



Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

22<sup>nd</sup> 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](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, Fran S, Terry R, Sharon B, Helen K & Shane R.*

We pray for the recently deceased and for those who have an anniversary at this time, especially *Lynne Connors and Jack & Jean Wilson.*

**May they rest in peace** ☩

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

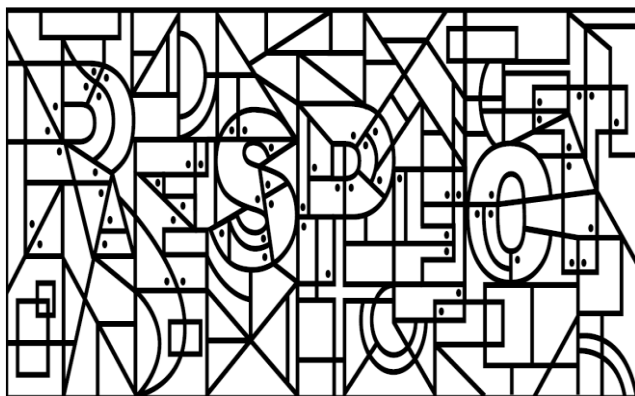
**NOVEMBER MASSES**

01/11/23 **ALL SAINTS DAY**  
9:30am Mass at St. Brigid's – Fr. Denis  
02/11/23 **ALL SOULS DAY**  
5:00pm Mass at St. Brigid's

Names of dearly departed will be included in a Memorial Book to be placed in each of our churches for the month of November. If you would like your loved ones prayed for and included in the Memorial Book please advise Tam and include names, date of passing and church you attend.

Parishioners are invited to leave framed photographs of departed loved ones at the base of each altar during the month of November.

Colour in the shapes that contain dots to reveal something that Jesus wants us to show others



**REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate**

Jesus first cleverly throws his questioners on the defensive. *They* are the ones carrying the coinage, not him. Then he poses the crucial question, 'Whose image is it and whose inscription?' They said to him, 'Caesar's'. Then he said to them: 'Render to Caesar what is Caesar's and to God what is God's.'

The coin bore the image and inscription of Caesar. Genesis teaches us that human beings are made in the image and likeness of God. Our Lord is saying, 'Let the political and financial authorities have their coinage. It is their legal tender. But they cannot have human beings. Human beings belong to Another. They belong to God.'

We are fortunate to live in a wonderful democracy. But even a democracy can violate the dignity of a human being created in the image and likeness of God. As Pope John Paul II said: 'Authentic democracy is possible only in a state ruled by law, *and on the basis of a correct conception of the human person.*' (Italics added)

We could pause for a moment to thank God for the inscription, 'Child of God', effectively engraved on our hearts by baptism.

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**UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS**

**21/10/23** Saturday 6pm Mass with Fr. Denis  
**22/10/23** Sunday Masses with Fr. Jossy  
**23/10/23** Alpha – 7pm  
**24/10/23** **WEEKDAY MASS – TUESDAY'S 5pm**  
Fr. Denis will celebrate Mass on Tuesday afternoons.

**ALL WELCOME**

**26/10/23** PPC Meeting – 7pm  
**28/10/23** Saturday 6pm Mass  
**29/10/23** Sunday Masses  
**30/10/23** Alpha – 7pm



# Rosters & Events



Ministers for next weekend's Masses

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> October, 2023

**6:00pm Mass** **St. Brigid's**  
**Reader:** N. Spiers  
**Offertory:** to be chosen on the day.  
**Eucharist:** **Volunteer required**

**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:**  
M. Clifford & W. Kays

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

**11:00am Mass** **St. Brigid's**  
**Reader:** K. Page  
**Offertory:** to be chosen on the day.  
**Eucharist:** T. Armstrong



## WORLD MISSION SUNDAY – 22 October, 2023

**Hearts on Fire**  
**FEET ON THE MOVE**

**catholic MISSION** Freecall: 1800 257 296  
catholicmission.org.au/timor

This week Catholic Mission will offer the opportunity to be part of a life-changing program which aims to address gaps in medical care, and provide families with essential health care and knowledge, equipping them with the confidence to act and autonomy over their health and well-being.

**The Maria Auxiliadora Clinic is a vital project for the Salesian Sisters and the Church in Venilale. Since its establishment, the clinic has provided life-saving treatment for families in need, like Petrolina's, whose daughter Vitoria was found to have tuberculosis. But, with an increase in the demand for treatment, the Sisters resources can only carry them so far.**

Please give generously today to help continue this life-giving program by using the appeal envelope, going online at [catholicmission.org.au/timor](http://catholicmission.org.au/timor), or scanning the QR code. Your gift will also help many other similar Church-run mission programs around the world.

### 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.

**OPEN HOUSE** – Kaffeine Bar after Sun 11am Mass for a coffee and chat.

### SCRIPTURE STUDIES

Thursday 10am – Presbytery  
Enquiries: Bernie 0414 890 377

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

Aid to the Church in Need invites you to an evening of prayer, testimony, song, adoration and reflection.

Archbishop Peter Comensoli will preside.

