



Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

5th November, 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,
Helen K & Shane R.*

We pray for the recently deceased 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.

NOVEMBER MASSES

Memorial Books will be located next to the bulletins in each of our churches for the month of November. If you would like your loved ones prayed for, please feel free to write their name in the Memorial Book.

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

St. VINCENT de PAUL Christmas Cards

Packets of 5 cards for \$5 will be available in each church from weekend of 4th & 5th of November.

Visit of His Excellency Most Rev Paul Gallagher

Secretary for the Relations with States and International Organisations, Secretariat of State, Holy See

On the occasion of the 50th anniversary of Diplomatic Relations between the Commonwealth of Australia and the Vatican, Archbishop Comensoli is pleased to welcome His Excellency Most Rev Paul Gallagher and the Apostolic Nuncio to Australia – His Excellency Most Rev Charles Balvo to Melbourne.

Archbishops Comensoli, Gallagher and Balvo, together with clergy of the Archdiocese, will celebrate Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral on the

Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Thursday 9 November, 5.30pm.

All are welcome to attend.

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

There have been periods in the church's history where the burdens placed on the shoulders of people – particularly an exaggerated sense of guilt for certain sins – truly weighed people down, creating a terrible sense of unworthiness, leading to the living of distorted lives.

Our Lord makes it clear that leaders cannot evade responsibility for this by hiding behind honorific titles.

In the Gospels, we find the One who said: 'Come to me all you who toil and are burdened and I will refresh you. Take my yoke upon you and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden light.' (Matt 11:28-30)

If people don't find that the burden laid on them by Church leaders (who often long to be greeted obsequiously) leads to refreshment and rest for their souls, then it is right to question the burden, and to question the leaders who impose such burdens.

Perhaps we could pause for a moment to pray for Pope Francis whose favoured titles are simply: 'Bishop of Rome', 'Servant of the Servants of God'

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UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

- 04/11/23** Saturday 6pm Mass with Fr. Denis
- 05/11/23** Sunday Masses with Fr. Jossy
- 06/11/23** Alpha – 7pm
- 07/11/23** **WEEKDAY MASS – TUESDAY'S 5pm**
Fr. Denis will celebrate Mass on Tuesday afternoons.
ALL WELCOME
- 11/11/23** Saturday 6pm Mass with Fr. Jossy
- 12/11/23** Sunday Masses with Fr. Denis
- 12/11/23** 12pm Baptism with Fr. Denis
- 13/11/23** Alpha – 7pm
- 14/11/23** **WEEKDAY MASS – TUESDAY'S 5pm**
Fr. Denis will celebrate Mass on Tuesday afternoons.
ALL WELCOME



Rosters & Events



Ministers for next weekend's Masses

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

11th & 12th November, 2023

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

8:00am Mass **St. Ambrose's**
Welcomer: J. White
Reader: P. Lacy
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: D. Briffa

11:00am Mass **St. Brigid's**
Reader: T. Armstrong
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.

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

COMBINED PARISHES RAFFLE

Good Luck to all parishioners who have entered the raffle.

Great prizes to be won – drawn 2nd December, 2023

A total of \$1500 was raised for the parish.

POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER 2023

For the Pope

We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfills his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.

Ordinations to the Priesthood – St. Patrick's Cathedral

Saturday 25th November, 2023 – 10:00am to 11:30am
1 Cathedral Place, East Melbourne

On Saturday 25 November, three deacons will be ordained to the priesthood:
Rev Tien Van Tran, Rev Doan Ngoc (Peter) Nguyen & Rev Thomas William Christie. Jean-Sebastien Gery will be ordained to the transitional diaconate.

Please pray for them as they embark on their priestly ministry in the service of God's people in the Archdiocese.

HELP NEEDED PARISH HALL KITCHEN

St. Brigid's School have recently received some new equipment for the tuck shop and have made some repairs to tired looking benches in the parish hall kitchen. We are working together to make the kitchen space more user friendly, cleaner and more organised.

If you had some spare time on either a Tuesday or Thursday, please let Tam know so we can set a date for a working bee.

Tasks include cleaning out cupboards, removal of broken items and stocktake of current equipment.

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 – 29th October, 2023

Total Amount received	\$	702	(envelopes)
Total Amount received	\$	150	(credit cards)
Total Amount received	\$	430	(direct debit)
Presbytery Collection	\$	556	(cash, c/c & d/d combined)

Thank you for your ongoing support through the Thanksgiving Program.

May the Lord bless you all

Introduction: The chair of Moses was an expression used to summarise the great gift of the law celebrated at the Feast of Pentecost in the Jewish tradition. By the time of Christ, the different factions within the scribes and teachers meant that they had lost much respect because they did not practise what they preached. This is still a concern for the Church to be consistent and walk the talk.

