



Second Sunday of Lent - Year B

25th 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.

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

World Day of Prayer

Friday 1st of March at 10am

Location: Church of Christ

31 Saunders Road, New Gisborne

Open invitation for all parishioners to attend the service.

Changes to Weekday Mass times from Term 2

As a result of an increased presence in our Parish Schools, a regular presence in our local aged care facilities and other commitments within the parish such as funerals, blessings and care for the sick, there will be some minor changes to weekday Mass from Term 2 onwards.

There are a number of events leading into Easter and the reception of Sacraments for the school children which will also affect weekday Masses in the coming weeks.

Weekday Mass changes will be listed in the bulletin each week and on the website.

Please take note of changes so you are not inconvenienced.

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

St Thomas Aquinas famously said: 'If only my soul is saved, I am not saved.' And yet many Christians do think that our ultimate goal is, by the grace of God, to end up as souls in Heaven.

No, I am a human being, bodysoul. If I am to be saved, then this stardust, this fraction of material creation, this earthling, needs to be immersed into Divine energy and light. The Transfiguration of Jesus Christ, especially as recounted in the other gospels, shows what happens when human nature is in total communion with God. Every molecule of his body was evidently pulsing with Divine energy and light.

The amazing truth is that God ardently desires that each one of us should share in the transfigured life of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

For this to occur, we must play our part, accepting that Jesus of Nazareth is indeed the Beloved Son of God, listen to him, and put into practice what we hear.

We could take a moment to pray that after the "repose of the soul" after death, we may participate as bodysouls in the transfigured humanity of the Risen Lord.

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UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

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| 25/02/24 | 12pm – Baptisms– Gisborne Church |
| 29/02/24 | 9:15am School Mass Yr 3&4 – Gisborne |
| 02/03/24 | Saturday 6pm Mass |
| 03/03/24 | Normal Sunday Masses |
| 06/03/24 | 7:30pm - Baptism information evening |
| 09/03/24 | Saturday 6pm Mass |
| 10/03/24 | 8am Mass with Fr. Vincent |
| 10/03/24 | 9:30am Mass with Fr. Jossy |
| 10/03/24 | 11am Mass with Fr. Jossy |
| 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

Third Sunday of Lent – Year B

2nd & 3rd of March, 2024

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| 6:00pm Mass St. Brigid's Reader: T. Wilson Offertory: to be chosen on the day. Eucharist: L. Wilson | 8:00am Mass St. Ambrose's Welcomer: J. White Reader: M. Hall Offertory: to be chosen on the day. | Flowers: No Flowers or Greenery required during Lent Thank you  |
| 9:30am Mass St. Patrick's Reader: M. Redman Offertory: to be chosen on the day. Eucharist: K. Petherbridge | 11:00am Mass St. Brigid's Reader: D. Egan Offertory: to be chosen on the day. Eucharist: K. Page | |

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 \$366
Thanksgiving \$880

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: Having dwelt on the Humanity of Jesus with the temptation in the desert, in last Sunday's Gospel, we turn our attention to his Divinity as manifested in the event of the Transfiguration.

1st Reading: Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18

Abraham's willingness to sacrifice his son is rewarded by the Covenant God makes with him and his descendants, and so with us. Abraham is our Father in faith.

2nd Reading: Romans 8:31-34

We hear a brief reflection from St. Paul that flows from Abraham's willingness to sacrifice his Son. "With God on our side, who can be against us".

Gospel: Mark 9:2-10

We hear Mark's account of the transfiguration of Jesus, a rare event covered in all four Gospels. Jesus is the one who fulfils all the prophecies.

Prayer of Intercession: The story of the Transfiguration of Jesus reminds us that this time of Lent is a time when we can become transformed and changed. We pray that God's transfiguring love will help change hearts and give us hope.

1. We pray for our world leaders, that they may always see the beauty of their own souls, and that the sacredness of their work bring healing, light and renewal to all those they meet.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

2. Guide our educators as they strive to strengthen the partnership between home, school and parish community for the good of the children in their care.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

3. May our educators continue to work effectively to find ways to challenge their students with Christian values that bring justice, peace and freedom in line with the teachings of Jesus Christ.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

4. We pray for parents, the first teachers of their children, that their faith and love may be a witness to them.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

5. We pray for ourselves and all in our parish community. 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. May your healing love be a sign of life and Resurrection.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

Celebrant: God of compassion, receive these prayers which we offer to you this day through Christ Jesus, who lives and continues to intercede for us. Amen.

Next weeks' readings: Exodus 20:1-17;

1 Corinthians 1:22-25;

John 2:13-25

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;

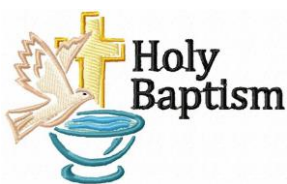
he ascended into heaven,

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



BAPTISM PRAYER

We ask our God, the giver of life, to bless you,

Jack, Quinn & Shaemus

who will be baptised in our parish this week.

We the Church of St. Brigid's, St. Patrick's & St. Ambrose, welcome and support you.

The Living Word

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First Reading Genesis 22:1-2. 9-13. 15-18

A reading from the book of Genesis.

The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith.

God put Abraham to the test. 'Abraham, Abraham,' he called.' Here I am' he replied. 'Take your son,' God said 'your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.'

When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there, and arranged the wood. Then he bound his son Isaac and put him on the altar on top of the wood. Abraham stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son.

But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven. 'Abraham, Abraham' he said. 'I am here' he replied. 'Do not raise your hand against the boy' the angel said. 'Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son.' Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush.

Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt offering in place of his son.

The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. 'I swear by my own self – it is the Lord who speaks – because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of your enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience.'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 115:10. 15-19. R. 114:9

(R.) *I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.*

- 1.. I trusted, even when I said:
'I am sorely afflicted.'
O precious in the eyes of the Lord
is the death of his faithful. (R.)
2. Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;
you have loosened my bonds.
A thanksgiving sacrifice I make:
I will call on the Lord's name. (R.)
3. My vows to the Lord I will fulfil
before all his people,
in the courts of the house of the Lord,
in your midst, O Jerusalem. (R.)

Second Reading Romans 8:31-34

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans.

God did not spare his own Son.

With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us – he rose from the dead, and there at God's right hand he stands and pleads for us.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation Matthew 17:5

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

From the shining cloud, the Father's voice is heard:
this is my beloved Son, hear him.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel Mark 9:2-10

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

This is my Son, the beloved; listen to him.

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Rabbi,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them any more but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what 'rising from the dead' could mean.

The Gospel of the Lord.

