



**Third Sunday of Lent - Year B**

**3<sup>rd</sup> March, 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](mailto: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 *Anthony Hede, Joan Robertson, Joanne Clifford, Maxine O'Connell, Don Michael and John & Fiona Kilgariff.*

**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

**Parish Healing Mass**

**Friday March 22<sup>nd</sup> – 10am**

*There will be no 9:15am Mass on this day.*

Open invitation for all parishioners, family members and friends 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**

The Ten Commandments are badly named. Rather, they are the Ten Responses which should characterise a liberated people, freed from slavery by 'the Lord, your God'.

By the time Jesus came on the scene, the Temple in Jerusalem was no longer a fit dwelling place for a God who desires to free people from oppression and exploitation. To the contrary, Jesus saw the Temple ideology as placing undue burdens and shackles on people.

His anger at this erupted in dramatic street theatre. His overturning of the tables of the money-changers signalled the overturning of the Temple system.

What Our Lord revealed to uncomprehending authorities was that His body was the true sanctuary. The body of Jesus of Nazareth is the dwelling place of God, the habitation of the Lord God who liberates people. In short, God's sanctuary is not a place, but a person. We could take a moment to pray, using the Ten Responses to review and guide our reflection and practice as we move towards Easter. This will help us to celebrate the enigmatic saying: 'Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it again.'

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**UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS**

- 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
- 16/03/24** Saturday 6pm Mass
- 17/03/24** 8am Mass – St. Ambrose
- 17/03/24** 9:30am – St. Patrick's Day Mass
- 17/03/24** 11am Mass – Prep Presentation Mass




# Rosters & Events



Ministers for next weekend's Masses

Fourth Sunday of Lent – Year B

9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> of March, 2024

<b>6:00pm Mass</b> <b>St. Brigid's</b> <b>Reader:</b> B. Floreani <b>Offertory:</b> to be chosen on the day. <b>Eucharist:</b> N. Spiers	<b>8:00am Mass</b> <b>St. Ambrose's</b> <b>Welcomer:</b> J. White <b>Reader:</b> M. Hall <b>Offertory:</b> to be chosen on the day.	<b>Flowers:</b> No Flowers or Greenery required during Lent Thank you 
<b>9:30am Mass</b> <b>St. Patrick's</b> <b>Reader:</b> M. Redman <b>Offertory:</b> to be chosen on the day. <b>Eucharist:</b> D. Briffa	<b>11:00am Mass</b> <b>St. Brigid's</b> <b>Reader:</b> D. Egan <b>Offertory:</b> to be chosen on the day. <b>Eucharist:</b> K. Page	

## CATHOLIC VOCATIONS

Dear friends, I would like to thank you for your prayers for Vocations over the years. We were delighted to accept eight men to the Seminary for Melbourne this year: Chinh Tran, Rohan Prince, Luke Kennedy, Luke Emslie, Tung Phan, Joseph Maae, Patrick Harris and Mathews Noble.

Many of you have personally helped and encouraged these men along their journey to apply to join the Seminary; it truly is a team effort! Please continue to pray for them!

Part of the work of the Vocations Office is to promote Vocations throughout our Archdiocese. Please feel free to contact us if you have any thoughts/plans of how we can do so better.


In Christ, Fr Dishan and the Vocations Team

Catholic Vocations - 383 Albert Street, East Melbourne VIC 3002 (03) 9926 5733 - W: [vocationmelbourne.org](http://vocationmelbourne.org)

## 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.

<b>St. PATRICK'S DAY MASS</b> Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> March – 9:30am <b>Come and celebrate St. Patrick's Day with Mass at St. Pat's</b> Followed by morning tea. Bring a plate to share – tea & coffee provided. Green attire welcome!! 		<b>St Brigid's Parish Weekly Giving</b> <b>Collections last week:</b> Presbytery \$486 Thanksgiving \$1018 Thank you for your ongoing support through the Thanksgiving Program. May the Lord Bless you all	
<b>THANKSGIVING BY DIRECT DEBIT</b> If you would like to contribute to the Thanksgiving Program, you may do so by direct debit to the acct below: <b>St. Brigid's Church Account</b> <b>NAB</b> <b>BSB: 083 347</b> <b>Acct: 6742 95773</b> Please use your surname and TG number as the reference.	<b>SCRIPTURE STUDIES</b> <b>will recommence in January.</b> For all enquiries please contact Bernie 0414 890 377	<b>RECONCILIATION</b> <b>Reconciliation - By appointment only</b> Please see Fr. Vincent after Mass to arrange a suitable time or phone 5428 2591.	
<b>OPEN HOUSE</b> Parishioners are invited to meet after 11am Sunday Mass at the Kaffeine Bar - 30 Aitken Street, Gisborne for a coffee and chat. <b>Everyone Welcome!</b>			
<b>Weekday Mass</b> 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.			
<b>PRIEST &amp; PRESBYTERY BY DIRECT DEBIT</b> If you would like to contribute to the Priest & Presbytery expenses, you may do so by direct debit to the acct below: <b>St. Brigid's Presbytery Account</b> <b>NAB</b> <b>BSB: 083 347</b> <b>Acct: 6672 72303</b> Please use your surname as the		<b>KARATE CLASSES FOR ALL AGES</b> Thursday evenings 6pm - <i>1st TWO lessons free then \$7 per class</i> No term commitment required; pay as you come. Enquiries: Kathryn Aprile—0404 340 892	<b>Weekly Social Cards Night</b> St. Brigid's Hall – Tuesday 7:30pm start - Entry \$10 per player Light supper served on completion of play <b>EVERYONE WELCOME</b>

**Introduction:** On this Third Sunday of Lent we are called to reflect on the centrality of the cross in our Christian tradition. This Lent is a reminder that the Paschal Mystery is our hope of life with Christ.