1st Reading: Malachi 1:14-22, 8-10

We hear from the prophet Malachi for a rare time. Malachi is very direct as he uses words to criticise the Jewish priests for failure to look after the people. This challenge to the priests then is chosen to link with the Gospel and the challenge Jesus issues.

2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 2:7-9, 13

We hear Paul using an off image for a man. He uses about himself the image of a nursing mother who shares her very life with her children. He commends the people for the way they have accepted God's message.

Gospel: Matthew 23:1-12

We hear how Jesus criticised the hypocrisy and ambition of Jewish priests and lawyers. They are far from his standard that "the greatest among you must be as your servant."

Prayer of Intercession: To the one God you created us all, let us pray in the name of Jesus, our Master and Teacher.

1. For the Church: that the church's leaders may be freed from thoughts of rank, title or honour, and live humbly as servants after the example of their Master.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

2. For those who have been hurt by the words or deeds of church leaders: may the wounded be our teachers in ways of justice and healing.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

3. For all those who serve our parish liturgies: may they strive to prayerfully enable all to participate in the liturgy and care lovingly for the place where we worship.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

4. For the world: that wealthy nations may not exalt themselves in military and economic power, but humble themselves to serve the common good in every way.

(pause) We pray to the Lord

Lord hear our prayer.

5. For nations torn apart by war: that in the hearts of all people there may be a true love of peace and justice and that those who take counsel for the nations of the earth may be guided by God's wisdom.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

6. For those who are sick - especially those on our parish prayer list - and for all who care for them: may they be wisely comforted by loving friends, family and those in the medical professions. For all those who have died recently, for those whose anniversary occurs at this time and for those who have lost their lives as victim of warfare, that they may find their peace in the Lord.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

7. For thankfulness for parishioners who prayed where we pray and lived where we now live and in whose steps we now follow: that we may draw for our time, admiration, strength and firm resolve from the memory of all those men and women who built up and faithfully served our parish since its foundation.

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.

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 Malachi 1:14 – 2:2.8-10

A reading from the prophet Malachi.

You have strayed from the way, you have caused many to stumble by your teaching.

I am a great king, says the Lord of hosts, and my name is feared throughout the nations. And now, priests, this warning is for you. If you do not listen, if you do not find it in your heart to glorify my name, says the Lord of hosts, I will send the curse on you and curse your very blessing. You have strayed from the way; you have caused many to stumble by your teaching. You have destroyed the covenant of Levi, says the Lord of hosts. And so I in my turn have made you contemptible and vile in the eyes of the whole people in repayment for the way you have not kept to my paths but have shown partiality in your administration.

Have we not all one Father? Did not one God create us? Why, then, do we break faith with one another, profaning the covenant of our ancestors?

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 130

(R.) In you, Lord, I have found my peace.

1. O Lord, my heart is not proud
nor haughty my eyes.
I have not gone after things too great
nor marvels beyond me. (R.)
2. Truly I have set my soul in silence and peace.
A weaned child on its mother's breast,
even so is my soul. (R.)
3. O Israel, hope in the Lord
both now and for ever. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 2:7-9.13

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

We were eager to hand over to you not only the Good News but our lives as well.

Like a mother feeding and looking after her own children, we felt so devoted and protective towards you, and had come to love you so much, that we were eager to hand over to you not only the Good News but our whole lives as well. Let me remind you, brothers, how hard we used to work, slaving night and day so as not to be a burden on any one of you while we were proclaiming God's Good News to you.

Another reason why we constantly thank God for you is that as soon as you heard the message that we brought you as God's message, you accepted it for what it really is, God's message and not some human thinking; and it is still a living power among you who believe it.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 23:9. 10

Alleluia, alleluia!

You have one Father, your Father in heaven;
you have one teacher: the Lord Jesus Christ.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 23:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

They do not practise what they preach.

Addressing the people and his disciples Jesus said, 'The scribes and the Pharisees occupy the chair of Moses. You must therefore do what they tell you and listen to what they say; but do not be guided by what they do: since they do not practise what they preach. They tie up heavy burdens and lay them on men's shoulders, but will they lift a finger to move them? Not they! Everything they do is done to attract attention, like wearing broader phylacteries and longer tassels, like wanting to take the place of honour at banquets and the front seats in the synagogues, being greeted obsequiously in the market squares and having people call them Rabbi.

'You, however, must not allow yourselves to be called Rabbi, since you have only one Master, and you are all brothers. You must call no one on earth your father, since you have only one Father, and he is in heaven. Nor must you allow yourselves to be called teachers, for you have only one Teacher, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant. Anyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and anyone who humbles himself will be exalted.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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