbeing' – 'infinite joy in our hearts'.

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VISITING PRIEST'S in AUGUST

This week we welcome Fr. Jossy to St. Brigid's.

August 12/13 - Fr. Trevor Trotter SSC

Fr. Trevor is the current Director of St Columbans Mission Society for Oceania. .

August 19/20 - Fr. Denis Stanley

will be celebrating Masses with us.

August 26/27 - Fr. Robert McCulloch SSC

will be celebrating Masses with us.

WEEKDAY MASS – TUESDAY'S 5pm

Aug 8th – Solemnity of St. Mary of the Cross MacKillop

Aug 15th – Feast of the Assumption of our Lady

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

EVERYONE WELCOME

St Brigid's Parish Calendar of Events

August

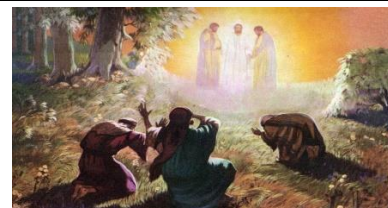
Sat/Sun	5 th /6 th	Fr. Jossy
Sunday	13 th	12pm Baptism's
Sat/Sun	19 th /20 th	Eucharist Ceremonies
Sat/Sun	26 th /27 th	Eucharist Ceremonies
Sunday	27 th	12pm Baptism's

FLAT SCREEN TV NEEDED AT ST. PATRICK'S

If anyone has upgraded their TV in recent time and has a spare one surplus to requirement, we have a home for it!

St. Pat's TV is no longer working and a new one is required. 50" preferred for viewing to the rear pews.

Please contact the office if you can help. (email).





Rosters & Events



Ministers for next weekend's Masses

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

12th & 13th of August, 2023

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

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

Counters:
Not currently needed.

9:30am Mass **St. Patrick's**
Reader: M. Redman
Offertory: to be chosen on the day.
Eucharist: M. Cooper

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

Flowers:
T. Armstrong



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.

Special Collection next week CatholicCare – 13th August, 2023

Next weekend is the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. As our parish community's social service agency, CatholicCare Victoria delivers programs and services to support families, children, young people and individuals to help everyone reach their full potential. The services include counselling and mental health services, specialised support for children and teens, refugee and asylum seeker help, pastoral care in hospitals and prisons, support for separating families, social housing and homelessness support. Donations from our parish community help CatholicCare Victoria support the most vulnerable individuals and families in our community and empower everyone to live life to the full.

POPE'S INTENTION FOR AUGUST 2023

For World Youth Day

We pray the World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives.

National Vocations Awareness Week - 6 August

Vocations come from families, communities and parishes. Strong families and communities are the place where vocations are first nurtured. In this National Vocations Awareness Week, let us pray for all families in our parish, and for those preparing for marriage. Let us also pray that our parish community may always be welcoming and encouraging of vocations to marriage, priesthood and consecrated life.

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 8th August to 11th 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 – 30 July, 2023

Total Amount received	\$	593	(envelopes)
Total Amount received	\$	160	(credit cards)
Total Amount received	\$	240	(direct debit)
Presbytery Collection	\$	588	(cash, c/c & d/d combined)

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

Introduction: To God the Father almighty, dear brothers and sisters, may every prayer of our heart be directed, for his will it is that all humanity should be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth.

1st Reading: Daniel 7: 9-10, 13-14

His raiment was as white as snow.

2nd Reading: 2 Peter 1: 16-19

We heard this voice from out of heaven.

Gospel: Matthew 17: 1-9

His face was shining like the sun.

Prayer of Intercession: Through Christ we are called into God's glory. As people of the light let us offer our prayers for those in need.

1. We pray that nations will shun all power and authority that unjustly oppresses and condemns their peoples.
(pause) We pray to the Lord. **Lord hear our prayer.**

2. We pray that those who lie in fear will find hope in the peace and comfort offered by Christ, the light of the world.

(pause) We pray to the Lord. **Lord hear our prayer.**

3. We pray that this community of faith will listen to the voice of Christ and, by our action, enjoy the favour of the Lord.

(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, especially *Gwlad Kennedy* and for those whose anniversary occurs at this time, especially *Gerard Tadd.* May they be transfigured with Christ in glory for all time.

(pause) We pray to the Lord. **Lord hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: God of light, you transfigured your Son in a blaze of glory which illuminates the earth. Hear our prayers and lead us from your holy mountain to build your kingdom of light and peace.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Next weeks readings: 1Kings 19:9, 11-13; Rom 9:1-5; Matthew 14:22-33

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

Transfiguration

6 August 2023

First Reading

Daniel 7:9-10. 13-14

A reading from the book of Daniel.

His raiment was as white as snow.

As I watched:

Thrones were set in place

and one of great age took his seat.

His robe was white as snow,

the hair of his head as pure as wool.

His throne was a blaze of flames,

its wheels were a burning fire.

A stream of fire poured out,

issuing from his presence.

A thousand thousand waited on him,

ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him.

A court was held and the books were opened.

I gazed into the visions of the night.

And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven,

one like a son of man.

He came to the one of great age

and was led into his presence.

On him was conferred sovereignty,

glory and kingship,

and men of all peoples, nations and languages became his servants.

His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty

which shall never pass away,

nor will his empire ever be destroyed.

This is the word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 96:1-2. 5-6. 9. R. vv.1. 9.

(R.) *The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth.*

1. The Lord is king, let earth rejoice,
let all the coastlands be glad.
Cloud and darkness are his raiment;
his throne, justice and right. (R.)
2. The mountains melt like wax
before the Lord of all the earth.
The skies proclaim his justice;
all peoples see his glory. (R.)
3. For you indeed are the Lord
most high above all the earth
exalted far above all spirits. (R.)

Second Reading 2 Pt 1:16-19

A reading from the second letter of St Peter.

We heard this voice from out of heaven.

It was not any cleverly invented myths that we were repeating when we brought you the knowledge of the power and the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ; we had seen his majesty for ourselves.

He was honoured and glorified by God the Father, when the Sublime Glory itself spoke to him and said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour.' We heard this ourselves, spoken from heaven, when we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have confirmation of what was said in prophecies; and you will be right to depend on prophecy and take it as a lamp for lighting a way through the dark until the dawn comes and the morning star rises in your minds.

This is the word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 17:5

Alleluia, alleluia!

This is my Son, my beloved, in whom is all my delight: listen to him.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 17:1-9

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

His face was shining like the sun.

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured: his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus. As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order, 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.' The psalm responses are from the English Translation of the Le.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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