



Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

27<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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, Stephania  
C, Kylie I, George T, Bill P, Jacqueline D,  
Beau S, Fran S, John A & Terry R.*

We pray for the recently deceased, and for those who  
have an anniversary at this time especially *Dawn  
Gardiner, Marie Duggan & Boyd Robertson.*

**May they rest in peace** ☩

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

**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 / SEPTEMBER Masses**

August 26/27 - Fr. Robert McCulloch SSC  
will be celebrating Masses with us.

September 2/3 - Fr. Denis Stanley  
Will be celebrating Masses with us.

**REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate**

Jesus had a sense of humour! Simon, son of Jonah, was far from being a rock solid supporter of Jesus. So Jesus gave him the nickname 'Rocky' which in the Greek is Petros.

Jesus puns with the nickname: 'You are Rocky and upon this rock I will build *my* church.' The natural personality of shifting sands was being transformed by the blessing just given (the only blessing bestowed upon an apostle by Jesus).

Notice that Jesus only makes promises about '*my* church', not a church shaped by human imagination, e.g. modes of Roman Imperial rule or with a Eurocentric mindset.

Fortunately, we have a successor of St Peter responding to our Risen Lord's command to St Francis of Assisi, 'Rebuild *my* church'.

We could pause for a moment to pray that the Risen Lord showers the 265th successor of St Peter with every blessing so that the Church of Jesus the Christ continues to prevail over the forces of death which threaten humanity.

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**St Brigid's Parish Calendar of Events**

**August**  
Sat/Sun 26<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup> Eucharist Ceremonies  
Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> 12pm Baptism's



**Social Justice Statement 2023-2024**

**Listen, Learn Love:**

**A New Engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples**



# Rosters & Events



Ministers for next weekend's Masses

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> September, 2023

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

**8:00am Mass** **St. Ambrose's**  
**Welcomer:** J. White  
**Reader:** M. Henry  
**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:** R. Fisher

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



## 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.

## ACBC Social Justice Sunday

The Bishops invite us, as Catholics, to begin a new engagement with the First Peoples to overcome injustice, an engagement grounded in love. This love is at the heart of Jesus' message. This love is characterised by a commitment to encounter and dialogue, reciprocity, mutual accompaniment and a desire to put the other at the centre of our attention. The Bishops offer us some simple actions which could help us to begin this new engagement. The Bishops do not tell us how to vote in the referendum, but they encourage us to inform ourselves about the issues through respectful dialogue, especially with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples.

The Bishops and NATSICC join together at the conclusion of the statement to call for us all to walk together in love on a journey of healing, whatever the outcome of the Voice referendum.

The full statement is now available at:

[www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au](http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au)

## HOLY COMMUNION PRAYER

This weekend, 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 29<sup>th</sup> August to 1<sup>st</sup> September, 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 – 20 August, 2023

Total Amount received	\$	1159	(envelopes)
Total Amount received	\$	60	(credit cards)
Total Amount received	\$	160	(direct debit)
Presbytery Collection	\$	646	(cash, c/c & d/d combined)

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

**Introduction:** Peter is a central figure in the foundation of the Church. In the Gospel readings we see both sides of his character that reveal his generosity and goodwill but that he also has feet of clay.

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Isaiah 22:19-23

This passage offers insight into how confused was the expectation of the role of authority and leadership focused on the future Messiah.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** Romans 11:33-36

We hear a quotation from an early Christian hymn which is dealing with the failure of Israel to accept the Gospel of Jesus. But God's wisdom remains the same.

**Gospel:** Matthew 16:13-20

In this passage Peter interprets the role of Jesus as the Messiah and Son of God. In turn Jesus confers Peter's new name and prepares him for his new role as Church leader.

**Prayer of Intercession:** With St. Paul proclaiming the "depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God", which flow from the heart of His love, we seek an answer for all who have entrusted themselves to us in prayer.

1. We pray for today's successor of St. Peter, Pope Francis. May he be guided and supported by the Holy Spirit as he proclaims to the world who is the Christ of the Living God.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

**Lord hear our prayer.**

2. We pray for the children of our parish who will be receiving the Sacrament of Holy Communion this weekend. May they feel God's love surround them as they continue on their faith journey.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

**Lord hear our prayer.**

3. We pray for the unity amongst all Christians that our commitment may answer the prayer of Jesus that our unity will be the way that the whole world knows we are his disciples.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

**Lord hear our prayer.**

4. We pray for migrants who call Australia home. May Australia, which is continually blessed and enriched with the diversity which migrants bring, become a home for migrants and their families. Also, for the families of migrants left behind may we be attentive to their needs.

(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, and for those whose anniversary occurs at this time, especially *Dawn Gardiner, Marie Duggan & Boyd Robertson*.

May their families find assurance in the Communion of Saints and their unity in the Risen Christ.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

**Lord hear our prayer.**

**Celebrant:** We give you thanks, O God, because of your kindness and your great love for all. Receive our prayers with compassion. When we call, answer us, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Next weeks readings:** Jeremiah 20: 7-9; Romans 12: 1-2; Matthew 16:21-27

**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 22:19-23

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

*I place the key of the House of David upon his shoulder.*

Thus says the Lord of hosts to Shebna, the master of the palace:

I dismiss you from your office,  
I remove you from your post,  
and the same day I call on my servant  
Eliakim son of Hilkiah.  
I invest him with your robe,  
gird him with your sash,  
entrust him with your authority;  
and he shall be a father  
to the inhabitants of Jerusalem  
and to the House of Judah.  
I place the key of the House of David  
on his shoulder;  
should he open, no one shall close,  
should he close, no one shall open.  
I drive him like a peg  
into a firm place;  
he will become a throne of glory  
for his father's house.

**The word of the Lord.**

## Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 137:1-3. 6. 8. R. v.8

(R.) *Lord, your love is eternal;  
do not forsake the work of your hands.*

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,  
you have heard the words of my mouth.  
Before the angels I will bless you.  
I will adore before your holy temple. (R.)
2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love  
which excel all we ever knew of you.  
On the day I called, you answered;  
you increased the strength of my soul. (R.)
3. The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly  
and the haughty he knows from afar.  
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,  
discard not the work of your hands. (R.)

## Second Reading

Romans 11:33-36

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

*From him, through him, and in him are all things.*

How rich are the depths of God – how deep his wisdom and knowledge – and how impossible to penetrate his motives or understand his methods! Who could ever know the mind of the Lord? Who could ever be his counsellor? Who could ever give him anything or lend him anything? All that exists comes from him; all is by him and for him. To him be glory for ever! Amen.

**The word of the Lord.**

## Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 16:18

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church;  
the gates of hell will not hold out against it.

*Alleluia!*

## Gospel

Matthew 16:13-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

*You are Peter, to you I will give the keys of the kingdom of heaven.*

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.' Then he gave the disciples strict orders not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

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