



Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord - Year B

24th 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 & Patricia C.*

We pray for the recently deceased, and for those who have an anniversary at this time, especially *Glenis Morgana, Mary Ragland, Catherine & Salvatore Galea, Victor & Jane Gauci & Malachi Carroll.*

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

Upcoming Masses & Holy Week Mass Times

Sat 23 March	6:00pm	Saturday Vigil Mass	Gis
Sun 24 March		Normal Sunday Masses	
Sun 24 March	12:00pm	Baptisms	Gis
Tues 26 March		PLEASE NOTE NO 5PM MASS TODAY	
Wed 27 March	6:15pm	Tenebrae	Gis
Wed 27 March	7:00pm	Communal Reconciliation	Gis
Thur 28 March	9:00am	Reconciliation	Gis
Thur 28 March	7:00pm	Mass of the Lords Supper	Gis
Frid 29 March	10:00am	Stations of the Cross	Gis
Frid 29 March	3:00pm	Passion of the Lord	Gis
Sat 30 March	9:00am	Reconciliation	Gis
Sat 30 March	7:00pm	Holy Easter Vigil	Gis
Sun 31 March	8:00am	Easter Sunday Mass	R/Creek
Sun 31 March	9:30am	Easter Sunday Mass	Macedon
Sun 31 March	11:00am	Easter Sunday Mass	Gis

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

Jesus entered Jerusalem, not as a warrior in the tradition of King David as many had hoped for, but riding simply on a donkey. The disciples and the crowd applauded him, but they proved fickle in their support.

On the other hand, Jesus remained steadfast in his commitment to non violent revolutionary change of the religious and political systems so as to establish the reign of God. Why did he renounce marshalling human and angelic warriors to further his cause?

First, Jesus embodied God-for-us, and God does not want the destruction of those he has created out of love.

Second, Jesus had a premonition that an armed revolt would lead to the destruction of Jerusalem and the dispersal of the Jewish people (as occurred in 70AD).

Third, another Gospel (Luke) recounts that as Jesus laboured up Mount Calvary he turned to some wailing women and said, 'Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, weep rather for yourselves and for your children.' He knew that they suffer grievously in armed uprising. This is seen in barbaric reality in our own time with women being tortured and raped in campaigns of terror, trafficked into sexual slavery, suffering the loss of sons, husband and lovers.

We could take a moment to pray that the Church of the 21st century, successor of the pacifist Church of the first three centuries, may enter on a new period of reflection on these issues, grappling with the desire to protect the innocent, yet always challenged by the man on a donkey, Divine Prince of Peace.

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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.




Rosters & Events



Ministers for next weekend's Masses

Easter Sunday – Year B

30th & 31st of March, 2024

6:00pm Mass St. Brigid's Reader: J. Farrugia Offertory: to be chosen on the day. Eucharist: N. Spiers	8:00am Mass St. Ambrose's Welcomer: J. White Reader: M. Henry Offertory: to be chosen on the day.	Flowers: M. Clifford & W. Kays 
9:30am Mass St. Patrick's Reader: M. Redman Offertory: to be chosen on the day. Eucharist: D. Briffa	11:00am Mass St. Brigid's Reader: T. Armstrong Offertory: to be chosen on the day. Eucharist: K. Page	

THANK YOU BERNIE STANCHINOTTI

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, florists, Communion in the home, among many others. All of us come together to make our parish wonderful.

Bernie Stanchinotti has many caps within our parish and thankfully he is retaining many of them but after a mammoth **40 years of service** in the role of Parish Gardener he has now stepped down from this position. Bernie has kept the grounds of both St. Brigid's and St. Patrick's in pristine condition during this time.

On behalf of Fr. Vincent and the wider parish community, I extend our sincere gratitude to Bernie for his service as Parish Gardener. Thank you Bernie and we hope you enjoy a little more time relaxing and taking a few more trips to visit the family.

Gisborne Church 150 Celebration

Preparations are under way to plan an event celebrating the 150th year of the Gisborne Church.

Celebrations to include:

A visit from Archbishop Peter

A memorial book

Former Parish Priest's to be invited

A working party is required to oversee the planning of this event. If you would like to be involved in the preparation of the 150th celebrations, please contact Tam to register your availability.

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](#).

St Brigid's Parish Weekly Giving

Collections last week: Presbytery \$403
Thanksgiving \$861

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

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: At the beginning of this Holy Week, we remember both the Lord's triumphal entry into Jerusalem and his terrible journey to the Cross. In faith we draw close to Christ who has given himself for our salvation.

1st Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

The prophet Isaiah's descriptions of the Suffering Servant of Yahweh are so detailed that they remind us of the sufferings of Jesus Christ.

2nd Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

In this early Christian hymn St. Paul expresses in poetic language the ultimate triumph of Christ through emptying himself of his divinity to die on the cross.

Gospel: Mark 14:1 - 15:47

We hear the solemn reading of the Passion narrative from Mark's Gospel as we follow Christ's journey to Calvary.

Prayer of Intercession: On this Passion Sunday we bring to God our deepest prayers and hopes for ourselves, for the Church and the world.

1. We pray that this heart of the Church's Year may lead us to a deep celebration of living in Christ's death and resurrection with all the baptised.

(pause) We pray to the Lord

Lord hear our prayer.

