



Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

10<sup>th</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,  
Stephanie C, Kylie I, George T, Bill P, Jacqueline D, Beau  
S, Fran S, Terry R, Sharon B & Helen K.*

We pray for the recently deceased, especially **Harrison Duff** and for those who have an anniversary at this time, especially **Jim Sullivan, Peter Linton & David Consiglio.**

**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 12/09/23**

**PRF Fathers Day Appeal 2023**

Total contribution was \$344.65

Thank you for your generosity to this worthy cause.

**REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate**

Our Lord acknowledged that the community he was establishing had to set boundaries. Who is to decide who is within or outside those boundaries?

In today's Gospel, Our Lord teaches that a nuanced step by step process should be invoked. First, there is private conversation, then slightly extended to bring in two or three others, then a sort of church community jury before a person is put beyond the pale. Our Lord promises to be with them to help guide their decision.

We all know of marriages which are fractured and where one partner has found intimacy and security in a second (civil) marriage.

Pope Francis has not suggested that the second marriage be regarded as valid. But he has suggested a process of discernment to allow a divorced person to receive 'the Eucharist . . . a powerful medicine and nourishment for the weak.'

Could a jury of ordinary Catholic lay people help make that discerning judgement, and then advise the Bishop as to the next step? We could pause for a moment to ponder the promise: 'Where two or three are gathered into my name, I am there with them.'

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**CHILD PROTECTION / SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY**

This weekend, the Catholic Church in Australia marks Safeguarding Sunday, on which we pray for those who have been abused, their families and supporters.

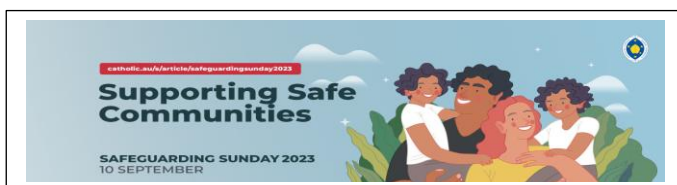
*We recognise and apologise for the harm done by priests, religious and lay people in Church settings.*

Rebuilding trust and confidence in the Church requires constant work and vigilance.

*We recommit to cultural change that will help the Church be a place that builds and supports safe communities for all people.*

You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at:

[www.catholic.au/s/article/safeguardingsunday2023](http://www.catholic.au/s/article/safeguardingsunday2023)



**Gracious God,**

you love and care for all of your children, especially the smallest and most vulnerable.

We entrust to you the lives of children and adults at risk who have been abused, neglected or exploited and whose trust and innocence have been destroyed.

*Help us to hear their cries of pain*

*and to take responsibility for those whose lives have been broken.*

*Help us to recognise the hurt felt by those wounded by abuse, and the failure to be heard.*

We pray that with the help of your grace communities and families will find understanding and support, so that now and in the future their wounds may be healed and they may find lasting peace.

*Let your grace and love fall gently now upon our children and adults at risk, giving them the inner strength, peace and resilience to seek out assistance when required.*

We ask this prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever.

**Amen**



# Rosters & Events



Ministers for next weekend's Masses

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> September, 2023

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

**8:00am Mass St. Ambrose's**  
**Welcomer:** J. White  
**Reader:** C. Moore  
**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:** K. Petherbridge

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



## 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.

## THE COMBINED CATHOLIC PARISHES RAFFLE - 2023

Please buy tickets in the raffle to support your parish and to have a chance of winning one (or more) of 7 great prizes, 1<sup>st</sup> prize being a new *Kia Picanto* car.  
*Tickets are \$2 each or (preferred) \$20 for a book of 10 and can be bought from parishioners at each of our masses.*

St. Brigid's Sat 6pm – Tony Wilson St. Ambrose Sun 8am – Carolyn Peterson  
St. Patrick's Sun 9:30am - Jayne O'Callaghan St. Brigid's Sun 11am - Kathy Page

Funds raised by the raffle will go into the Church account to either go towards expenses or as directed by the parish priest.

## COLUMBAN PARTNERSHIP FUNDRAISER OCTOBER 8 SAVE THE DATE

“Sounds of Freedom” – Reading Theatre Sunbury

Details to follow.....

