



Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

1st October, 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, Stephania 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 Joe Kloss
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.*

ALPHA EXPERIENCE at St. BRIGID'S

We are excited to announce the Alpha Experience
continuing in our parish where you can explore the
deeper questions of life and meaning in a casual
setting whilst getting to know new people.

**Alpha will recommence at St Brigid's on
Monday, October 2 from 7pm to 9pm
in the Presbytery.**

Limited seats available so register early.

For enquiries please call Madalin on 0412 301 618.

Please bring a plate to share prior to the meeting.

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

Jesus tells a little story about two brothers. One said 'Yes',
but never did anything. The other said 'No', but then had a
change of heart and did what was required. Jesus loved the
brother who came around. He was very hard on the one
who said 'Yes' but did not 'walk the talk'.

That is why he loved those tax collectors who gathered the
revenue for the Roman authorities, and the prostitutes who
serviced the Roman occupying army, but who switched
allegiance from the Empire of Caesar to the Kingdom of
God. This signalled a profound change of heart.

We may have said 'No' to God at various times with
various intensity in our lives. But God is wonderfully
patient and prepared to hear 'No' many times in the hope
of hearing 'Yes'. God's patience never runs out. But our
time to say 'Yes' does run out. We only have a relatively
short life span!

At the end of Mass, I will say 'Go and announce the
Gospel of the Lord.' As St Francis of Assisi put it, 'Preach
the Gospel, and occasionally use words.' Walk the talk.

mtate@bigpond.com

WEEKDAY MASS – TUESDAY'S 5pm

Fr. Denis will celebrate Mass on Tuesday afternoons.

ALL WELCOME

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Congratulations and special blessings to all those who are
celebrating birthdays and anniversaries during the month
of October. May your journey through life be filled with
daily treasures, and may you always be open, willing and
ready to share your blessings with others.



*If you would like your name included in the Birthday &
Anniversary prayer on the 1st Sunday of each month,
please send details to Tam.*

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

- 30/09/23** Saturday 6pm Mass – Fr. Jossy
- 01/10/23** Sunday Masses – Fr. Denis
- 01/10/23** Sunday 11am – Baptism Presentation
- 07/10/23** Saturday 6pm Mass – Fr. Jossy
- 08/10/23** Sunday Masses – Fr. Jossy
- 08/10/23** Sunday 12 noon – Baptism's
- 08/10/23** Sounds of Freedom – Reading Sunbury
- 19/10/23** Liturgy Group meeting – 7pm
- 26/10/23** PPC Meeting – 7pm



Rosters & Events



Ministers for next weekend's Masses

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

7th & 8th October, 2023

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

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:
T. Armstrong

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

11:00am Mass St. Brigid's
Reader: D. Egan
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.

WEEKDAY SERVICES & RECONCILIATION

Weekday Mass

Tues 5:00pm – 5:30pm
St. Brigid's with Fr. Denis

Reconciliation

By appointment only
Please phone Sunbury Parish Office 9744 1060 to book a time.

SCRIPTURE STUDIES

Thursday 10am – Presbytery
Enquiries: Bernie 0414 890 377

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, 1st 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.

St. VINCENT de PAUL – OBSERVANCE – 01/10/2023

A new chapter of SVDP has recently been established in Gisborne. If you or someone you know are in need of assistance, whether it be by way of food vouchers or perhaps furniture, please reach out 1800 305 330.

Long Term Volunteer Opportunities in the Australia-Pacific Region The Cagliero Project, Salesians of Don Bosco

We are seeking long term (6-12 month) volunteers for departure in January 2024 to work with young people in our Salesian communities in Samoa, Cambodia, Timor Leste, Solomon Islands and Australia.

Applications close October 31st, 2023.

Send us an enquiry - www.cagliero.org.au or lhichaaba@salesians.org.au

COLUMBAN PARTNERSHIP FUNDRAISER OCTOBER 8

"Sounds of Freedom" – Reading Theatre Sunbury

We invite you to join us on **Sunday, 8th October**, for a screening of the movie "**Sound of Freedom**" at Reading Cinemas in Sunbury. As has been the case in the past, we will provide pre-show nibbles and accompanying wine/soft-drink/tea/coffee, all included in the **price of \$25**. We have booked the function room for a **2.00pm start with the movie to be screened at 3.00pm**.

If interested in purchasing a ticket/s, please contact Marcia (0400 261 979) or Bill (0497 991 226). Alternatively, tickets will be available for purchase after our Parish masses. We hope you can join us.

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

St Brigid's Parish Weekly Thanksgiving Sunday – 24 September, 2023

Total Amount received	\$	805	(envelopes)
Total Amount received	\$	214	(credit cards)
Total Amount received	\$	410	(direct debit)
Presbytery Collection	\$	461	(cash, c/c & d/d combined)

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

Introduction: Last week we heard a parable that challenges us because God's ways are not our ways. This week we hear a parable that challenges us even further.

1st Reading: Ezekiel 18: 25-28

We hear Ezekiel's words, which connect us to the Gospel story about changing our mind. The contrast is between sin leading to death and repentance leading to life.

2nd Reading: Philippians 2: 1-11

We hear from Paul to the Philippians, with a strong appeal to be united in conviction and united in love.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 21:28-32

We hear one of the many scenes of conflict when the leaders in Jerusalem question the authority of Jesus. His riposte is to answer a question by asking a question.

Prayer of intercession:

Saint Paul says to the Philippians: "Complete my joy by being of the same mind, with the same love and united in heart." Our prayers are a sign of that communion for which we pray.

1. Let us pray for ourselves that we never be so hard hearted that we can never give second thoughts about any situation or issue.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

2. We pray for Christians that we be willing to offer forgiveness to others, so that we may show that it is in pardoning that we are pardoned.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

3. We pray for the Alpha Experience commencing in our parish this week, that all who have registered will attend the Alpha session. We ask you to send your Holy Spirit on the leaders and all the participants in the program that they may truly experience and encounter Christ through this Experience.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

4. 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 Joe Kloss. We pray also for those whose anniversary occurs at this time.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

5. For the present and future of our parish: that Christ who called us to be his people and a temple of the Holy Spirit; will continue to fill our parish with vision and confidence for the future even as our today is clouded with sadness.

Let us commend ourselves, and all for whom we pray, to the mercy and protection of God.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer

Celebrant: Lord our God, through our prayers may we continue to show you that we look out not for our own interests but also for those of others. We make our prayer through Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

Next week's readings: Isaiah 5:1-7, Philippians 4:6-9, Matthew 21: 33-43

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

First Reading

Ezekiel 18:25-28

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel.

The sinner who decides to turn against sinfulness deserves to live.

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 24:4-9. R. v.6

(R.) *Remember your mercies, O Lord.*

1. Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour. (R.)
2. Remember your mercy, Lord,
and the love you have shown from of old.
Do not remember the sins of my youth.
In your love remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord. (R.)
3. The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor. (R.)

Second Reading

Philippians 2:1-11

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

In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus.

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus:

His state was divine,
yet he did not cling to his equality with God
but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave,
and became as men are; and being as all men are,
he was humbler yet, even to accepting death,
death on a cross.

But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 10:27

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 21:28-32

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

He went out moved by regret. The tax collectors and prostitutes will precede you into the kingdom of God.

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go," but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir," but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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