



Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

8th 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 *Walter Carroll & Barry Roworth* and for those who have an anniversary at this time, especially *Fr. Noel Oliver & Dr. Kevin Sleigh.*

May they rest in peace ☩

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

ALPHA EXPERIENCE at St. BRIGID'S

Monday evenings 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.

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

For the Synod

We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level, and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.

BAPTISM PRAYER



We pray for
Noah & Grace

who will be Baptised in our parish this week.

The parishioners of St. Brigid's parish welcome and support you.

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

In the Hebrew scripture, Israel is spoken of as the Vineyard of God. We can say that now the Church is the vineyard of God. God is the Landlord, we are the tenants. It is our job to faithfully tend it and make sure it bears good fruit. If we are unfaithful, then God will find other people to carry on his plan, other tenants to tend his vineyard.

Certainly, we see that within the Universal Church. With the decline of the Eurocentric church, who has God turned to as new tenants for his vineyard? Look at the surging numbers of Catholics in subSahara Africa, Nigeria, the Philippines, Korea. The persecuted Church in Vietnam and China is surviving and growing despite the severity of oppression.

I think we may agree that the vineyard of the Church in Australia is not as fruitful as it could be. This is a challenge for us. It is wonderful to see the energetic work of the new immigrants and refugees in our parishes (including the Bishop of Parramatta!).

We could pause for a moment to commit to taking up the privilege and duty to work in the vineyard of the Church.

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WEEKDAY MASS – TUESDAY'S 5pm

Fr. Denis will celebrate Mass on Tuesday afternoons.

ALL WELCOME

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

- 07/10/23** Saturday 6pm Mass – Fr. Arnold
- 08/10/23** Sunday Masses – Fr. Denis
- 08/10/23** Sunday 12 noon – Baptism's
- 08/10/23** Sounds of Freedom – Reading Sunbury
- 09/10/23** Alpha Experience – 7pm Presbytery
- 19/10/23** Liturgy Group meeting – 7pm
- 26/10/23** PPC Meeting – 7pm



Rosters & Events



Ministers for next weekend's Masses

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

14th & 15th October, 2023

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

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:
K. Page & L. DeBono

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

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



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 Gisborne Singers present Brahms Liebeslieder Waltzes

a collection of love songs.

Sunday, 29th October – 2pm - Macedon

Talented choir accompanist Anna Clarke Zuidland will be joined by guest pianist Elyane Laussade

The Church of the Resurrection, Macedon.

Ticket pricing: Adult \$55; Student/senior \$45; under 12 free.

Tickets are available at www.trybooking.com/CIWVG

or via our website www.gisborne.harmonysite.com.

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.

SITUATIONS VACANT

Applications are invited from suitably qualified and experienced people for the positions of:

Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne

- Discipleship Specialist - Marriage & Family Accompaniment – East Melb.

Parish Positions

- Parish Secretary-Our Lady of Southern Cross Parish, Clifton Hill
- Administration Assistant, Richmond
- Parish Secretary, Niddrie
- Parish Secretary, Corio
- Parish Secretary, Williamstown

hadmin@cam.org.au

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.

OPEN HOUSE – meet after 11am Sunday Mass at the Kaffeine Bar –

30 Aitken Street for a coffee and chat.

Everyone Welcome!

COLUMBAN PARTNERSHIP FUNDRAISER OCTOBER 8

“Sounds of Freedom” – Reading Theatre Sunbury - \$25

Pre-show nibbles and accompanying wine/soft-drink/tea/coffee, 2pm

Movie to be screened at 3.00pm.

Tickets: contact Marcia (0400 261 979) or Bill (0497 991 226).

SCRIPTURE STUDIES

Thursday 10am – Presbytery

Enquiries: Bernie 0414 890 377

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 – 1st October, 2023

Total Amount received	\$	752	(envelopes)
Total Amount received	\$	160	(credit cards)
Total Amount received	\$	140	(direct debit)
Presbytery Collection	\$	411	(cash, c/c & d/d combined)

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

Introduction: One of the classic images in both the Hebrew and Christian scriptures is how a vineyard is used as the symbol of God's care for the chosen people. The sense of care, attention and dedication are God's contribution.

