



Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

12th 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, Kylie I,
George T, Bill P, Jacqueline D, Fran S, Terry R,
Helen K, Shane R & Eliza J.*

We pray for the recently deceased and for those who have an anniversary at this time, especially *Nora Bailey*.

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.

GIVING TREE 2023

This year St. Brigid's Parish Giving Tree is once again supporting the Gisborne branch of St. Vincent de Paul. They are asking for donations of Food Gift Cards, which can be purchased from Foodworks, IGA & Coles in Gisborne and to any value. We will include a "Pennies from Heaven" option for cash donations and these monies will be used to purchase Gift Cards. The Gift Cards will be used to support families in need over the Christmas period. All donations will be greatly appreciated. The Giving Tree program will commence on the first week of Advent – 2nd / 3rd December. Could donations please be returned no later than Sunday 17th December, so the Gift Cards can be distributed to Families for Christmas.

Gift cards can be returned at any Mass, Parish Office and both Schools.

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

Israel was often portrayed as a bride in Jewish scriptures. So, the question was: 'When would the Bridegroom – the Anointed One of God, the Christ – appear?' Jesus' warning is to the attendants of the bride: 'Be alert, be vigilant, be prepared.' Some (the five foolish attendants) did miss the moment: the earthly ministry of Jesus of Nazareth.

But his warning is also for the Catholic Church which is the new Bride of Christ. We are the attendants to the Bride and the imperative applies to us also: Be alert, be vigilant. Be prepared for the eruption, the intervention of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Bridegroom, into our history, into our moment of time.

For example, is Christ coming to meet us in the modern movements which demand to hold authority accountable, or which press for just recognition of women? We can foolishly remain in the dark or we can wisely try to throw light on these questions. Only then we will be able to discern whether indeed it is the Lord who is approaching.

We could pause to pray that we be ready when the Bridegroom responds to the ancient prayer: 'Come, Lord Jesus!'

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UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

- 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**
ALL WELCOME
- 18/11/23** Saturday 6pm Mass with Fr. Denis
- 19/11/23** Sunday Masses with Fr. Jossy
- 20/11/23** Alpha – 7pm – Final session
- 21/11/23** **WEEKDAY MASS – TUESDAY'S 5pm**
ALL WELCOME
- 22/11/23** Welcome Fr. Vincent



Rosters & Events



Ministers for next weekend's Masses

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

18th & 19th November, 2023

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

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:
J. Shumack

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

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

SPECIAL COLLECTION THIS SUNDAY - CATHOLIC DEAF

Please give generously to the

John Pierce Centre - Spirit of the Deaf Community

so they can continue their vital work.

2024 Volunteer rosters

Work will start soon on the volunteer rosters for 2024.

A reminder that all volunteers require a valid Working with Children Check. If you have yet to supply a copy of your check to the secretary, you will not be able to remain on the roster in 2024.

St. VINCENT de PAUL Christmas Cards

Packets of 5 cards for \$5 are now available in each church.

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

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 – 5th November, 2023

Total Amount received	\$	720	(envelopes)
Total Amount received	\$	30	(credit cards)
Total Amount received	\$	105	(direct debit)
Presbytery Collection	\$	455	(cash, c/c & d/d combined)

Thank you for your ongoing support through the Thanksgiving Program.

May the Lord bless you all

Introduction: In these final weeks of the liturgical year, the Church brings before our consideration the teaching about the last things, death, judgement and the second coming of Christ. They may not be comfortable themes but they are part of life as well as Church teaching and we should be ready for his coming.

1st Reading: Wisdom 6:12-16

We hear an unusual reading the Book of Wisdom in which feminine personification is made of the various qualities or attributes of God.

2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18

We hear St Paul addressing the burning issue in the Church of Thessalonica. It concerns those who have died before the second coming of Christ takes place which they thought could be any day soon. He seeks to shed light on that question.

Gospel: Matthew 25: 1-13

We hear the rather vague parable of the wise and foolish virgins and about being ready. Jesus' message is to be prepared through life in having the oil, which is a symbol of the prudent life style that prepares the Christian for God's Kingdom.

Prayers of Intercession: In joyful hope on this Lord's Day, we make our petitions known to the Lord of Life.

1. For the Church: that all Christians who believe in the resurrection of the body may nurture human dignity of all destined for such glory.

(Pause) We pray to the Lord

Lord hear our prayer

2. For those approaching the lifelong commitment of priesthood: we implore the Spirit of God accompany them.

(Pause) We pray to the Lord

Lord hear our prayer

3. For nations torn apart by war: that the prophets of justice and peace may keep their lamps burning brightly to encourage us all.

(Pause) We pray to the Lord

Lord hear our prayer

4. For ourselves and each other: that the Wisdom of God's word may keep us seeing clearly, always ready to welcome the Lord's presence and action in our lives.

(Pause) We pray to the Lord

Lord hear our prayer

5. For those who are sick – especially those on our parish prayer list - and all who care for them: we invoke for them the strength, courage and healing of the Holy Spirit. For the faithful departed: especially for those who died recently, and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially Nora Bailey. May we not grieve as those who do not have hope, but let our faith in the Risen Lord shine on our mourning.

(Pause) We pray to the Lord

Lord hear our prayer

6. For the leadership of our parish: for our new Parish Priest, that the Good Shepherd will inspire his ministry, help him listen to the voices of all and offer his own gifts, weaving a new path for the future of our parish. May priest and people be given grace to proclaim the gospel joyfully in word and deed.

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: O God, you are our help and our hope. Your love exceeds all our expectation. Receive our prayers of intercession. Let them come before you as a signs of our confidence in your saving word. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Next weeks readings: Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31

1Thessalonians 5:1-6

Matthew 25:14-30

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

Wisdom 6:12-16

A reading from the book of Wisdom.

Wisdom is found by those who look for it.

Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim.

By those who love her she is readily seen,
and found by those who look for her.

Quick to anticipate those who desire her, she makes herself known to them.

Watch for her early and you will have no trouble;
you will find her sitting at your gates.

Even to think about her is understanding fully grown;
be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave you.
She herself walks about looking for those who are worthy
of her and graciously shows herself to them as they go,
in every thought of theirs coming to meet them.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 62:2-8. R. v.2

(R.) *My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.*

1. O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you
like a dry, weary land without water. (R.)
2. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary.
to see your strength and your glory.
For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise. (R.)
3. So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy. (R.)
4. On my bed I remember you.
On you I muse through the night
for you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. (R.)

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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

Those who died as Christians, God will bring to life with Jesus.

We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him.

We can tell you this from the Lord's own teaching, that any of us who are left alive until the Lord's coming will not have any advantage over those who have died. At the trumpet of God, the voice of the archangel will call out the command and the Lord himself will come down from heaven; those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise, and then those of us who are still alive will be taken up in the clouds, together with them, to meet the Lord in the air. So we shall stay with the Lord for ever. With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 24:42. 44

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful and ready:

you know not when the Son of Man is coming.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 25:1-13

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Look, the bridegroom comes. Go out to meet him.

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five of them were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him." At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out." But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves." They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said, "open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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