



Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

19th 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 & Brian S.*

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

Pauline Hartley, Trevor Hannan & Pat Haire.

May they rest in peace ☩

Please email Tam if you would like an Anniversary included.

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.

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

God's plan for human happiness is mostly frustrated by a good person burying his or her personality traits, what one might call one's talents, which is really to bury oneself and to become invisible.

In the old language of my schoolboy catechism, we should be concerned not just with sins of commission, but with sins of omission – failure of courage, failure to take risks, failure to put everything on the line with the personality and the moment in time given to you and to me.

As Shakespeare says in Julius Caesar: 'There is a tide in the affairs of men which, taken at the flood, leads on to fortune; omitted, all the voyage of their life is bound in stillness and in miseries.'

The Divine Tide is flowing through human history. We should trust ourselves to that tide which can carry us to the shores of Heaven. Failure to take risks leads to Hellish stillness and miseries.

We could pause for a moment to pray that we might use our talents so as to hear: 'Well done, good and faithful servant ... come and join in your Master's happiness.'

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A word from an unexpected pilgrim...

Dear friends, on next Wednesday 22 November, my time as Administrator of Gisborne will come to a conclusion. Fr Vincent Nguyen will then take up his appointment as your new Parish Priest.

Unexpected and unforeseen as my appointment was, at time of uncertainty and some grief, I have taken this as an opportunity to embrace this as a call to serve. Often enough the call to serve is heard not according to our carefully thought-out plans but in the challenges that life presents us and says, "*Well what are you going to do about this?*"

Our life of faith calls us to navigate our way through life as it is not as we would always want it to be. God's grace, hope and providence must be able to reach us wherever we are, and we must find a way to respond.

Therefore, it has been a kind of honour to be with you to share this part of the Parish's pilgrimage. I thank everyone for your welcome, patience and support, especially the Parish and School leadership and Tammie Dalgleish, the indefatigable Parish Secretary.

We remember that we are neighbours and that we are held together in the peace of the Lord. It is good to be reminded that we are part of a community that is bigger than ourselves.

Prayerful best wishes to Fr Vincent and each and every one at the communities of St Brigid, St Patrick and St Ambrose that it has been a pleasure to get to know.

I drive back to Sunbury singing, "*We are companions on the journey, breaking bread and sharing life and in the love we bear is the hope we share, for we believe in the love of our God, we believe in the love of our God*".

Fr Denis Stanley



Rosters & Events



Ministers for next weekend's Masses

King of the Universe – Year A

25th & 26th November, 2023

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

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:
M. Clifford & W. Kays

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

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



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

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

SPECIAL COLLECTION THIS SUNDAY - CATHOLIC DEAF

Total Parish Contribution - \$95
Thank you for your support.

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.

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.

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.

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

St Brigid's Parish Weekly Thanksgiving Sunday – 12th November, 2023

Total Amount received	\$	766	(envelopes)
Total Amount received	\$	30	(credit cards)
Total Amount received	\$	220	(direct debit)
Presbytery Collection	\$	569	(cash, c/c & d/d combined)

Thank you for your ongoing support through the Thanksgiving Program.

May the Lord bless you all

Introduction: As we approach the end of the Church's liturgical year we again face the theme about the need to be watchful and awake when Christ Jesus comes in Judgment.

1st Reading: Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31

In this very poetic passage from Proverbs we read of the "perfect wife". This rhetorical question could well be phrased about the perfect Christian.

2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

We hear how Paul is forced to revise his teaching about the time of the second coming of Christ. Jesus will certainly come again, but no one knows the time.

Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30

This parable of the talents is the challenge to accept the responsibility before God for our own actions. The issue is one of life style and how to make responsible and productive use of resources.

Prayer of Intercession: As faithful servants of the Gospel working until the Master's return, let us pray on behalf of the human family.

1. For the People of God: That the church may neither hide its gifts nor shrink from taking risks, but use wisely the talents the Master has entrusted to us.

