



First Sunday of Lent - Year B

18th 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 & Gerard H.***

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

***Felicia Spano, Giuseppe Spano, Maria Teresa Doria,
Rosa Totino, George and Tessie Galea,
Sophia Wisniewski & Peter Zieradzki.***

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.

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.

17th & 18th February – First Sunday of Lent

If available – sorry for late notice.

6pm Sat St. Brigid's - Gisborne

Reader: L. Scott Eucharist: L. Wilson

Flowers K. Page & L. De Bono

8am Sun St. Ambrose – Riddell's Creek

Reader: P. Lawry

9:30am Sun St. Patrick's – Macedon

Reader: K. Petherbridge Eucharist: K. Vandenberg

11am Sun St. Brigid's Gisborne

Reader: B. Myers Eucharist: K. Page

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

The Rainbow is God's signature to a treaty with humankind. On God's part, material forces will never be sent to annihilate human beings as a punishment for wrongdoing. On our part, as humans made in the likeness of God, we are to image God's rainbow relationship to nature.

This is the Divine Treaty basis of our responsibility for the environment. We undertake not to engage in practices or support policies which could severely damage the fragile ecology which supports life on our planet. The deforestation of the slopes of the Himalayas, leading to floods which kill thousands, is a catastrophic example.

And, gazing at the rainbow, we can pray for our planet, for the human beings and all other creatures who inhabit it, and quite often for ourselves at a deep personal level. For we know that, just as after a storm and dark clouds, light penetrates the misty sky and the beautiful bow of colour appears, the same phenomenon can occur in our own lives.

We could take a moment to pray that the rainbow will appear, perhaps for ourselves, perhaps for others we know who are going through a stormy time.

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UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

- 17/02/24** Saturday 6pm Mass
- 18/02/24** Normal Sunday Masses
- 22/02/24** 7pm - PPC meeting – Parish Office
- 23/02/24** 9:45am – Station of the Cross - Gisborne
- 25/02/24** 12pm – Baptisms– Gisborne Church
- 29/02/24** 9:15am School Mass Yr 3&4 - Gisborne
- 06/03/24** 7:30pm - Baptism information evening
- 14/03/24** 7:00pm - Liturgy meeting – Parish Office
- 17/03/24** 9:30am – St. Patrick's Day Mass
- 22/03/24** 10:00am – Healing Mass - Gisborne




Rosters & Events



Ministers for next weekend's Masses

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24th & 25th February, 2024

6:00pm Mass St. Brigid's Reader: L. Jackanic Offertory: to be chosen on the day. Eucharist: K. Aprile	8:00am Mass St. Ambrose's Welcomer: J. White Reader: C. Moore Offertory: to be chosen on the day.	Flowers: J. Shumack  2024 Rosters will be distributed next week
9:30am Mass St. Patrick's Reader: E. Kilgariff Offertory: to be chosen on the day. Eucharist: R. Fisher	11:00am Mass St. Brigid's Reader: T. Armstrong Offertory: to be chosen on the day. Eucharist: V. Firmanp	

POSITIONS VACANT

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

Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne

- Executive Support Officer-Proclaim, East Melbourne

Parish Positions

- Parish Secretary- St John Bosco's Parish, Niddrie
- Liturgical & Sacramental Coordinator - Nazareth Parish, Grovedale, Torquay, Anglesea
- Parish Secretary, Partnered Parish St Gabriels, St Stephens

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. PATRICK'S DAY MASS

Sunday 17th March – 9:30am

Come and celebrate St. Patrick's Day with Mass at St. Pat's

Followed by a picnic in the grounds.

Bring a plate to share – tea & coffee provided.

Green attire welcome!!



St Brigid's Parish Weekly Giving

Collections last week: Presbytery \$436
Thanksgiving \$844

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.

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.

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

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: Welcome to the First Sunday of Lent. This important season of the Church's Liturgical Year is ahead of us, as we are called to reflect on our attitudes and commitment to the discipline of prayer, fasting and reaching out to others.

1st Reading: Genesis 9:8-15

We hear the covenant promise made to Noah and his descendants that never again will the flood destroy the earth; a future symbol for Christian Baptism.

2nd Reading: 1 Peter 3:18-22

This passage is understood as a baptismal homily as Peter connects with the covenant of Noah to the covenant that we celebrate in the Eucharist now.

Gospel: Mark 1:12-15

This is Mark's account of the temptation of Jesus, who was led out into the wilderness by the Holy Spirit and then into Galilee to proclaim God's kingdom, calling the people to repent and believe the Good News.

Prayer of Intercession: Our God remembers us with compassion and love. We offer our prayers of petition in Jesus' name with trust and openness.

1. We pray that we prepare well for this Lenten season and accept that the kingdom of heaven is near, so that we may truly repent and believe the Good News.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

2. We pray for world leaders in this era of fear and insecurity. May the Good News of God's kingdom bring hope and security to a troubled world.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer

3. We pray that our Lenten sacrifices be a practical boost to the work of Project Compassion to provide help for those most in need.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer

4. We pray that this Lent be a time of living the spirit of reconciliation so that we may acknowledge our sinfulness and seek the help of God's grace that we may not sin again.

(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 *Felicia Spano, Giuseppe Spano, Maria Teresa Doria, Rosa Totino, George and Tessie Galea, Sophia Wisniewski & Peter Zieradzki*. 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: When we call to you, O Lord, we believe that you will answer. Let us live by your word alone and trust always that you are with us. We ask this through the Lord. Amen.

Next weeks readings: Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18; Romans 8:31-34; Mark 9:2-10

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

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

Genesis 9:8-15

A reading from the book of Genesis.

I will recall the covenant between myself and you...the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh.

God spoke to Noah and his sons, 'See, I establish my Covenant with you, and with your descendants after you; also with every living creature to be found with you, birds, cattle and every wild beast with you: everything that came out of the ark, everything that lives on the earth. I establish my Covenant with you: no thing of flesh shall be swept away again by the waters of the flood. There shall be no flood to destroy the earth again.'

God said, 'Here is the sign of the Covenant I make between myself and you and every living creature with you for all generations: I set my bow in the clouds and it shall be a sign of the Covenant between me and the earth. When I gather the clouds over the earth and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the Covenant between myself and you and every living creature of every kind. And so the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all things of flesh.'

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 24:4-9. R. see v.10

(R.) *Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.*

1. Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour. (R.)
2. Remember your mercy, Lord,
and the love you have shown from of old.
In your love remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord. (R.)
3. The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor. (R.)

Second Reading

1 Peter 3:18-22

A reading from the first letter of St. Peter.

The water of the flood is a type of the baptism which saves you now.

Christ himself, innocent though he was, died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life, and, in the spirit, he went to preach to the spirits in prison.

Now it was long ago, when Noah was still building that ark which saved only a small group of eight people 'by water', and when God was still waiting patiently, that these spirits refused to believe. That water is a type of the baptism which saves you now, and which is not the washing off of physical dirt but a pledge made to God from a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has entered heaven and is at God's right hand, now that he has made the angels and Dominations and Powers his subjects.

The World of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 4:4

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

No one lives on bread alone,

but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel

Mark 1:12-15

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

He was tempted by Satan, and the angels looked after him.

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness and he remained there for forty days, and was tempted by Satan. He was with the wild beasts, and the angels looked after him.

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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