2. We pray for the Church that it may always point to the Cross as a sign of hope and demonstrate its power by striving for peace and justice.

(pause) We pray to the Lord

Lord hear our prayer.

3. We pray for our parish and schools that the celebration of Holy Week and the Easter Triduum be an expression of our faith as we look to the source of God's grace.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

4. For the suffering: may we, the brothers and sisters of the crucified Lord, comfort all those who are sick; or those who are suffering in any way.

(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, especially *Glenis Morgana, Mary Ragland, Catherine & Salvatore Galea, Victor & Jane Gauci & Malachi Carroll*. May they be rewarded with eternal peace.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

Celebrant: Loving Father, you raised Jesus to glory, exalting him above all creation. Hear the prayers we make this day that your name may continue to be glorified, through Christ our Lord. Amen

Next weeks readings: Acts 10:34, 37-43; Colossians 3:1-4; John 20:1-9

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

First Reading

Isaiah 50:4-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will not be ashamed.

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied he provides me with speech. Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 21:8-9. 17-20. 23-24. R. v.2

(R.) *My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?*

1. All who see me deride me.
They curl their lips, they toss their heads.
'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him;
let him release him if this is his friend.' (R.)
2. Many dogs have surrounded me,
a band of the wicked beset me.
They tear holes in my hands and my feet.
I can count every one of my bones. (R.)
3. They divide my clothing among them.
They cast lots for my robe.
O Lord, do not leave me alone,
my strength, make haste to help me! (R.)
4. I will tell of your name to my brethren
and praise you where they are assembled.
'You who fear the Lord give him praise;
all sons of Jacob, give him glory.
Revere him, Israel's sons.' (R.)

Second Reading

Phillippians 2:6-11

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

He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high.

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are, and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Phillippians 2:8-9

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
Christ became obedient for us even to death
dying on the cross.

Therefore God raised him on high
and gave him a name above all other names.

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

Gospel shorter form

Mark 15:1-39

The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

First thing in the morning, the chief priests together with the elders and the scribes, in short the whole Sanhedrin, had their plan ready. They had Jesus bound and took him away and handed him over to Pilate.

Pilate questioned him, 'Are you the king of the Jews?' 'It is you who say it' he answered. And the chief priests brought many accusations against him. Pilate questioned him again, 'Have you no reply at all? See how many accusations they are bringing against you!' But to Pilate's amazement, Jesus made no further reply.

At festival time Pilate used to release a prisoner for them, anyone they asked for. Now a man called Barabbas was then in prison with the rioters who had committed murder during the uprising.

When the crowd went up and began to ask Pilate the customary favour, Pilate answered them, 'Do you want me to release for you the king of the Jews?' For he realised it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed Jesus over. The chief priests, however, had incited the crowds to demand that he should release Barabbas for them instead. The Pilate spoke again. 'But in that case,' he said to them 'what am I to do with the man you call king of the Jews?' They shouted back, 'Crucify him!' 'Why?' Pilate asked them 'What harm has he done?' But they shouted all the louder, 'Crucify him!' So Pilate, anxious to placate the crowd, released Barabbas for them and, having ordered Jesus The psalm responses are from the English Translation of the Lectionary for the Mass ©1981 International Committee on English in the Liturgy Inc.(ICEL). All rights reserved. The psalm texts, from The Psalms, A New Translation, ©1963 by The Grail, England and used by permission of the publishers. The scriptural quotations are taken from the Jerusalem Bible, published and copyright 1966, 1967 and 1968 by Darton Longman and Todd Ltd and Doubleday & Co Inc, and used by permission of the publishers. © Creative Ministry Resources Pty Ltd All use must be in accordance with your user licensing agreement. to be scourged, handed him over to be crucified. The soldiers led him away to the inner part of the palace, that is, the Praetorium, and called the whole cohort together. They dressed him in purple, twisted some thorns into a crown and put it on him. And they began saluting him, 'Hail, king of the Jews!' They struck his head with a reed and spat on him; and they went down on their knees to do him homage. And when they had finished making fun of him, they took off the purple and dressed him in his own clothes. They led him out to crucify him. They enlisted a passer-by, Simon of Cyrene, father of Alexander and Rufus, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross. They brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha, which means the place of the skull. They offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he refused it. Then they crucified him, and shared out his clothing, casting lots to decide what each should get. It was the third hour when they crucified him. The inscription giving the charge against him read: 'The King of the Jews.' And they crucified two robbers with him, one on his right and one on his left. The passers-by jeered at him; they shook their heads and said, 'Aha! So you would destroy the Temple and rebuild it in three days! Then save yourself: come down from the cross!' The chief priests and the scribes mocked him among themselves in the same way. 'He saved others,' they said 'he cannot save himself. Let the Christ, the king of Israel, come down from the cross now, for us to see it and believe.' Even those who were crucified with him taunted him. When the sixth hour came there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. And at the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice, 'Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?' which means, 'My God, my God, why have you deserted me?' When some of those who stood by heard this they said, 'Listen, he is calling on Elijah'. Someone ran and soaked a sponge in vinegar and, putting it on a reed, gave it him to drink saying, 'Wait and see if Elijah will come to take him down.' But Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. All kneel and pause a moment. And the veil of the Temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The centurion, who was standing in front of him, had seen how he had died, and he said, 'In truth this man was a son of God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.