



Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

15th 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, Fran S, Terry R,
Sharon B & Helen K.*

We pray for the recently deceased, especially Beau John Skowron 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.

COLUMBAN PARTNERSHIP FUNDRAISER

We held a very successful day last Sunday, 8th October, with our social gathering and film afternoon at Reading's Cinemas, Sunbury. Whilst ticket sales were slow to begin with, we eventually managed to sell 90 tickets with 84 in attendance on the day.

Lynne Piacentini conducted her raffle and hand-knitted stall, and raised over \$450. Raffle winners were, 1st Lance Redman, 2nd Maureen Redman and 3rd Vicki Johnstone. Altogether, with the raffle, ticket sales and donations, we raised **\$2,460** towards the cost of overhead theatre lights for the new orthopedic ward at St Elizabeth's Hospital in Pakistan.

A big thank-you goes out to all who supported this project. Not only did we have parishioners from our own Parish, Sunbury Parish and Lancefield Parish, but the attendance included friends from other denominations as well. A special thank you to the Card Group for their donation and also to Gerard Carroll for his efforts to promote our cause with all his Facebook posts, poster creations and "word of mouth" enthusiasm to sell the film!

Thanks also to Tammie for helping us promote ticket sales and getting things "moving" when sales were slow. Finally, thank you to our small team of great workers, Lynne, George, Christine, Jacque, Dianne, Marcia and, of course, Bill.

Jayne O'Callaghan, on behalf of the Columban Partnership Group.

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

The servants of the king went out and gathered in 'all whom they found, good and evil alike'. They respond, drawn by the attractive prospect of sharing in the life of the Lord of the Feast, and they are welcomed, whether good or evil.

What about the king's (God's) question to the wedding guest? 'My friend, how come you are here without a wedding garment?' The guest might have replied: 'Because of dire poverty', or 'Lack of time', but the story goes on, 'But the guest was silent'. The guest was tongue-tied because he was caught out having decided not to enter into the spirit of the occasion.

That is why, at every baptism, we look for a signal of commitment to respond to the spirit of the occasion, by the wearing of a white garment. This anticipates the later receiving of Holy Communion which is a foretaste of the Feast of Heaven.

We could pause for a moment at this Mass to enter into the Spirit of the occasion wearing the garment of our baptismal commitment. mtate@bigpond.com

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

- 14/10/23** Saturday 6pm Mass – Fr. Denis
- 15/10/23** Sun 8am & 9:30am Mass – Fr. Arnold
- 15/10/23** Sunday 11am Mass – Fr. Denis
- 16/10/23** Alpha – 7pm
- 17/10/23** **WEEKDAY MASS – TUESDAY'S 5pm**
Fr. Denis will celebrate Mass on Tuesday afternoons.

ALL WELCOME

- 19/10/23** Liturgy Group meeting – 7pm
- 21/10/23** Saturday 6pm Mass
- 22/10/23** Sunday Masses
- 23/10/23** Alpha – 7pm
- 26/10/23** PPC Meeting – 7pm
- 30/10/23** Alpha – 7pm



Rosters & Events



Ministers for next weekend's Masses

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

21st & 22nd October, 2023

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

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:
J. Shumack

9:30am Mass **St. Patrick's**
Reader: K. Petherbridge
Offertory: to be chosen on the day.
Eucharist: R. Fisher

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



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/CIWMG

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.

MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARY MASS – ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL

Sunday October 22, 2023 – 11am to 12pm

Couples and families are invited to join us as we celebrate our annual Anniversary Mass.

Couples who register and are celebrating the following anniversaries – 5 th, 10th, 15th, 20th, 25th, 30th, 35th or 40 years and above – will receive a commemorative certificate.

Register by Sunday 15 October at trybooking.com/CLKRB

For all enquiries, please contact Proclaim on 9926 5721 or by email at proclaim@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.

Night of the Witnesses – 22 November 2023, 7pm St. Patrick's Cathedral

Aid to the Church in Need invites you to an evening of prayer, testimony, song, adoration and reflection to honour the witness of twelve recent Christian martyrs and to stand in solidarity with Christians all over the world who are suffering persecution for their faith in Jesus Christ.

Archbishop Peter Comensoli will preside and His Beatitude, Patriarch Joseph Absi of the Melkite Greek Catholic Church will be one of the international guest speakers who will share personal testimony of persecution for the faith.

