



Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

11th 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, especially
Peter Sluga, Jelka Sluga & Jane Gauci.

May they rest in peace ☩

Please email Tam if you would like an Anniversary included.

2024 CARITAS PROJECT COMPASSION

Envelopes and mite boxes are now available in church for the
Special Collection throughout Lent for
Caritas – Project Compassion.

Please take your choice of donation option and give what you can.

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS

St. Brigid's Church

Wednesday February 14th – 7pm

Stations of the Cross

During the season of Lent

Stations of the Cross will take place each Friday
in St. Brigid's Church Gisborne
immediately after the completion of the 9:15am Mass
Expected start time: 9:45am

2024 ROSTERS

Thank you to all for your patience waiting for the rosters.

10th & 11th Febuary – Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

If available – sorry for late notice.

6pm Sat St. Brigid's - Gisborne

Reader: N. Spiers Eucharist: L. Scott
Flowers T. Armstrong & D. Egan

8am Sun St. Ambrose – Riddell's Creek

Reader: M. Henry

9:30am Sun St. Patrick's – Macedon

Reader: B. O'Callaghan Eucharist: J. O'Callaghan

11am Sun St. Brigid's Gisborne

Reader: C. Fry Eucharist: D. Egan

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

Lepers were social outcasts forced to live outside the
villages and towns. Jesus heals the leper, allowing him to
return to communal living, but, in touching him, Jesus put
himself on the outer. The Gospel says that Jesus 'had to
stay outside where nobody lived'. Jesus willingly
changed places with the leper!

This incident prefigures the deepest mystery and scandal
of the Gospel. Because of our deliberate wrongdoing, we
are 'on the outside' with God. Our Lord and Saviour
willingly experienced that alienation on Calvary, outside
the walls of Jerusalem, in a desolate place where no-body
lived. He suffered the dis-locating consequences of sin in
his body and mind: 'My God, my God, why have you
abandoned me?'

He took our place outside the human awareness of the
loving presence of His Heavenly Father so that we might
be located in the right place, insiders with God.

We might pause for a moment to lovingly thank our
Saviour for leading us into 'the One in Whom we live and
move and have our being'.

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UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

- 10/02/24** Saturday 6pm Mass
- 11/02/24** Normal Sunday Masses
- 14/02/24** 9:15am – St. Brigid's School Mass - Gisb
- 14/02/24** 11:40am – Holy Cross School Mass
- 14/02/24** 7pm – Ash Wednesday Mass - Gisborne
- 16/02/24** 9:45am – Station of the Cross - Gisborne
- 22/02/24** 7pm - PPC meeting – Parish Office
- 25/02/24** 12pm – Baptisms– Gisborne Church
- 06/03/24** 7:30pm - Baptism information evening






Rosters & Events



Ministers for next weekend's Masses

First Sunday of Lent – Year B

17th & 18th February, 2024

6:00pm Mass St. Brigid's Reader: L. Scott Offertory: to be chosen on the day. Eucharist: L. Wilson	8:00am Mass St. Ambrose's Welcomer: J. White Reader: P. Lawry Offertory: to be chosen on the day.	Flowers: K. Page & L. De Bono 
9:30am Mass St. Patrick's Reader: K. Petherbridge Offertory: to be chosen on the day. Eucharist: K. Vandenberg	11:00am Mass St. Brigid's Reader: J. Holmes & C. Holmes Offertory: to be chosen on the day. Eucharist: K. Page	

POSITIONS VACANT

Applications are invited from suitably qualified & experienced people for the positions of:

Parish Positions

- Pastoral Worker - Supporting communities of Scoresby and Rowville (St Judes and St Simons)
- Parish Secretary- St Mary's Catholic Church, Greensborough
- Pastoral Associate - Mary Mother of the Church, Ivanhoe
- Liturgical & Sacramental Coordinator - Nazareth Parish, Grovedale, Torquay, Anglesea
- Parish Secretary, Partnered Parish St Gabriels, St Stephens & St Raphael, Reservoir- Reservoir East -Presten West, Reservoir

Further details of the above positions can be found on the Archdiocese website at: <https://melbournecatholic.org/job-vacancies>
Please forward this information to family or friends you may have living in the areas mentioned.

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.

