



**Easter Sunday - Year B**

**31<sup>st</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, Frank P & Patricia C.**

We pray for the recently deceased, especially **Margaret Cabassi** & 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**

As we draw closer to Easter, could parishioners please finalise their mite boxes and giving envelopes for the Project Compassion Special Collection and return them at your earliest convenience.

Thank you for your support of this cause.

**Upcoming Masses & Holy Week Mass Times**

28/03/24	7pm	Mass of the Lords Supper	Gis
29/03/24	10am	Stations of the Cross	Gis
29/03/24	3pm	Passion of the Lord	Gis
30/03/24	9am	Reconciliation	Gis
30/03/24	7pm	Holy Easter Vigil	Gis
31/03/24	8am	Easter Sunday Mass	R/Creek
31/03/24	9:30am	Easter Sunday Mass	Macedon
31/03/24	11am	Easter Sunday Mass	Gis
03/04/24	7:30pm	Baptism Information night	Gis
05/04/24	11am	Funeral	Gis
09/04/24	10am	The Oaks Mass	

**REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate**

Women go to the tomb as dawn is breaking. The Power of Darkness which had Jesus unjustly sentenced, cruelly tortured and buried in the pitch blackness of the tomb, is conquered by the Son-Rise of all sun rises flooding our world and the whole of human history with Divine Light and Energy.

This is the heart of our faith as Catholic Christians, which we celebrate with bonfire (good fire) in darkness at the Easter Vigil. From that earthly element we light the Easter candle and the Exsultet is sung: 'Be glad, let earth be glad as glory floods her, ablaze with light from her eternal King.'

The resurrection itself is nowhere described in the gospels, but we do have appearances of the Risen Lord Jesus. The first appearance was to a woman, Mary of Magdala. A title given to her by the early church was 'Apostle to the Apostles' because she was the bearer of the message which the male disciples initially did not believe. But eventually they too believed that Death had been done to death because the Son had risen.

Christ's body was transfigured by the energy of Divine Love and we can, by grace, participate in that resurrection life of Our Lord. A glorious destiny awaits us, as indeed it awaits the whole cosmos as it is to be transformed by that resurrection life recreating the whole of creation.

We could take a moment to pray that we, along with all that matters, are graced with the life-giving energy of the Risen Son and that we may join Mary of Magdala in spreading the Good News of Christ's victory over death. Alleluia!

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**150 Year Celebration of the Consecration of Gisborne Church**

Preparations are under way to plan an event celebrating the 150<sup>th</sup> year anniversary of the consecration 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 150<sup>th</sup> celebrations, please contact Tam to register your availability.




# Rosters & Events



Ministers for next weekend's Masses

Second Sunday of Easter – Year B

6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> of April, 2024

<b>6:00pm Mass</b> <b>St. Brigid's</b> <b>Reader:</b> N. Spiers <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. Lawry <b>Offertory:</b> to be chosen on the day.	<b>Flowers:</b>  T. Armstrong  
<b>9:30am Mass</b> <b>St. Patrick's</b> <b>Reader:</b> <i>Volunteer required</i> <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> V. Firman	

## Special Collection Good Friday

The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land will take place on Good Friday, March 29th. This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment, housing, Parishes, and orphanages. It is also used to maintain over 70 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus. Due to the ongoing war, the Church and people of the Holy Land are still struggling with reduced income due to fewer pilgrims and lower church attendance around the world. In 2023 Australian Catholics were once again extremely generous and we were able to send to the Holy Land nearly \$1.4 million [\$1.4 million (2022), \$1,126,098 (2021), \$406,023 (2020) and \$1.3 million (2019)]. The reality for the Holy Land mission is that they will continue to face challenges financial and spiritual and so we again ask Catholics around the world again to be as generous as possible, with their financial support as well as the spiritual support. Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land on Good Friday. Thank you.

## 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.



## St Brigid's Parish Weekly Giving

**Collections last week:** Presbytery \$450  
Thanksgiving \$937

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.

### 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

### 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.

### 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:** The celebration of Christ's Resurrection is our hope of life to the full in Christ Jesus. We acclaim that this is the day the Lord has made and we rejoice. Welcome to all, especially visitors, who have joined with us.

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Acts 10:34-43

We hear Peter proclaim to those of Cornelius's household, who have been baptised, what is the essence of Christian belief. Peter and the other disciples are witnesses to the Risen Lord.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** Colossians 3: 1-4

We hear Paul proclaim that our daily lives should reflect our awareness that we model our lives on the risen life of Christ.

**Gospel:** John 20:1-9

We hear the events on the first day of the week at the tomb. All the disciples struggle with their experiences of the empty tomb.

**Prayer of Intercession:** We are witnesses to what God has done in Christ Jesus. Filled with Easter joy, we offer our prayers, knowing that God's mercy endures forever.

1. We pray that our celebration of Easter lead us to respond in joy and thanksgiving to the life in Christ we are privileged to share.

**(pause)** We pray to the Lord.

**Lord hear our prayer.**

2. We pray that all who have been baptised at Easter be encouraged by the shared life and faith they encountered and continue to grow in their response.

**(pause)** We pray to the Lord.

**Lord hear our prayer.**

3. We pray for our Church leaders and the Pope as they call the nations of the world to act for the good of all peoples.

**(pause)** We pray to the Lord.

**Lord hear our prayer.**

4. We pray that our sacrifices for Project Compassion may be the support for those in need and a witness to the solidarity of all levels of society.

**(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 Margaret Cabassi 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.**

*Please join in the Parish Prayer.*

**Celebrant:** God of Life and Love, hear us today and every day as we feast with joy in your Word, our Lord Jesus Christ, in whose new life we all seek to have a share. Amen.

**Next weeks readings:** Acts 4:32-35; 1 John 5:1-6; John 20:19-31

**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

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

31 March 2024

## First Reading

Acts 10:34, 37-43

### A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

*We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead.*

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

### The word of the Lord.

## Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 117:1-2. 16-17. 22-23. R. v.24

(R.) *This is the day the Lord has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad.*

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,  
for his love has no end.  
Let the sons of Israel say:  
'His love has no end.' (R.)
2. The Lord's right hand has triumphed;  
his right hand raised me up.  
I shall not die, I shall live  
and recount his deeds. (R.)
3. The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the corner stone.  
This is the work of the Lord,  
a marvel in our eyes. (R.)

## Second Reading

Colossians 3:1-4

### A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Colossians.

*Look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.*

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God.

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But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

### The word of the Lord.

## Gospel Acclamation

1 Corinthians 5:7-8

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;  
let us feast with joy in the Lord.

*Alleluia!*

## Gospel

John 20:1-9

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

*The teaching of scripture is that he must rise from the dead.*

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

### The Gospel of the Lord.

