



**Fourth Sunday of Lent - Year B**

**10<sup>th</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, especially ***David Arnel  
& Fr. Kevin Bates*** and for those who have an anniversary  
at this time, especially ***Taryn Cawley.***

**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**

Due to an increase in commitments for Fr. Vincent,  
weekday Masses may change at short notice.

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

Please take note of changes so you are not inconvenienced.

**Thank you Fr. Jossy & Welcome back!**

Thank you to Fr. Jossy for stepping in to celebrate the  
9:30am and 11:00am Mass with us this weekend as  
Fr. Vincent attends to a prior commitment.

**REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate**

How does God picture us? St Paul reveals one of God's  
favourite ways of regarding us.

'We are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus, to live  
the good life as from the beginning He had intended us to  
live it.'

Just as an artist respects the medium he or she is working  
in, whether it be oils or crayon, so too God respects us as  
human beings with free will. Which is why His works of  
art don't always look the way He intended!

Now, if one has a work of art in the house, a picture or  
print that means a lot to you, or perhaps the first sketch by  
a child, do you put it in the darkest corner of the room?  
Or do you allow just enough light to fall on it so as to  
reveal how terrific it is, why it gives you pleasure? Of  
course, the latter.

Now, if you and I are God's work of art, God wants  
exactly the same. He wants us to be revealed in the light.  
What sort of light? Christ our Light.

Of course, it might be necessary for the Light to dispel  
some darkness, some shadow dimension of our lives. In  
this regard Christ is a healing Light, but this is so that he  
might illuminate us in a way which more clearly reveals  
the love which the Divine Artist has for His creation.

We might take a moment to pray for the courage to  
expose ourselves to Christ's healing light this Lent to be  
more beautifully illuminated at Easter.

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**UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS**

- 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

Fifth Sunday of Lent – Year B

16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> of March, 2024

<b>6:00pm Mass</b> <b>St. Brigid's</b> <b>Reader:</b> K. Aprile <b>Offertory:</b> to be chosen on the day. <b>Eucharist:</b> L. Scott	<b>8:00am Mass</b> <b>St. Ambrose's</b> <b>Welcomer:</b> J. White <b>Reader:</b> P. Lacy <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> K. Petherbridge <b>Offertory:</b> to be chosen on the day. <b>Eucharist:</b> M. Cooper	<b>11:00am Mass</b> <b>St. Brigid's</b> <b>Reader:</b> J. Holmes & C. Holmes <b>Offertory:</b> to be chosen on the day. <b>Eucharist:</b> T. Armstrong	

### THANK YOU ANNIE IRWIN

St. Brigid's Parish is very lucky to have many volunteers is a wide variety of roles that keep our Masses and special events running smoothly throughout the year.

Some of these roles are very public, such as Readers, Musician's & Special Ministers. They are in our sight each week at Mass. Other roles are not quite so public, such as cleaners, gardeners, florists, Communion in the home, among many others. All of us come together to make our parish wonderful.


Along with being a valued staff member at St. Brigid's School, Annie Irwin is another of our dedicated volunteers who held the position of Parish Representative to the St. Brigid's School Advisory Council.

Annie held this position for 7 years and her service period ended during 2023. Annie kindly continued in the role until the role was refilled and on behalf of Fr. Vincent and the wider parish community, I extend our sincere gratitude to Annie for her service to the parish in this role. Thank you Annie and we hope you enjoy a little bit more spare time now. 😊

### 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.

<p align="center"><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 &amp; coffee provided.          Green attire welcome!!</p> 		<p align="center"><b>St Brigid's Parish Weekly Giving</b>  <b>Collections last week:</b> Presbytery    \$470          Thanksgiving                    \$994          Thank you for your ongoing support through the Thanksgiving Program.          May the Lord Bless you all</p>
<p align="center"><b>THANKSGIVING BY DIRECT DEBIT</b></p> <p>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.</p>	<p align="center"><b>SCRIPTURE STUDIES will recommence in January.</b>          For all enquiries please contact Bernie 0414 890 377</p>	<p align="center"><b>RECONCILIATION</b>  <b>Reconciliation - By appointment only</b>          Please see Fr. Vincent after Mass to arrange a suitable time or phone 5428 2591.</p>
<p align="center"><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></p>		
<p align="center"><b>Weekday Mass</b></p> <p align="center">Tuesday – 5pm                    Wednesday 9:15am          Thursday 9:15am                Friday 9:15am</p> <p>For those who may like a time of quiet prayer prior to Mass, the church will be open at 9am each Wednesday, Thursday &amp; Friday to do so.</p>		
<p align="center"><b>PRIEST &amp; PRESBYTERY BY DIRECT DEBIT</b></p> <p>If you would like to contribute to the Priest &amp; 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</p>	<p align="center"><b>KARATE CLASSES FOR ALL AGES</b>          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</p>	<p align="center"><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></p>

**Introduction:** In the middle stage of the Lenten Season we are asked to rejoice. We are reminded that God loves us so much that the Son was sent to us, not to condemn either us or our world but so that we might all be saved.