(Pause) We pray to the Lord

Lord hear our prayer

2. For Francis, our Pope and Peter, our Bishop: that in their ministry they may be watchful, diligent and compassionate

(Pause) We pray to the Lord

Lord hear our prayer

3. For all who work in business and politics, science and technology: that they may bring gifts of skill and compassion to their daily work

(Pause) We pray to the Lord

Lord hear our prayer

4. For nations torn apart by war: acknowledging the seeds of conflict and division which reside in the human heart, we pray for comfort for the grieving, healing for the injured, resilience for the fearful and courage those who work for peace and justice.

(Pause) We pray to the Lord

Lord hear our prayer

5. For ourselves and each other: that we, who know not the day nor the hour, may be attentive to every task and opportunity the Lord sets before us, great or small.

(Pause) We pray to the Lord

Lord hear our prayer

6. 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 Pauline Hartley, Trevor Hannan and Pat Haire. 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

Celebrant: Generous God, you lavish us with gifts so that we may work for the coming of your reign. Hear these prayers and help us to remain faithful to your word. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.

Next weeks readings: Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28 Matthew 25: 31-46

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 Proverbs 31:10-13.19-20.30-31

A reading from the book of Proverbs.

Give her a share in what she has worked for.

A perfect wife – who can find her? She is far beyond the price of pearls. Her husband’s heart has confidence in her, from her he will derive no little profit.

Advantage and not hurt she brings him all the days of her life. She is always busy with wool and with flax, she does her work with eager hands.

She sets her hands to the distaff, her fingers grasp the spindle. She holds out her hand to the poor, she opens her arms to the needy.

Charm is deceitful, and beauty empty; the woman who is wise is the one to praise.

Give her a share in what her hands have worked for, and let her works tell her praises at the city gates.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 127:1-5. R. v.1

(R.) Happy are those who fear the Lord.

1. O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be happy and prosper. (R.)
2. Your wife like a fruitful vine in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive, around your table. (R.)
3. Indeed thus shall be blessed the man who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Zion in a happy Jerusalem
all the days of your life. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

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

The day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night.

You will not be expecting us to write anything to you, brothers, about ‘times and seasons’, since you know very well that the Day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night. It is when people are saying, ‘How quiet and peaceful it is’ that the worst suddenly happens, as suddenly as labour pains come on a pregnant woman; and there will be no way for anybody to evade it.

But it is not as if you live in the dark, my brothers, for that Day to overtake you like a thief. No, you are all sons of light and sons of the day: we do not belong to the night or to darkness, so we should not go on sleeping, as everyone else does, but stay wide awake and sober.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 15:4. 5

Alleluia, alleluia!

Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord;
my branches bear much fruit.

Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 25:14-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

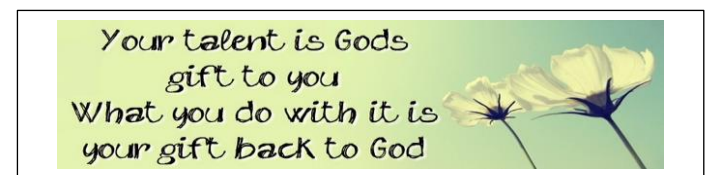
Because you have been faithful over a few things, enter into the joy of the Lord.

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: ‘The kingdom of heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out.

The man who had received the five talents promptly went and traded with them and made five more. The man who had received two made two more in the same way. But the man who had received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money.

Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. “Sir”, he said “you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made.” His master said to him, “Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master’s happiness.” Next the man with the two talents came forward. “Sir,” he said “you entrusted me with two talents; here are two more that I have made.” His master said to him, “Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master’s happiness.” Last came forward the man who had the one talent. “Sir,” said he “I had heard you were a hard man, reaping where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered; so I was afraid, and I went off and hid your talent in the ground. Here it is; it was yours, you have it back.” But his master answered him, “You wicked and lazy servant! So you knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered? Well then, you should have deposited my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have recovered my capital with interest. So now, take the talent from him and give it to the man who has the five talents. For to everyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from the man who has not, even what he has will be taken away. As for this good-for-nothing servant, throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.”

The Gospel of the Lord.



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