



Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

4th February, 2024

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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, Glenys O, Anthony S,
Cheryl L, Fran S, Terry R, Helen K, Shane R,
George T, Eliza J & Gerard H.*

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.



PARISH DAY SUNDAY 4TH FEBRUARY 2024

**ST. BRIGIDS CHURCH
GISBORNE**

Commences with Mass at 11:00am in the church

INDOOR EVENT DUE TO WEATHER

No other Masses this Sunday

Please bring a "Plate to Share" for lunch in the hall

Free Tea and Coffee supplied

Come and Celebrate the Feast of St. Brigid

EVERYONE WELCOME

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

The mother-in-law of Simon (Peter) was sick in bed with a raging fever. When Jesus learned about her distressed state, he 'took her by the hand and helped her up'. He broke the taboo about physical contact with a woman not his relative because he wanted to holistically heal her disease.

Simon's mother-in-law didn't need an aspirin and a cup of tea. She felt quarantined, isolated, and needed a hand reassuring her of sociable relationships. Jesus overcame her fever and her disease with the world.

At every Mass we exchange a physical gesture at the greeting of Peace. This quite often overcomes being ill-at-ease with a family member or just with the neighbour in the pew. We need to take that symbolic action into the world. For somebody, it may be the most touching thing we ever do.

We could pause for a moment to identify that person who needs us to reach out, to take their hand and help them up.

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2024 ROSTERS

Having just returned from leave this week and prioritising the most urgent of tasks, the 2024 Rosters have not been completed yet.

As there are only 2 Masses this weekend, could Sacristan's please call for a volunteer if the need arises. Thank you for your patience.

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

- 04/02/24** Parish Day Mass – 11:00am – St. Brigids Church Gisborne
No other Masses on this day.
- 06/02/24** 9:15am Weekday Mass
NO EVENING MASS THIS WEEK
- 07/02/24** Baptism Information evening – 7:30pm – Gisborne Church
- 10/02/24** Saturday 6pm Mass
- 11/02/24** Normal Sunday Masses
- 22/02/24** PPC meeting – 7pm – Parish Office
- 25/02/24** Baptisms – 12pm – Gisborne Church



Lenten Prayer Group

A guided discussion group of prayer and reflection will take place at Jayne & Bill O'Callaghan's home on Wednesday nights from 7.30pm, during Lent. If you would like to participate, please contact Jayne on 0427855471.

2023 Giving Tree - S.V.D.P.

St Brigid's Liturgy Committee nominated the Gisborne Conference of St Vincent De Paul Society as the recipient for St Brigid's Christmas Giving Tree for 2023. It is an honour that the Liturgy Committee considers the Gisborne Conference worthy of the gifts from the Parishioners.

An enormous thank you to our Parishioners, who have again been most generous, raising \$3160 in gift cards and monetary donations.

These have been distributed to those families and individuals from Macedon Ranges that are struggling.

The monetary donations will be directly converted into gift cards from the local supermarkets.

The non-perishable nature of the gift cards allows Gisborne Conference to distribute them to those in need both during and after Christmas.

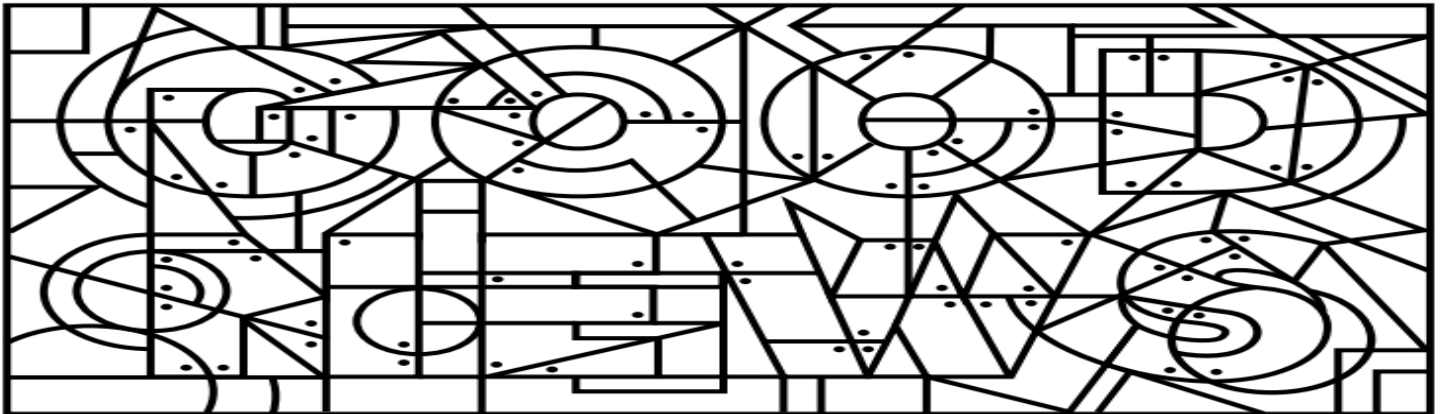
The Gisborne Conference's grateful thanks is extended to the Liturgy Committee and St Brigid's Parishioners.

God bless you.

Neville Spiers

Gisborne Conference President - St Vincent De Paul Society Victoria

Colour in all the shapes that contain dots to reveal what Jesus wants everyone to know.



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

SCRIPTURE STUDIES

will recommence in January.

For all enquiries please contact Bernie 0414 890 377

RECONCILIATION

Reconciliation - By appointment only

Please see Fr. Vincent after Mass to arrange a suitable time or phone 5428 2591.