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** 2 Chronicles 36:14-23

The time of Exile is a time of purification, a time that ends with the building of the Temple. The people of God are challenged to live out God's plan.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** Ephesians 2:4-10

We hear Paul's powerful words that God's love saved us even when we were sinners. We are saved by faith in God and not so much by what we do ourselves.

**Gospel:** John 3:14-21

The dialogue between Nicodemus and Jesus is a reflection on how God's plan for our salvation is revealed in Jesus; he gives his life for us.

**Prayers of Intercession:** God, who is rich in mercy, has brought us to new life with Christ. Let us lift up our hearts in prayer to Him today.

1. We pray for the world's leaders and our Church leaders that their dialogue with the nations and peoples of the world may be carried out in a spirit of openness to all and not to the exclusion of the weak.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

**Lord hear our prayer.**

2. We pray that the gift of reconciliation achieved in Christ Jesus may continue to encourage us to deepen our Lenten resolve to live by Gospel values.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

**Lord hear our prayer.**

3. That we in this community, already forgiven by God, will shine forth as witnesses to God's abundant mercy.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

**Lord hear our prayer.**

4. We pray for all who suffer any form of disability. May they also be aware of the gifts that they bring to life in themselves and others.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

**Lord hear our prayer.**

5. We pray for ourselves and the needs of 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 especially *David Arnel & Fr. Kevin Bates* and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially *Taryn Cawley*, 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:** Father, we thank you for all the gifts you have given us and ask you to help us use them wisely and for your glory. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

**Next weeks readings:** Jeremiah 31:31-34; Hebrews 5:7-9; John 12:20-30

**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

SUNDAY 17<sup>th</sup> March – 11am – MASS at St. Brigid's

**St. Brigid's PREP FAMILY MASS**

**THEME - Being a good friend of Jesus**

Please come to celebrate Mass and welcome our new Prep students to St. Brigid's Parish.

Everybody welcome!

# The Living Word

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## First Reading 2 Chronicles 36:14-16. 19-23

A reading from the second book of Chronicles.

*The wrath and the mercy of the Lord are revealed in the exile and liberation of his people.*

All the heads of the priesthood, and the people too, added infidelity to infidelity, copying all the shameful practices of the nations and defiling the Temple that the Lord had consecrated for himself in Jerusalem. The Lord, the God of their ancestors, tirelessly sent them messenger after messenger, since he wished to spare his people and his house. But they ridiculed the messengers of God, they despised his words, they laughed at his prophets, until at last the wrath of the Lord rose so high against his people that there was no further remedy. Their enemies burned down the Temple of God, demolished the walls of Jerusalem, set fire to all its palaces, and destroyed everything of value in it. The survivors were deported by Nebuchadnezzar to Babylon; they were to serve him and his sons until the kingdom of Persia came to power. This is how the word of the Lord was fulfilled that he spoke: through Jeremiah, 'Until this land has enjoyed its Sabbath rest, until seventy years have gone by, it will keep Sabbath throughout the days of its desolation.' And in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, to fulfil the word of the Lord that was spoken through Jeremiah, the Lord roused the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia to issue a proclamation and to have it publicly displayed throughout his kingdom: 'Thus speaks Cyrus king of Persia, "The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth; he has ordered me to build him a Temple in Jerusalem, in Judah. Whoever there is among you of all his people, may his God be with him! Let him go up."'

**The word of the Lord.**

## Responsorial Psalm

**Psalm 136. R. v.6**

(R.) *Let my tongue be silenced, if ever I forget you!*

1. By the rivers of Babylon there we sat and wept, remembering Zion; on the poplars that grew there we hung our harps. (R.)
2. For it was there that they asked us, our captors, for songs, our oppressors, for joy. 'Sing to us,' they said, 'one of Zion's songs.' (R.)
3. O how could we sing the song of the Lord on alien soil?  
If I forget you, Jerusalem,  
let my right hand wither! (R.)
4. O let my tongue cleave to my mouth  
if I remember you not,  
if I prize not Jerusalem above all my joys! (R.)

## Second Reading Ephesians 2:4-10

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

*When we were dead through sins, he brought us to life.*

God loved us with so much love that he was generous with his mercy: when we were dead through our sins, he brought us to life with Christ - it is through grace that you have been saved - and raised us up with him and gave us a place with him in heaven, in Christ Jesus.

This was to show for all ages to come, through his goodness towards us in Christ Jesus, how infinitely rich he is in grace. Because it is by grace that you have been saved, through faith; not by anything of your own, but by a gift from God; not by anything that you have done, so that nobody can claim the credit. We are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus to live the good life as from the beginning he had meant us to live it.

**The word of the Lord.**

## Gospel Acclamation

**John 3:16**

*Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!*

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

*Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!*

## Gospel

**John 3:14-21**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

*God sent his Son into the world that we might be saved through him.*

Jesus said to Nicodemus:

'The Son of Man must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.

Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved. No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son.

On these grounds is sentence pronounced: that though the light has come into the world men have shown they prefer darkness to the light because their deeds were evil. And indeed, everybody who does wrong hates the light and avoids it, for fear his actions should be exposed; but the man who lives by the truth comes out into the light, so that it may be plainly seen that what he does is done in God.

**The Gospel of the Lord.**