



Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

13<sup>th</sup> August, 2023

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**CHILD PROTECTION - is everyone's responsibility**

**Parish Email** [gisborne@cam.org.au](mailto:gisborne@cam.org.au)

Check the Parish Website for:  
Child Safety & Code of Conduct Policy  
Parish Privacy Act / Professional Standards

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

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

*A parent must accompany any child leaving the church during Mass.*

**CONTINUING PRAYER LIST:**

**REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate**

Please pray for those who are in ill health:

The disciples had started off from the Jewish side of the Sea of Galilee, familiar territory. Jesus guided them through the stormy situation to 'the other side', the pagan side, unfamiliar territory where they would not have felt at home.

*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.*

Buffeted by storms, the Church is in the midst of a journey from familiar to unfamiliar territory.

We pray for the recently deceased and for those who have an anniversary at this time.

**May they rest in peace** ☩

Some of the storms include a new attitude to authority, to gender roles. There is anger and suspicion at sexual abuse and its cover up. Many of our contemporaries are openly hostile or contentedly indifferent.

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

In all these situations and many more, Our Lord will not allow us the indulgence of nostalgic yearning for the safety of the past country inhabited by the Church. We are not to throw Tradition with a capital 'T' overboard. To jettison the spirit led experience of the Church over two millennia will not help us. Discerning tradition from nostalgia, we must make our way to the other shore.

Dear Parishioners

I would like to inform you that effective 9/8/23, Fr. Jossy has been appointed as Assistant Priest at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish in Sunbury.

An important part of this appointment is to help me share the duties required to care for Gisborne and Sunbury Parishes during this interim period.

From now on, I will be celebrating Sunday Masses regularly in the Gisborne Parish (incorporating Macedon and Riddells Creek). This will give me the crucial opportunity to become a point of contact for you and provide further stability and continuity for the parish.

Kind regards

Fr. Denis Stanley

We could pause for a moment, resolving to row with courage because we know we are in the same boat as Peter whom our Risen Lord assures: 'Do not be afraid.'

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**VISITING PRIEST'S in AUGUST**

**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**

**August 15<sup>th</sup>** – 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**

**FLAT SCREEN TV NEEDED AT ST. PATRICK'S**

**August**

Sunday	13 <sup>th</sup>	12pm Baptism's
Sat/Sun	19 <sup>th</sup> /20 <sup>th</sup>	Eucharist Ceremonies
Sat/Sun	26 <sup>th</sup> /27 <sup>th</sup>	Eucharist Ceremonies
Sunday	27 <sup>th</sup>	12pm Baptism'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

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> of August, 2023

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

**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:**  
K. Page & L. DeBono

**9:30am Mass** **St. Patrick's**  
**Reader:** B. O'Callaghan  
**Offertory:** to be chosen on the day.  
**Eucharist:** J. O'Callaghan

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



## 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.

## CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal 13<sup>th</sup> August, 2023

This weekend is the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. CatholicCare Victoria works with individuals, families and communities to build strength, resilience, and empowerment to reach their full potential. Your compassionate generosity will help the most vulnerable members of our community – those facing unemployment and homelessness, those experiencing mental health challenges families struggling with relationship problems, people in hospitals and prisons, newly arrived refugees, and those experiencing grief and trauma.

**Please donate to CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal.** Your compassion and generosity will help the most vulnerable and marginalised in our community.

You can donate using the appeal envelope available or donate online at [www.catholiccarevic.org.au](http://www.catholiccarevic.org.au)

## BAPTISM PRAYER

We pray for



**Evie A, Clara, Freyja, Oona & Evie M**

who will be Baptised in our parish this week.

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

## 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 15<sup>th</sup> August to 18<sup>th</sup> 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 – 6 August, 2023

Total Amount received	\$	699	(envelopes)
Total Amount received	\$	55	(credit cards)
Total Amount received	\$	40	(direct debit)
Presbytery Collection	\$	504	(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 the events after the miracle of the loaves and fishes. Jesus sends his disciples out and dismisses the crowd. Jesus comes to the disciples walking on the water.

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** 1 Kings 19:9, 11-13

We hear about the prophet Elijah on the mountain where he expects to encounter the lord God. God is not found in the mighty wind or the earthquake or the fire, but in the gentle breeze – the ordinary experience of life.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** Romans 9: 1-5

We hear how Paul is willing to do anything, even cut himself off from Christ, if it would result in the Jews' acceptance of Jesus.

**Gospel:** Matthew 14: 22-23

We hear the story of Jesus walking on the water and how Peter's response in faith can vary. Our faith enables us to acclaim "truly you are the Son of God".

**Prayers of Intercession:** Today's Responsorial Psalm says: "Truth shall spring out of the earth, and justice shall look down from heaven". We are confident that the Lord who proclaims peace will bring peace.

1. We pray for the Apostles' successors, the College of Bishops with the Pope, that they be strengthened by the Spirit to proclaim the kingdom of heaven to our world.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

**Lord hear our prayer**

2. We pray that we be like Elijah and learn to find the presence of God in the gentle breeze of silence and thereby grow in union with God.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

**Lord hear our prayer**

3. We pray for those overwhelmed in the storms of life, depression, schizophrenia, anxiety and loneliness. May they find a helping hand to accompany them in their storms.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

**Lord hear our prayer**

4. We pray for the work of CatholicCare as they support those families facing severe upheavals: that they may experience God's embrace of mercy and peace.

(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, that they now share the fullness of their participation in the Eucharist which is the source and pledge of their eternal salvation as it is our hope too.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

**Lord hear our prayer**

**Celebrant:** Loving God, listen to our prayers today. Give us courage and take away all fear. Let us know above all that you are with us. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

**Next weeks readings:** Isaiah 56: 1,6-7; Romans 11: 13-15, 29-32; Matthew 15: 21-28.

**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 19:9.11-13**

**A reading from the first book of the Kings.**

*Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord God.*

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

**This is the word of the Lord.**

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Psalm 84:9-14, R. v.8**

(R.) *Lord, show us your mercy and love,  
and grant us your salvation.*

1. I will hear what the Lord God has to say,  
a voice that speaks of peace.  
His help is near for those who fear him  
and his glory will dwell in our land. (R.)
2. Mercy and faithfulness have met;  
justice and peace have embraced.  
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth  
and justice look down from heaven. (R.)
3. The Lord will make us prosper  
and our earth shall yield its fruit.  
Justice shall march before him  
and peace shall follow his steps. (R.)

**Second Reading** **Romans 9:1-5**

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

*I would willingly be condemned if it could help my people.*

What I want to say is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ – it is the truth – my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

**This is the word of the Lord.**

**Gospel Acclamation**

**Luke 19:38**

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

I hope in the Lord,  
I trust in his word.

*Alleluia!*

**Gospel**

**Matthew 14:22-33**

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.**

*Command me to come to you over the water.*

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying, 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered. 'Lord,' he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'

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

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