



Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

3<sup>rd</sup> September, 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.

**May they rest in peace** ☩

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

**WEEKDAY MASS – TUESDAY'S 5pm**

**PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO WEEKDAY MASS  
ON TUESDAY 05/09/23**

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

**September**

Sat/Sun	2 <sup>nd</sup> / 3 <sup>rd</sup>	PRF Father's Day Collection
Wed	6 <sup>th</sup>	Baptism Information evening

**REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate**

We have to get one terrible thought out of our heads, i.e. that the Heavenly Father of Jesus wanted him to suffer a tortured, agonising death. Yet we do say: 'It was necessary that Jesus suffer and die.' What can this mean? I believe this refers to the necessity of divine mission and the necessity of divine love.

First, it was the Father's will that Jesus remain true to the mission to preach and embody the gospel of mercy and forgiveness. It was inevitable that powerful elites would find this intolerable and have Jesus eliminated. Secondly, God so loved the world where death ravages human beings, that God determined to absorb the suffering and pangs of death.

The temptation to avoid that dreadful necessity lead Jesus to rebuke Peter: 'Get behind me, Satan', a terrible variation of the initial call: 'Come, follow me.'

We could pause for a moment, to very consciously make the sign of the Cross, the consequence of Jesus' mission and love for us.

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**SPECIAL COLLECTION - PRIEST'S RETIREMENT FOUNDATION**

**FATHER'S DAY APPEAL 2023**

Father's Day is the traditional day for the annual collection for the Priests Retirement Foundation. This appeal creates one of the four main income streams for the Foundation enabling them to support the retired priests of the Archdiocese.

Priests generally retire at 75 years of age and there are currently 85 retired Melbourne priests.

10 retired Melbourne priests are aged in their 90's, 48 are in their 80's and 27 are aged between 75-80.

The Retirement Foundation meets their needs. Retired priests have served us well. Most have served 50 years in parish ministry before retiring at age 75.

They are grateful for your support now and in the future.

**POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER 2023**

For people living on the margins.

We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.



# Rosters & Events



Ministers for next weekend's Masses

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> September, 2023

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

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

**Counters:**  
Not currently needed.

**Flowers:**  
T. Armstrong

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

**11:00am Mass** **St. Brigid's**  
**Reader:** J. Holmes & C. Holmes  
**Offertory:** to be chosen on the day.  
**Eucharist:** K. Page



## THANKSGIVING BY DIRECT DEBIT

If you would like to contribute to the Thanksgiving Program, you 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

If you would like to contribute to the Priest & Presbytery expenses, you 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.

## CHILD PROTECTION WEEK

4<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> of September, 2023

Child Protection Week is a national campaign held each year to raise awareness of child-abuse prevention in our communities. In 2023, the overarching message that 'Every child in every community needs a fair go' will be complemented with the theme 'Where we start matters':

- Where we start our lives in terms of where we live, the resources available to us and the opportunities presented to us makes a significant difference to our life outcomes.
- Where we start as a Catholic community in offering children and their families support and assistance makes a significant difference to life outcomes.
- Where we start as decision-makers in addressing large, complex problems such as child abuse and neglect also has a significant impact on personal, social and economic outcomes.

Child Protection Week is a good time for us to think about how we, as adults, can address some of these issues that affect children and to consider how we can change things to make a difference.

On Sunday 10 September, the Catholic Church in Australia will mark Safeguarding Sunday, which falls on the second Sunday of September each year, at the end of National Child Protection Week.

## 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 5<sup>th</sup> September to 8<sup>th</sup> September, 2023

**Tues** NO SERVICE

**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 – 27 August, 2023

**Total Amount received** \$ 1039 (*envelopes*)

**Total Amount received** \$ 4214 (*credit cards*)

**Total Amount received** \$ 230 (*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:** In the passage from Matthew's Gospel we see another side to Peter's character when Jesus reveals to the disciples that he must journey to Jerusalem, suffer and die on the Cross. The cross is very much a part of the Christian experience.

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Jeremiah 20:7-9

We hear a daunting reading in which Jeremiah portrays his bitterness as to how he has been treated.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** Romans 12:1-2

We hear a brief passage from Paul in which he challenges the Romans not to be conformed to the world but to discern the will of God and follow that.

**Gospel:** Matthew 16:21-27

When Jesus begins to alert his disciples as to his destiny in Jerusalem, Peter responds negatively. Jesus challenges Peter - and us - to take up the cross and follow him.

**Prayer of Intercession:** Trusting in the words of Scripture, we offer petitions to God, who alone is able to save us, for the world, for the Church and for one another.

1. We pray for our Pope, who has shown us his willingness to share the cross of Jesus. May his example and witness encourage all who are called to carry their cross with Jesus.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

**Lord hear our prayer.**

2. We pray for today's prophets who seek to challenge government or Church leaders in the false values or political maneuverings of their institutions.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

**Lord hear our prayer.**

3. We pray for openness to accept the strength of self discipline to lose our life in order to save it.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

**Lord hear our prayer.**

4. We pray for all refugees, that God's presence will give comfort in their insecurity, and that our efforts will offer hope and bring justice.

(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.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

**Lord hear our prayer.**

**Celebrant:** Gracious God, we know you are close to us whenever we call upon you. Hear our prayers, and may the words on our lips have their source always in our hearts. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen.

**Next weeks readings:** Ezekial 33: 7-9; Romans 13: 8-10; Matthew 18: 15-20

**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

Jeremiah 20:7-9

**A reading from the prophet Jeremiah.**

*The word of the Lord God has meant derision for me.*

You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself be seduced; you have overpowered me: you were the stronger. I am a daily laughing-stock, everybody's butt.

Each time I speak the word, I have to howl and proclaim: 'Violence and ruin!'

The word of the Lord has meant for me insult, derision, all day long.

I used to say, I will not think about him,

I will not speak in his name any more.

Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones.

The effort to restrain it wearied me,

I could not bear it.

**The word of the Lord**

## Responsorial Psalm

**Psalm 62:2-6. 8-9. R. v.2**

(R.) *My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.*

1. O God, you are my God, for you I long;  
for you my soul is thirsting.  
My body pines for you  
like a dry, weary land without water. (R.)
2. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary  
to see your strength and your glory.  
For your love is better than life,  
my lips will speak your praise. (R.)
3. So I will bless you all my life,  
in your name I will lift up my hands.  
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,  
my mouth shall praise you with joy. (R.)
4. For you have been my help;  
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.  
My soul clings to you;  
your right hand holds me fast. (R.)

## Second Reading

Romans 12:1-2

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

*May you present your bodies as a living sacrifice.*

Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and worship him, I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking beings, by offering your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God.

Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you, but let your behaviour change, modelled by your new mind. This is the only way to discover the will of God and know what is good, what it is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do.

**The word of the Lord.**

## Gospel Acclamation

See Eph 1:17-18

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart, that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.

*Alleluia!*

## Gospel

Mathew 16:21-27

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

*Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself.*

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. 'Heaven preserve you, Lord,' he said. 'This must not happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's.' Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life? 'For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour.'

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

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