St Brigid's Parish Weekly Giving

Collections last week	Presbytery	\$405	Thanksgiving	\$ 874
Collections 28/01/24	Presbytery	\$554	Thanksgiving	\$ 987
Collections 21/01/24	Presbytery	\$513	Thanksgiving	\$1042
Collections 14/01/24	Presbytery	\$530	Thanksgiving	\$ 810
Collections 07/01/24	Presbytery	\$453	Thanksgiving	\$ 979
Collections 31/12/23	Presbytery	\$481	Thanksgiving	\$ 822

Thank you for your ongoing support through the Thanksgiving Program.
May the Lord Bless you all.

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: We gather in worship this day conscious of the presence of Jesus with us. We take confidence to come to him with our human needs and human failings, but he welcomes us.

1st Reading: Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46

We hear one of the classic issues in Jewish society about their maintenance of ritual purity. For this some sickness and skin conditions, such as leprosy, were a major issue.

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1

We hear again how St. Paul challenges the people of Corinth, as well as us, to take himself as a model for following the invitation of Jesus.

Gospel: Mark 1:40-45

We listen to a story of the cleansing of a leper. This has strong implications in the society of Jesus as to whether ritual purity was maintained.

Prayer of Intercession: Today's Gospel reminds us that people kept coming to Jesus from everywhere. As we offer our prayers we do so through him in whose Name salvation comes to all.

1. As Christians seeking to integrate our response to the justice issues of the day with our belief in God and our participation with Christ to establish the reign of God in today's world.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

2. We pray for the health concerns and issues of our society and the world, especially those suffering from poor Mental Health. May we never be blinded by selfishness or fear in accepting the dignity of all who are sick or afflicted.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

3. We pray for medical and nursing personnel who are at the front lines in dealing with the vital issues of public health and safety.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

4. That our parish community will support young people considering vocations to religious life.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

5. We pray for those who are sick – especially those on our parish prayer list - and for all who care for them.

For the faithful departed: those who have died recently and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially *Peter Sluga, Jelka Sluga & Jane Gauci*. May their family and friends be comforted in the knowledge that they now share in the banquet of heaven promised to them.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

Celebrant: O God of love and mercy, receive these prayers which we bring to you today. We rejoice in your saving Word that comes to us in Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

Next weeks readings: Genesis 9:8-15; 1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:12-15

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 **Leviticus 13:1-2. 44-46**

A reading from the book of Leviticus.

As long as he is unclean, he must live alone, outside the camp.

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, 'If a swelling or scab or shiny spot appears on a man's skin, a case of leprosy of the skin is to be suspected. The man must be taken to Aaron, the priest, or to one of the priests who are his sons.

'The man is leprous: he is unclean. The priest must declare him unclean; he is suffering from leprosy of the head. A man infected with leprosy must wear his clothing torn and his hair disordered; he must shield his upper lip and cry, "Unclean, unclean". As long as the disease lasts he must be unclean; and therefore he must live apart: he must live outside the camp.'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 31:1-2. 5. 11. R. v.7

(R.) I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble,
and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

1. Happy the man whose offence is forgiven,
whose sin is remitted.
O happy the man to whom the Lord
imputes no guilt,
in whose spirit is no guile. (R.)
2. By now I have acknowledged my sins;
my guilt I did not hide.
I said: 'I will confess my offence to the Lord.'
And you, Lord, have forgiven
the guilt of my sin. (R.)
3. Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord,
exult, you just!
O come, ring out your joy,
all you upright of heart. (R.)

Second Reading **1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1**

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

Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.

Whatever you eat, whatever you drink, whatever you do at all, do it for the glory of God. Never do anything offensive to anyone – to Jew or Greeks or to the Church of God; just as I try to be helpful to everyone at all times, not anxious for my own advantage but for the advantage of everybody else, so that they may be saved.

Take me for your model, as I take Christ.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Luke 7:16

Alleluia, alleluia!

A great prophet has appeared among us;
God has visited his people.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 1:40-45

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

The leprosy left him and he was cured.

A leper came to Jesus and pleaded on his knees: 'If you want to' he said 'you can cure me.' Feeling sorry for him, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him. 'Of course I want to!' he said. 'Be cured!' And the leprosy left him at once and he was cured. Jesus immediately sent him away and sternly ordered him, 'Mind you say nothing to anyone, but go and show yourself to the priest, and make the offering for your healing prescribed by Moses as evidence of your recovery.' The man went away, but then started talking about it freely and telling the story everywhere, so that Jesus could no longer go openly into any town, but had to stay outside in places where nobody lived. Even so, people from all around would come to him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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