



Fifth Sunday of Lent - Year B

17th 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

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 & Frank P.***

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 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 22nd – 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.

Sacrament of Reconciliation for parish children

Our Sacrament Co-ordinators along with the RE Co-ordinators from Holy Cross & St. Brigid's have been preparing our Yr 3 students to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation during Term 1.

Please pray for these children as they move forward in their Faith Journey and prepare to receive this Sacrament in the coming weeks.

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

I can observe a baby, but the parents 'see' their baby very differently. They gaze with total fascination, trying to perceive what this little bundle of flesh is really all about, trying to get an insight into its personality, visualising a possible future, hoping for a response.

This Gospel passage begins with a request from some Greeks 'to see Jesus', surely in all the ways parents see their baby. They were trying to perceive what this Jesus was really all about, trying to get an insight into his personality, imagining a possible future, hoping for a response.

And there was a response full of allusions to the future. Jesus was as a grain of wheat. He died and was buried in the earth and that death was fruitful for the whole of humankind. He foresaw being nailed to the cross which would be dropped upright into a hole in the ground.

Our Lord says of that scene: 'When I am lifted up I will draw all people to myself.' How were people drawn to this scene?

People saw the length to which Jesus was prepared to go in order to persevere in his mission to live out the message that his Heavenly Father was full of mercy and wanted all people to share in Divine Life.

This led to his being lifted up on the cross, being buried in the ground like a grain of wheat, only to rise to new life. We could take a moment to pray that we will shortly see all this with the eyes of faith as we participate in the rituals of Good Friday and Easter.

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UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

- 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
- 22/03/24 **NO 9:15am Mass this day**
- 22/03/24 **10:00am HEALING MASS** – Gisborne
- 23/03/24 Saturday 6pm Mass
- 24/03/24 Normal Sunday Masses




Rosters & Events



Ministers for next weekend's Masses

Palm Sunday – Year B

23rd & 24th of March, 2024

6:00pm Mass St. Brigid's Reader: F. Murone Offertory: to be chosen on the day. Eucharist: L. Wilson	8:00am Mass St. Ambrose's Welcomer: J. White Reader: A. Dewar Offertory: to be chosen on the day.	Flowers: J. Shumack 
9:30am Mass St. Patrick's Reader: E. Kilgariff Offertory: to be chosen on the day. Eucharist: B. Stanchinotti	11:00am Mass St. Brigid's Reader: B. Myers Offertory: to be chosen on the day. Eucharist: D. Egan	

THANK YOU KEVIN PETERBRIDGE

St. Brigid's Parish is very lucky to have many volunteers in 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, florist, Communion in the home, among many others. All of us come together to make our parish wonderful.

Kevin Petherbridge has taken a turn at almost every position in the parish except for maybe mowing the lawns and I'm sure I could probably be corrected there! Luckily for us Kevin is retaining many of his current ministry commitments but he has recently stepped down from his role on the Liturgy Committee which he has held for over 6 years.

On behalf of Fr. Vincent and the wider parish community, I extend our sincere gratitude to Kevin for his service to the Liturgy Group. Thank you Kevin and we hope you enjoy just a little more time relaxing. 😊



The work of Caritas Australia is only possible with generous supporters and the dedication, passion and tenacity of our local partners who implement the programs. They are the heroes on the ground working tirelessly behind-the-scenes every day to create a better future for their communities.

Together we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow, *for all future generations*.

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413

MELBOURNE CITY CHURCHES in ACTION present: Way of the Cross

Friday 29 March 2024 – 2:00pm to 3:00pm

Good Friday brings with it MCCA's major annual public witness, the ecumenical 'Way of the Cross' walk. This live public event will be held through the streets of the CBD again this year. The Walk will be conducted in the same way as previous years. An electronic version of the liturgy booklet is available from the [MCCA](https://mcca.org.au).

St Brigid's Parish Weekly Giving

Collections last week: Presbytery \$478
Thanksgiving \$944

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: On this Sunday of Lent, we reflect upon the mystery on Jesus and his willingness to obey through suffering and how his dying to self was his pathway to being raised up to new life in the Spirit.

1st Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

This is one of the classic texts of the prophet Jeremiah. God promises a new covenant in spite of the people's faithless behaviour. God will plant his law within their hearts.

2nd Reading: Hebrews 5:7-9

We hear the author of Hebrews reflect on the life and ministry of Jesus who learnt to obey through suffering and becomes the source of eternal life.