For more information please visit: [www.aidtochurch.org/notw](http://www.aidtochurch.org/notw)

### 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 – 15<sup>th</sup> October, 2023

Total Amount received	\$	838	(envelopes)
Total Amount received	\$	30	(credit cards)
Total Amount received	\$	140	(direct debit)
Presbytery Collection	\$	474	(cash, c/c & d/d combined)

Thank you for your ongoing support through the Thanksgiving Program.

May the Lord bless you all

**Introduction:** Another famous scriptural image is the contrast to give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to give to God what belongs to God. Its original context was in a plot to trap Jesus, but he turns the tables with great skill.

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Isaiah 45: 1, 4-6

We hear an unlikely story from Isaiah. It is really a history lesson when a foreign king, Cyrus of Persia, becomes the instrument of God in one of the greatest events in the history of salvation.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** 1 Thessalonians 1: 1-5

We begin a series of readings from the First letter to the Thessalonians, which could be the oldest book in the New Testament. We hear its beginning, and a prayer of thanksgiving for the faith of the people of Thessalonica.

**Gospel:** Matthew 22; 15-21

We hear another of the traps that the Jewish authorities set to catch Jesus. His answer beats them at their own game about fine distinctions.

**Prayer of Intercession:**

**Celebrant:** With steadfast hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, let us pray to the Lord who calls us by name.

1. For the Church: may the Christian community humbly yet firmly lift up a prophetic voice on behalf of those who cannot speak for themselves

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

**Lord hear our prayer.**

2. For those committed to the mission of the church in their own land or around the world: may they proclaim Christ with integrity in word and deed.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

**Lord hear our prayer.**

3. For teachers: that teaching in the power of the Holy Spirit and with conviction, they may help students experience the Gospel as a message of grace and wisdom.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

**Lord hear our prayer.**

4. For those called to defend peace: that balancing many needs and injustices, peace-keeping forces may subdue aggression and uphold the safety of all.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

**Lord hear our prayer.**

5. For the peoples of Israel and Palestine and all who live in the fear of war: may they be held in God's care and be given the strength to endure times of suffering and hardship

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

**Lord hear our prayer.**

6. For our nation Australia: we continue to pray for our homeland as we all seek new paths for encounter and reconciliation with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples for our nation's common good.

7. 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 and for those who lovingly care for them, may the anointing of the Holy Spirit bestow upon them the healing and peace of Christ. For all those who have recently died and for those whose anniversary occurs at this time, especially *Lynne Connors* and *Jack & Jean Wilson*, that being called by name and grasped by God's hand, those we have loved but see no longer, may be welcomed into eternal life.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

**Lord hear our prayer.**

6. For a spirit of unity and of working together for our parish: that a fresh and deeper love and respect for the presence, prayer and work of everyone in our parish, will strengthen our unity and keep us working together for the common good.

*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:** Kind and loving God, you remember us always. Receive these prayers that come before you today, not in words alone, but in power and in the Spirit, and with much conviction. Grant us this in Jesus' name. Amen.

**Next weeks readings:** Exodus 22:20-26; Thessalonians 15-10; Matthew 22:34-40

**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 45:1.4-6

### A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

*I have taken the hand of Cyrus to subdue nations before his countenance.*

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whom he has taken by his right hand to subdue nations before him and strip the loins of kings, to force gateways before him that their gates be closed no more:

It is for the sake of my servant Jacob,  
of Israel my chosen one,

that I have called you by your name,  
conferring a title though you do not know me.

I am the Lord, unrivalled;

there is no other God besides me.

Though you do not know me, I arm you  
that men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun  
that, apart from me, all is nothing.

### The word of the Lord.

## Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 95:1. 3-5. 7-10. R. v.7

(R.) *Give the Lord glory and honour.*

1 O sing a new song to the Lord,  
sing to the Lord all the earth.  
Tell among the nations his glory  
and his wonders among all the peoples. (R.)

2 The Lord is great and worthy of praise,  
to be feared above all gods;  
the gods of the heathens are naught.  
It was the Lord who made the heavens. (R.)

3 Give the Lord, you families of peoples,  
give the Lord glory and power,  
give the Lord the glory of his name.  
Bring an offering and enter his courts. (R.)

4 Worship the Lord in his temple.  
O earth, tremble before him.  
Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.'  
He will judge the peoples in fairness. (R.)

## Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 1:1-5

### A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians.

*We are mindful of your faith, hope, and love.*

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church in Thessalonika which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; wishing you grace and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

We always mention you in our prayers and thank God for you all, and constantly remember before God our Father how you have shown your faith in action, worked for love and persevered through hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ.

We know, brothers, that God loves you and that you have been chosen, because when we brought the Good News to you, it came to you not only as words, but as power and as the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction.

### The word of the Lord.

## Gospel Acclamation

Phil 2:15. 16

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

Shine on the world like bright stars;  
you are offering it the word of life.

*Alleluia!*

## Gospel

Matthew 22:15-21

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

*Give to Caesar the things that belong to Caesar and to God the things that are God's.*

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, 'Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man's rank means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion, then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?' But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.' They handed him a denarius, and he said, 'Whose head is this? Whose name?' 'Caesar's' they replied. He then said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God.'

### The Gospel of the Lord.