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Exodus 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17

We hear the account of the Law given to Moses on Mount Sinai. The Ten Commandments are a practical application of our love for God and one another, particularly in the Jewish community of the time.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** 1 Corinthians 1:22-25

In Paul's day the Christian message of the cross and how the hope in the death and resurrection of Jesus seemed madness, to those unfamiliar with the Gospel message.

**Gospel Reading:** John 2:13-25

We hear John's account of the behaviour of Jesus in the temple at the time of the celebration of the Passover in Jerusalem. It became a time for prophecy.

**Prayer of Intercession:** Christ is the power and wisdom of God. We come before his presence praying for the peoples of the world and the Church.

1. We pray as we are gathered under the image of the cross of Jesus Christ, that we may accept his invitation to take up the cross daily and follow him.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

**Lord hear our prayer.**

2. We pray for all followers of Christ: may we follow his example of self-sacrifice in both our words and our deeds.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

**Lord hear our prayer.**

3. We pray for all peoples of all nations, particularly those in turmoil; may they listen to the words of their God imprinted in their hearts and so bring the world to greater justice and peace.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

**Lord hear our prayer.**

4. We pray for all who are too set in their own assumptions: may they be guided by Christ in greater openness to the truth.

(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: for those who have died recently and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially *Anthony Hede, Joan Robertson, Joanne Clifford, Maxine O'Connell, Don Michael and John & Fiona Kilgariff*, may they open their hearts to the one who opens for them the gates of eternal life.

(pause) We pray to the Lord

**Lord hear our prayer.**

**Celebrant:** Merciful God, into your hands we entrust our prayers of petition. Receive us in our thirst for your gracious love. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

**Next weeks readings:** 2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23; Ephesians 2:4-10; John 3:14-21

**MARCH BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

*Congratulations and special blessings to all those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries during the month of March. May your journey through life be filled with daily treasures, and may you always be open, willing and ready to share your blessings with others.*



**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

Exodus 20:1-17

(or shorter form Ex 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17)

### A reading from the book of Exodus.

*The Law was given through Moses.*

God spoke all these words. He said, 'I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

'You shall have no gods except me.

'You shall not make yourself a carved image or any likeness of anything in heaven or on earth beneath or in the waters under the earth; you shall not bow down to them or serve them. For I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God and I punish the father's fault in the sons, the grandsons, and the great-grandsons of those who hate me; but I show kindness to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

'You shall not utter the name of the Lord your God to misuse it, for the Lord will not leave unpunished the man who utters his name to misuse it.

'Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath for the Lord your God. You shall do no work on that day, neither you nor your son nor your daughter nor your servants, men or women, not your animals nor the stranger who lives with you. For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth and the sea and all that these hold, but on the seventh day he rested; that is why the Lord has blessed the sabbath day and made it sacred.

'Honour your father and your mother so that you may have a long life in the land that the Lord your God has given to you.

'You shall not kill.

'You shall not commit adultery.

'You shall not steal.

'You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

'You shall not covet your neighbour's house.

'You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his servant, man or woman, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is his.'

### The word of the Lord.

## Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 18:8-11. R. John 6:68

(R.) *Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.*

1. The law of the Lord is perfect,  
it revives the soul.  
The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,  
it gives wisdom to the simple. (R.)
2. The precepts of the Lord are right,  
they gladden the heart.  
The command of the Lord is clear,  
it gives light to the eyes. (R.)

3. The fear of the Lord is holy,  
abiding for ever.  
The decrees of the Lord are truth  
all of them just. (R.)

4. They are more to be desired than gold,  
than the purest of gold  
and sweeter are they than honey,  
than honey from the comb. (R.)

## Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:22-25

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

*We are preaching a crucified Christ, a scandal to many, but to those who have been called, the wisdom of God.*

While the Jews demand miracles and the Greeks look for wisdom, here are we preaching a crucified Christ; to the Jews an obstacle that they cannot get over, to the pagans madness, but to those who have been called, whether they are Jews or Greeks, a Christ who is the power and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

### The word of the Lord.

## Gospel Acclamation

John 3:16

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

God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life.

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

## Gospel

John 2:13-25

### A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

*Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.*

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market.' Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said.

During his stay in Jerusalem for the Passover many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he gave, but Jesus knew them all and did not trust himself to them; he never needed evidence about any man; he could tell what a man had in him.

### The Gospel of the Lord.





People from all around Australia attended the National Catholic Social Services Conference.

Bishop Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv, Bishop of Parramatta, recognised for his deep commitment to social justice, delivered a keynote emphasising unity, human dignity, and service.

He stressed the need for solidarity in the face of growing individualism, especially highlighted by the COVID-19 pandemic, which exposed our interdependence.

Bishop Long invoked Pope Francis’ insights, suggesting the pandemic offers a “Noah moment” to rediscover our connections— to God, each other, and creation, underlining the lesson that “no one is saved alone.”

He urged a shift towards prioritising the common good and acknowledged the Catholic Social Services Australia’s (CSSA) advocacy efforts against income inequality.

His message was a call to action for community support and dignity for all, aiming for a society where everyone can lead fulfilling lives.

In his closing remarks, Bishop Long invoked the words of Jesus, urging attendees to be the “light of the world” that shines on the darkness around us. He encouraged a faithful and creative discipleship, even in an increasingly post-Christian society.

This sentiment of the common good was echoed by panellists from various Christian denominations tasked with exploring “Our Common DNA.”

Many of the speakers at this Conference work in Social Justice Services and highlighted that Australia has a rich tradition of it being Church Groups who have and do reach out and provide social justice support and service to many people in their time of need.