## 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.

## URGENT HELP REQUIRED PLEASE

We are desperately short of volunteers able to help clean the Gisborne Church. Given the number of attendees between the two Gisborne Masses, it should be easy to find some volunteers to help primarily with the vacuuming of the church on a weekly basis. It is hoped that enough people come forward that you would only need to contribute to the roster once a month.

If you feel you are able to help, please contact either Tam at the office, Lynne Scott (Sat 6pm) or Kathy Page (Sun 11am) to arrange an introduction of the ducted system.

Thank you for your consideration.

## 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 12<sup>th</sup> September to 15<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 – 3 September, 2023

Total Amount received \$ 692 (envelopes)

Total Amount received \$ 0 (credit cards)

Total Amount received \$ 55 (direct debit)

Presbytery Collection \$ 382 (cash, c/c & d/d combined)

Thank you for your ongoing support through the Thanksgiving Program.

May the Lord bless you all.

**Introduction:** Today we encounter Matthew's "Sermon on the Church". This section of the Gospel describes what should be the life of the Christian community.

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Ezekiel 33:7-9

We hear a brief selection from Ezekiel which is chosen to match the emphasis of the Gospel. For today's world many people prefer to mind their own business as if we have no responsibility to and for others.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** Romans 13:8-10

We hear how Paul encourages the Romans that their Christian responsibility is not just to 'neighbour', but to everyone created by God.

**Gospel:** Matthew 18:15-20

We hear the challenging standards of the Christian community for reconciling communal differences in the community of Christ's Church.

**Prayer of Intercession:** We gather today as one in our worship and praise. Let us not be afraid to bring before God the things for which we are to pray.

1. We pray for ourselves as the Christian community who acknowledges that we are "two or three gathered together in the Lord's name". May the Spirit of the Risen Lord direct our every thought and action.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

**Lord hear our prayer.**

2. **For our community:** that we have the strength to stand in solidarity with victims of abuse, the humility to come to terms with the sinful crimes of the past and the patience to stop and listen to children and the vulnerable.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

**Lord hear our prayer.**

3. **For families:** that they may grow stronger and more resilient in their love and care for one another so that children are raised in safe and nurturing environments.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

**Lord hear our prayer.**

4. **For children in our parishes:** that we may all work collaboratively to ensure the happiness and confidence of every child, to support safe communities and to foster an environment of safety and protection where children flourish.

(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, Terry R, Sharon B & Helen K*. We pray for all those who have recently died, especially *Harrison Duff* who died in a tragic accident in Woodend and for all of his family and friends as they come to terms with their loss and grief. We pray also for those whose anniversary occurs at this time, especially *Jim Sullivan, Peter Linton & David Consiglio*.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

**Lord hear our prayer.**

**Celebrant:** Lord God, in Jesus your Son you offer us a model of reconciliation. Help us to follow his example by seeking harmony with those around us, and working for the good of each person. We make this and every prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Next weeks readings:** Ecclesiasticus 27: 30-28: 7; Romans 14: 7-9; Matthew 18: 21-35

**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

Ezekiel 33:7-9

A reading from the prophet Ezekial.

*If you have not warned the wicked man, then I will hold you responsible for his death.*

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows, ‘Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life.’

**The word of the Lord.**

## Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 94:1-2.6-9. R. v.8

(R.) *O that today you would listen to his voice!  
Harden not your hearts.*

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;  
hail the rock who saves us.  
Let us come before him, giving thanks,  
with songs let us hail the Lord. (R.)
2. Come in; let us bow and bend low;  
let us kneel before the God who made us  
for he is our God and we  
the people who belong to his pasture,  
the flock that is led by his hand. (R.)
3. O that today you would listen to his voice!  
‘Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,  
as on that day at Massah in the desert  
when your fathers put me to the test;  
when they tried me, though they saw my work.’ (R.)

## Second Reading

Romans 13:8-10

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

*Love is the fulfilment of the Law.*

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations. All the commandments: You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet, and so on, are summed up in this single command: You must love your neighbour as yourself. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.

**The word of the Lord.**

## Gospel Acclamation

2 Corinthians 5:19

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself;  
and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.  
*Alleluia!*

## Gospel

Matthew 18:15-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

*If your brother or sister listens to you, you will have won that person back.*

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector. ‘I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven. ‘I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.’

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

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