Gospel: John 12:20-30

John uses the image of the grain of wheat that must die to produce a harvest. Jesus reminds us that to follow him is a call to die to self.

Prayer of Intercession: Christ has become the source of eternal salvation for all. In union with him we offer our prayers and supplications to the Father.

1. We pray for those who in their fragility, give a strong witness that encourages others to die to self, so as to rise to life in Christ.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

2. We pray that this Eucharist may strengthen us to offer ourselves, just as Jesus offered himself for the life of the world.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

3. We pray that there will be a just and peaceful settlement to the conflict all around the world as soon as possible, as we remember the many lives that have been sacrificed in the name of war.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

4. We pray as Lent draws to a close that we may respond to the promise of Jesus, that in his death and resurrection he has taken away "the sins of those enlightened with the Christian faith."

(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 and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, May they be rewarded with eternal peace.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

Celebrant: O God of the covenant may our prayers be a sign of our communion with you and with our sisters and brothers throughout the world. We ask this through Christ Jesus, your Son, who draws everyone to him. Amen.

Next weeks readings: Isaiah 50:4-7; Philippians 2:6-11; Mark 14:1-15:47

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

A MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER Weekend is for YOU...

"Live Your Best Married Life in Love"

Every relationship is a journey and the grind of everyday life can easily cause you to lose touch with your spouse. This weekend gives married couples time to nurture your relationship and some tools to keep passion alive in a gentle, supportive environment, away from pressures and distractions of daily living.

Every married couple deserves a Marriage Encounter weekend!!

The weekend is based around Catholic values and couples of all faiths are welcome.

Date: 12-14 April, 2024 in Melbourne

Information/Bookings: Phone **Mercy & James 0409 183 676** or

Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au Website: wwme.org.au

The Living Word

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First Reading

Jeremiah 31:31-34

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah.

The days are coming when I will make a new covenant with Israel and I will forgive their iniquity.

See, the days are coming - it is the Lord who speaks - when I will make a new covenant with the House of Israel and the House of Judah, but not a covenant like the one I made with their ancestors on the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant of mine, so I had to show them who was master. It is the Lord who speaks. No, this is the covenant I will make with the House of Israel when those days arrive - it is the Lord who speaks. Deep within them I will plant my Law, writing it on their hearts. Then I will be their God and they shall be my people. There will be no further need for neighbour to try to teach neighbour, or brother to say to brother, 'Learn to know the Lord!' No, they will all know me, the least no less than the greatest - it is the Lord who speaks - since I will forgive their iniquity and never call their sin to mind.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 50:3-4. 12-15. R. v.12

(R.) Create a clean heart in me, O God.

1. Have mercy on my, God, in your kindness.
In your compassion blot out my offence.
O wash me more and more from my guilt.
and cleanse me from my sin. (R.)
2. A pure heart create for me, O God,
put a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
nor deprive me of your holy spirit. (R.)
3. Give me again the joy of your help;
with a spirit of fervour sustain me,
that I may teach transgressors your ways

Second Reading

Hebrews 5:7-9

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

He learnt to obey and became for all the source of eternal salvation.

During his life on earth, Christ offered up prayer and entreaty, aloud and in silent tears, to the one who had the power to save him out of death, and he submitted so humbly that his prayer was heard. Although he was Son, he learnt to obey through suffering; but having been made perfect, he became for all who obey him the source of eternal salvation.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

John 12:26

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord;
and where I am, my servant will also be.

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel John

12:20-33

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

If a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it yields a rich harvest.

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These approached Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put this request to him, 'Sir, we should like to see Jesus.' Philip went to tell Andrew, and Andrew and Philip together went to tell Jesus. Jesus replied to them:

'Now the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. I tell you most solemnly, unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest. Anyone who loves his life loses it; anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it for the eternal life. If a man serves me, he must follow me, wherever I am, my servant will be there too. If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him. Now my soul is troubled. What shall I say: Father, save me from this hour? But it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name!'

A voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.'

People standing by, who heard this, said it was a clap of thunder; others said, 'It was an angel speaking to him.' Jesus answered, 'It was not for my sake that this voice came, but for yours.'

'Now sentence is being passed on this world; now the prince of this world is to be overthrown. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I shall draw all men to myself.' By these words he indicated the kind of death he would die.

The Gospel of the Lord.

