



Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

20th 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 & Terry R.*

We pray for the recently deceased, especially *Philomena Fewkes* and for those who have an anniversary at this time especially *Victor Gauci* and *Felicia Spano*.

May they rest in peace ☩

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

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

A pagan woman approaches a Jewish man and she begs Jesus to heal her daughter.

Jesus gives a dismissive answer to the woman: 'It is not fair to take the children's bread and throw it to the house dogs.' The children are obviously the Jewish people.

This remarkable *pagan* woman stands her ground and engages in a verbal joust with Jesus! She argues: 'Yes, Lord, but even the house dogs get the crumbs that fall from their master's table.'

Jesus recognises *her* faith and the daughter was healed.

This story was put in the Gospels to show how Jesus extended his saving mission to non-Jews in Pagan territory. That is Good News for billions of non-Jewish people over the course of history since then and into the future. That is why we are truly 'Catholic', which, as you know, is the Greek for 'world-wide'.

We could pause for a moment to celebrate this Canaanite woman as the first 'Catholic'!

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CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal

Thank you from CatholicCare Victoria.

CatholicCare Victoria is deeply grateful for the support of our parish during last week's CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal.

Because of the generosity of our parish community, CatholicCare Victoria can continue to ensure that vulnerable individuals and families in our community have the opportunity to live life to the full. Thank you for helping those in need!

For more information about CatholicCare Victoria, please visit: www.catholiccaregiv.org.au

Total Parish contribution was \$223.95

St Brigid's Parish Calendar of Events

August	
Sat/Sun	19 th /20 th Eucharist Ceremonies
Sat/Sun	26 th /27 th Eucharist Ceremonies
Sunday	27 th 12pm Baptism's

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

WEEKDAY MASS – TUESDAY'S 5pm

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

EVERYONE WELCOME

PRIEST'S for AUGUST Masses

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.



Rosters & Events



Ministers for next weekend's Masses

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

26th & 27th of August, 2023

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

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:
J. Shumack

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

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

The Canaanite woman persisted because of her strong belief that Jesus would cure her daughter. Use the words below to find out what Jesus said.



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HOLY COMMUNION PRAYER

Over the next two weekends, children from the parish, St. Brigid's Primary School and Holy Cross Primary School will be receiving the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

We pray for the teachers who have prepared the children for this Sacrament, we pray for the parents who have supported their children through their learning and we pray for the children as they take this exciting step in their Catholic journey.

May God bless you all. Amen

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 22nd August to 25th 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 – 13 August, 2023

Total Amount received \$ 1008 (envelopes)

Total Amount received \$ 100 (credit cards)

Total Amount received \$ 210 (direct debit)

Presbytery Collection \$ 612 (cash, c/c & d/d combined)

Thank you for your ongoing support through the Thanksgiving Program.

May the Lord bless you all.

Introduction: Today's Gospel features the famous dialogue of Jesus with the Canaanite woman who earns his approval for her great faith. The narratives of faith are examples and encouragement for us.

1st Reading: Isaiah 56: 1, 6-7

We hear a passage from Isaiah which is set to parallel the Gospel selection. The prophet emphasizes that foreigners also are welcome in God's house of prayer.

2nd Reading: Romans 11: 13-15, 29-32

We hear the beginning of a section dealing with Paul's relationship to the Gentiles which is painful for him in light of his Jewish background.

Gospel: Matthew 15: 21-28

We hear the powerful dialogue between Jesus and the Canaanite woman. What appears to be hardness on Jesus' part is in fact the way he draws out the testimony to her deep faith and wins his commendation.

Prayers of Intercession: Through the prophet Isaiah, God says, "My house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples." Here, in this place of prayer, we call upon God to have pity on all and to bless all, so that one day, God's face may be known upon earth.

1. We pray for the leadership of the Church that it gives witness to and encourage the universal call of the Church to unify all nations.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

2. We pray for the homeland of Jesus himself that the Holy Land recover its role as the Mother Land of Jews, Christians and Moslems.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

3. We pray for an openness to other religions and cultures in our local communities that we may proclaim the Gospel model of inclusiveness.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

4. We pray for the children of our parish who will be receiving the Sacrament of Holy Communion over the next two weeks. May they feel God's love surround them as they continue on their Catholic journey.

(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 & Terry R*. We pray for all those who have recently died, especially *Philomena Fewkes* and for those whose anniversary occurs at this time, especially *Victor Gauci & Felicia Spano*. That they share eternal peace which is the promise of God's life given for all.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

Celebrant: Compassionate and Loving God, like the Canaanite woman before your son Jesus, we persist in our requests before you. We make this prayer, as we make all of them, in Jesus' name. Amen.

Next weeks readings: Isaiah 22: 19-23; Romans 11: 33-36; Matthew 16: 13-20

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

Isaiah 56:1.6-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

I will lead the foreigners to my holy mountain.

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice, act with integrity, for soon my salvation will come and my integrity be manifest.

Foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord to serve him and to love his name and be his servants – all who observe the sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to my covenant – these I will bring to my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their holocausts and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.

This is the word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 66:2-3 5-6. 8. R. v.4

(R.) O God, let all the nations praise you!

1. O God, be gracious and bless us
and let your face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon earth
and all nations learn your saving help. *(R.)*
2. Let the nations be glad and exult
for you rule the world with justice.
With fairness you rule the peoples,
you guide the nations on earth. *(R.)*
3. Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
May God still give us his blessing
till the ends of the earth revere him. *(R.)*

Second Reading

Romans 11:13-15. 29-32

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

The gifts and call of God are irrevocable.

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been sent to the pagans as their apostle, and I am proud of being sent, but the purpose of it is to make my own people envious of you, and in this way save some of them. Since their rejection meant the reconciliation of the world, do you know what their admission will mean? Nothing less than a resurrection from the dead! God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice.

Just as you changed from being disobedient to God, and now enjoy mercy because of their disobedience, so those who are disobedient now – and only because of the mercy shown to you – will also enjoy mercy eventually. God has imprisoned all men in their own disobedience only to show mercy to all mankind.

This is the word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 4:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom
and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 15:21-28

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Woman, you have great faith.

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.' But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. 'Give her what she wants,' they said 'because she is shouting after us.' He said in reply, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.' But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. 'Lord,' she said 'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs.' She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And from that moment her daughter was well again.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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