



Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe - Year A

26th 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, especially **Brian Somers & Dorothea Lindqvist** and for those who have an anniversary at this time, especially **Travis Stephens, Marie Irwin, Graham Miller & Joan Bourke.**

May they rest in peace ☩

Please email Tam if you would like an Anniversary included.

NOVEMBER MASSES

Memorial Books will be removed from our churches after Masses this weekend. Parishioners are asked to collect their photographs of loved ones. If you are unable to collect this weekend, your photographs will carefully be stored in the Sacristy. Thank you all for sharing your treasured memories and being part of the Memorial month of November.

OBSERVANCE – YOUTH SUNDAY – November 26th

As one door closes.....

Just as we thanked and farewelled Fr. Denis and Fr. Jossy last weekend we now have the pleasure of

Welcoming Fr. Vincent

to St. Brigids, St. Patrick's & St. Ambrose which of course make up the parish of St. Brigids.

We look forward to many years of guidance, friendship and celebration of the Eucharist.

Fr. Vincent has served in many regions throughout Australia and comes with much experience and many stories to tell. Fr. Vincent will celebrate 20 years of his Ordination next weekend on the 3rd of December.

A wonderful milestone of service.

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

The eternal destiny of every human being of a certain maturity is determined by decisions made in relation to food and drink for the famished, clothing and housing for those without decent clothing or shelter, visiting those in circumstances which cut them off from life-giving contact with others (the sick and prisoners).

Those who provide such assistance, in the words of Pope Francis, touch the wounds of Christ! A Christian can be fully conscious of this, but for non Christians it is possible to do so without any of our awareness or belief. Christ is *completely* incognito to them:

‘When did we ever see you hungry and feed you ...?’

We know the doctrine of the Real Presence in the poor and marginalised. Woe betide those of us who ignore this fact of faith. We are on the way to a Hellish state of existence. That is equally possible for those who do not share our faith, but who ignore the plight of the marginalised and continue in a self-absorbed way.

We could pause for a moment to pray that we, and many billions of non-Christians, may hear the invitation: ‘Come you blessed of my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.’

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THANK YOU JULIE ALLAN

Parishioner Julie Allan has worn many hats over the years and as well as being the Parish and Office Coordinator for St. Patrick's Cathedral which alone would keep her extremely busy, Julie has been the **Catechist Coordinator for St. Brigids Parish for 25 years!**

Julie teaches the children who do not attend a parish school, everything they need to know to receive their Sacraments.

A recent change to Julie's work commitments have increased her workload and the time has come for Julie to step down from her role as Catechist Coordinator.

On behalf of countless families in our parish, our parishioners & priest's throughout your 25 years of service Julie, please accept our sincere gratitude.



Rosters & Events



Ministers for next weekend's Masses

First Sunday of Advent – Year B

2nd & 3rd December, 2023

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

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:
T. Armstrong

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

11:00am Mass **St. Brigid's**
Reader: J. Holmes & B. Holmes
Offertory: to be chosen on the day.
Eucharist: T. Armstrong



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

BAPTISM PRAYER

We pray for

Amaya, Henry, Anthony & Ada

who will be Baptised in our parish this week.



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 GISBORNE CHURCH - FLOWERS

If you could spare a few hours once a month and be included on the floral arrangement roster at St. Brigid's church please contact Tam for details..

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 – 19th November, 2023

Total Amount received	\$	1122	(envelopes)
Total Amount received	\$	90	(credit cards)
Total Amount received	\$	50	(direct debit)
Presbytery Collection	\$	465	(cash, c/c & d/d combined)

Thank you for your ongoing support through the Thanksgiving Program.

May the Lord bless you all

Introduction: On this last Sunday of the Liturgical Year we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King, which was introduced into the Church's calendar in the 1920's. Its context is the leadership we experience in the modern world.

1st Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17

We read of how Ezekiel images God as the shepherd of Israel. God's leadership of the Israelite people is very different from that of the secular kings.

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:20-28

We hear St. Paul's connection between the kingship of Christ and his resurrection from the dead. In the eternal kingdom God will do away with every form of sovereignty and power.

Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

In this parable about the Last Judgment Christ is portrayed as the King who exercises judgment over both the good and the bad.

Prayer of Intercession: Let us pray to God in the name of Jesus, whom we serve in all those we pray for – the church, the world, all those in need, for ourselves and the faithful departed.

1. For the Church: That the people of God may always proclaim Jesus – taken for a refugee at his birth and a criminal at his death – as the One we serve in all our brothers and sisters.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

2. For our world: that we may use our voices to encourage those in positions of authority to exercise their power with care and concern for those whom they serve.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

3. For those in the midst of the pain and trauma of violence and fear which prevails in the Holy Land – we pray for people of all faiths, for an end to violence and the establishment of peace and justice. May we be guided into that kingdom where all people are treated with dignity as children of our Heavenly Father.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

4. For those lost in the confusions of life: may the Good Shepherd bring back those who have strayed from the flock of Christ and bind up those wounded by the harshness of others.

(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: may they feel and know the guiding presence of the Shepherd's staff leading them to restful waters and anointing them with peace and courage. For the faithful departed: and those who died recently, especially *Brian Somers & Dorothea Lindqvist*, and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially *Travis Stephens, Marie Irwin, Graham Miller & Joan Bourke*. May they hear the voice of the Lord, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world."

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

Celebrant: Lord God, fill with blessings the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, the naked, the ill, the imprisoned. May we all see the face of your Son Jesus on every face we meet today. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Next weeks readings: Isaiah 63:16-17, 64:3-8 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 Mark 13:33-37

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 Ezekiel 34:11-12.15-17

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel.

You, my flock, I judge between sheep and sheep.

The Lord says this: I am going to look after my flock myself and keep all of it in view. As a shepherd keeps all his flock in view when he stands up in the middle of his scattered sheep, so shall I keep my sheep in view. I shall rescue them from wherever they have been scattered during the mist and darkness. I myself will pasture my sheep, I myself will show them where to rest – it is the Lord who speaks. I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and make the weak strong. I shall watch over the fat and healthy. I shall be a true shepherd to them.

As for you, my sheep, the Lord says this: I will judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and he-goats.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 22:1-3. 5-6. R. v.1

(R.) *The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.*

1. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose. (R.)
2. Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit.
He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name. (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 1 Corinthians 15:20-26.28

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

He will hand over the kingdom to God the Father, so that God may be all in all.

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him.

After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death. And when everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will be subject in his turn to the One who subjected all things to him, so that God may be all in all.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Mark 11:9-10

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!

Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 25:31-46

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

He will take his seat on his throne of glory, and he will separate men one from another.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left. Then the King will say to those on his right hand, "Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me."

Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?" And the King will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me." Next he will say to those on his left hand, "Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me." Then it will be their turn to ask, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?" Then he will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me." And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the virtuous to eternal life.'

The Gospel of the Lord.