We hope you will join us. For more information please visit:

www.aidtochurch.org/notw

SCRIPTURE STUDIES

Thursday 10am – Presbytery

Enquiries: Bernie 0414 890 377

OPEN HOUSE – meet after 11am Sunday Mass at the Kaffeine Bar – 30 Aitken Street for a coffee and chat. Everyone 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

St Brigid's Parish Weekly Thanksgiving Sunday – 8th October, 2023

Total Amount received	\$	642	(envelopes)
Total Amount received	\$	30	(credit cards)
Total Amount received	\$	345	(direct debit)
Presbytery Collection	\$	510	(cash, c/c & d/d combined)

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

Introduction: Just as the vineyard is an image of God's care for the people, so too the image of a great banquet is special. It represents that day when God's promise will be a reality.

1st Reading: Isaiah 25:6-10

We hear Isaiah describing how the Lord God will prepare a rich banquet. Like the covenant on the mountain, the mountain is the place where God will wipe away all tears and fulfil the people's hopes.

2nd Reading: Philippians 4: 12-24, 19-20

We hear the conclusion of Paul's letter. He reflects on what his life has been and encourages the Church at Philippi that God will fulfil all their needs, before finishing with a Jewish form of blessing.

Gospel: Matthew 22: 1-14 (Shorter form Mt 22: 1-10)

We hear a parable of Jesus addressed to the Jewish leaders. The story has several different scenes, before leading to a challenging conclusion that is still valid for us.

Prayer of Intercession: Saint Paul tells us; "My God will fully supply whatever you need, in accord with his glorious riches in Christ Jesus." It is in Jesus' name that we offer prayers of petition to God from whose fullness we long to receive.

1. We pray for the Church leaders, the Pope and our bishops. May they always proclaim the welcome of the kingdom is open to all.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

2. We pray for the Jewish leaders of modern Israel. May they remember the Hebrew scriptures' image of the banquet on the mountain, and be able to share that with all peoples and nations.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

3. We pray for the people of our country that the image of the banquet remind us that we are all boat people who have come to share the riches of this land. May we not harden our hearts to the hopes and dreams of other to share at the banquet.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

4. We pray for families facing persecution, war and displacement. May we respond with generosity and compassion.

(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 those that are listed on our continuing prayer list. We pray for those who lovingly care for them. We pray for all those who have recently died, especially Beau John Skowron. We pray also for those whose anniversary occurs at this time.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

6. For the purpose and mission of our parish: at this time may the Holy Spirit keep our eyes and ears open, so that nothing may blind or deafen us to the Lord's will for us nor take away our confidence in his call to be servants of the Gospel for our community.

(Pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

Celebrant: Lord our God, we believe that in you we shall want nothing, that only goodness and kindness will follow us all the days of our lives. Listen to us today, anoint us with hope and cast out all fear.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

Next weeks readings: Isaiah 45:1, 4-6; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5; Matthew 22: 15-21.

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**Isaiah 25:6-10****A reading from the prophet Isaiah.**

The Lord will prepare a feast and will wipe away the tears from every cheek.

On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all people a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines, of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines.

On this mountain he will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples, and the shroud enwrapping all nations, he will destroy Death for ever.

The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek; he will take away his people's shame everywhere on earth, for the Lord has said so.

That day, it will be said: See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation;

the Lord is the one in whom we hoped.

We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us; for the hand of the Lord rests on this mountain.

The word of the Lord.**Responsorial Psalm****Psalm 22. R. v.6**

(R.) *I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.*

1. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. (R.)
2. He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear. You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort. (R.)
3. You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. (R.)
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever. (R.)

Second Reading **Philippians 4:12-14,19-20****A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Philippians.**

I am able to do all things in him who strengthens me.

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I have been through my initiation and now I am ready for anything anywhere: full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength. All the same, it was good of you to share with me in my hardships. In return my God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

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**Matthew 22:1-14****A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.**

Whomsoever you find invite to the wedding.

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come.

Next he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have been invited" he said "that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding." But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He dispatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town.

Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding." So these servants went out onto the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests.

When the king came in to look at the guests he noticed one man who was not wearing a wedding garment, and said to him, "How did you get in here, my friend, without a wedding garment?" And the man was silent. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot and throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'

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The Gospel of the Lord.