OPEN HOUSE

Parishioners are invited to meet after 11am Sunday Mass at the Kaffeine Bar - 30 Aitken Street, Gisborne for a coffee and chat.

Everyone Welcome!

Weekday Mass

Tuesday – 5pm

Wednesday 9:15am

Thursday 9:15am

Friday 9:15am

For those who may like a time of quiet prayer prior to Mass, the church will be open at 9am each Wednesday, Thursday & Friday to do so.

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

Introduction: In this Sunday's Liturgy we get a sense of a day in the life of Jesus and the impact he had upon people. Our Sunday worship is one of the days when we foster our relationship with Christ.

1st Reading: Job 7:1-4, 6-7

This reading from Job sees the prophet sink into the pit of depression. As we ponder this reading let us accept the reality of human experience and listen to the Lord.

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23

We hear St. Paul's reflection on his responsibilities to preach the Gospel. He consciously sets out to be all things for all people for the sake of the Gospel.

Gospel: Mark 1:29-39

After curing Simon's mother-in-law and many others who seek his healing, Jesus retires to an isolated place to spend time in solitude and prayer.

Prayer of Intercession: With faith and confidence in the Word of God, we offer prayers of petition for the sick, the lonely and those who suffer from injustice.

1. We pray for our Church leaders who have laid on them, the duty of preaching the Gospel. May the Spirit lead them to seek Paul's goal of reaching out to all those who are in need.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

2. We pray for growth in a biblical spirituality amongst Christians everywhere, that we may all share in the blessings of the Gospel, as we celebrate our Parish Feast Day.

(pause) We pray to the Lord

Lord hear our prayer.

3. We pray for all Teachers and staff of both our Primary Schools in the Parish. May the Holy Spirit guide them in their commitment to the children in their care and the role of catholic education in our communities.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

4. We pray for those who are sick – especially those on our parish prayer list - and for all who care for them. May the infirm continue to place their trust in the healing presence of Jesus our Saviour.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

5. We recall that Jesus Christ bore sickness and suffering for our sakes. May he bless with eternal life those who have died and those whose anniversary occurs at this time.

(pause) We pray to the Lord

Lord hear our prayer.

Celebrant: Gracious God, we offer our prayers of petition today so that others may have a share in Gospel hope and joy. We make our prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Next weeks readings: Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46; 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1; Mark 1:40-45

St. BRIGID'S GISBORNE PARISH PRAYER

God our Father, we thank you for all the blessings we enjoy in our parish family of St. Brigid's Gisborne.

Many have laboured to build our parish. May we all work together and hand in hand stand together.

May our parish be filled with holiness and prayer, faith and love.

May all who come here find a welcoming home, comfort in their needs and strength for their journey.

St. Brigid, St. Patrick, St. Ambrose and St. Colmcille watch over us always we pray, that with faith we grow and learn.

We make our prayer in Jesus name.

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

Job 7:1-4. 6-7

A reading from the book of Job.

I am filled with sorrow all day long.

Job began to speak:

Is not man's life on earth nothing more than pressed service, his time no better than hired drudgery? Like the slave, sighing for the shade, or the workman with no thought but his wages, months of delusion I have assigned to me, nothing for my own but nights of grief. Lying in bed I wonder, 'When will it be day?' Risen I think, 'how slowly evening comes!' Restlessly I fret till twilight falls. Swifter than a weaver's shuttle my days have passed, and vanished, leaving no hope behind. Remember that my life is but a breath, and that my eyes will never again see joy.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 146:1-6. R. v.3

(R.) *Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.*

1. Praise the Lord for he is good;
sing to our God for he is loving;
to him our praise is due. (R.)
2. The Lord builds up Jerusalem
and brings back Israel's exiles,
he heals the broken-hearted,
he binds up all their wounds.
He fixes the number of the stars;
he calls each one by its name. (R.)
3. Our Lord is great and almighty;
his wisdom can never be measured.
The Lord raises the lowly;
he humbles the wicked to the dust. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 9:16-19. 22-23

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

Punishment will come to me if I do not preach the Gospel.

I do not boast of preaching the gospel, since it is a duty which has been laid on me; I should be punished if I did not preach it! If I had chosen this work myself, I might have been paid for it, but as I have not, it is a responsibility which has been put into my hands. Do you know what my reward is? It is this: in my preaching, to be able to offer the Good News free, and not insist on the rights which the gospel gives me.

So though I am not a slave of any man I have made myself the slave of everyone so as to win as many as I could. For the weak I made myself weak. I made myself all things to all men in order to save some at any cost; and I still do this, for the sake of the gospel, to have a share in its blessings.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 8:17

Alleluia, alleluia!

He bore our sickness,
and endured our suffering

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 1:29-39

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

He cured many who suffered from diseases of one kind or another.

On leaving the synagogue, Jesus went with James and John straight to the house of Simon and Andrew. Now Simon's mother-in-law had gone to bed with fever, and they told him about her straightaway. He went to her, took her by the hand and helped her up. And the fever left her and she began to wait on them.

That evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were sick and those who were possessed by devils. The whole town came crowding round the door, and he cured many who were suffering from diseases of one kind or another; he also cast out many devils, but he would not allow them to speak, because they knew who he was.

In the morning, long before dawn, he got up and left the house, and went off to a lonely place and prayed there. Simon and his companions set out in search of him, and when they found him they said, 'Everybody is looking for you.' He answered, 'Let us go elsewhere, to the neighbouring country towns, so that I can preach there too, because that is why I came.' And he went all through Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out devils.

The Gospel of the Lord.