1st Reading Isaiah 5: 1-7

We hear words of Isaiah which could well be a song for a harvest festival. In this context the image of the vineyard is developed with a view to linking with the Gospel and Jesus who takes the image even further.

2nd Reading: Philippians 4: 6-9

We hear Paul's advice to the Church of Philippi. He encourages them in times of difficulty to continue to pray rather than to give up hope.

Gospel: Matthew 21:33-43

We hear how Matthew develops the image of the vineyard and adds a particular twist from Jesus. He uses the image of the stone rejected by the builders as challenge to the Jewish leaders that they will not enter the kingdom but it will be given to others who will produce its fruits.

Prayers of Intercession: We remember Saint Paul's words to the Philippians: "Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God."

1. We pray that the peace of Christ that is greater than anything we can understand will always guard our hearts and thoughts.

(Pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

2. We pray that the leaders of the Church will always be faithful stewards in the service of God's people.

(Pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

3. We pray for the Christian community that we be conscious of being open and welcoming to others so that together we can produce the fruit required by Jesus.

(Pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

4. We pray in a spirit of thanksgiving that our celebration of the Eucharist always keeps us close to Christ the Vine. Grafted onto Christ, may we accept the pruning that is required to bring forth the good fruit.

(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 *Walter Carroll & Barry Roworth*. We pray also for those whose anniversary occurs at this time, especially *Fr. Noel Oliver & Dr. Kevin Sleigh*.

(Pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

6. For the hopes and fears we have for our parish; that our fears and worries in days of grief and uncertainty, may not diminish the hope that God has poured into our hearts, but keep us humble and firm in hope, that blessed and life giving gift.

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: Through our prayers may we keep on doing what we have heard and seen through the power of the Spirit, so that your peace may reign in the hearts of all. We make our prayer through Christ the Lord. Amen.

Next weeks readings: Isaiah 25: 6-10; Philippians 4: 12-14, 19-20; Matthew 22: 1-14

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 5:1-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

The vineyard of the Lord God of hosts is the House of Israel.

Let me sing to my friend
the song of his love for his vineyard.
My friend had a vineyard on a fertile hillside.
He dug the soil, cleared it of stones,
and planted choice vines in it.
In the middle he built a tower, he dug a press there too.
He expected it to yield grapes,
but sour grapes were all that it gave.

And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah,
I ask you to judge between my vineyard and me.
What could I have done for my vineyard that I have not
done? I expected it to yield grapes.
Why did it yield sour grapes instead?

Very well, I will tell you what I am going to do to my
vineyard: I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on,
and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on.
I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug; overgrown by the briar
and the thorn. I will command the clouds to rain no rain on
it. Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the House of
Israel, and the men of Judah that chosen plant.
He expected justice, but found bloodshed, integrity, but
only a cry of distress.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 79:9. 12-16.19-20. R. Is 5:7

(R.) *The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.*

1. You brought a vine out of Egypt;
to plant it you drove out the nations.
It stretched out its branches to the sea,
to the Great River it stretched out its shoots. (R.)
2. Then why have you broken down its walls?
It is plucked by all who pass by.
It is ravaged by the boar of the forest,
devoured by the beasts of the field. (R.)
3. God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted. (R.)
4. And we shall never forsake you again:
give us life that we may call upon your name.
God of hosts, bring us back;
let your face shine on us and we shall be saved. (R.)

Second Reading

Philippians 4:6-9

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

Do these things and the God of peace will be with you.
There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you
need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and
thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much
greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and
your thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your
minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble,
everything that is good and pure, everything that we love
and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or
worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt
from me and have been taught by me and have heard or
seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

See John 15:15

Alleluia, alleluia!

I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made
known to you everything I have learnt from my Father.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 21:33-43

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

He leased his vineyard to other farmers.

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people,
'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner,
who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a
winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants
and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his
servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the
tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and
stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time
a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way.
Finally he sent his son to them. "They will respect my
son," he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said
to each other, "This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him
and take over his inheritance." So they seized him and
threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when
the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those
tenants?' They answered, 'He will bring those wretches to
a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who
will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.'
Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures:

*It was the stone rejected by the builders
that became the keystone.*

*This was the Lord's doing
and it is wonderful to see?'*

I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from
you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.'

The Gospel of the Lord.