



Second Sunday of Easter - Year B

7th April, 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 & for those who have an anniversary at this time, especially **Brendan Spanton & Brian Dullard.**

May they rest in peace



Please email Tam if you would like an Anniversary included.

2024 CARITAS PROJECT COMPASSION

As Easter has now been celebrated, 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.

150 Year Celebration of the Consecration of Gisborne Church

Preparations are under way to plan an event celebrating the 150th 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 150th celebrations, please contact Tam to register your availability.

We have had 4 people come forward already and we would love to double that amount to share the workload.

Special Collection Good Friday

The total contribution from St. Brigids Parish was **\$490.**

Thank you to all who contributed for your generosity.

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

The true believers in the Risen Christ kept Thomas the Doubter within their circle, rather than expelling him. This gave him a further opportunity to experience the very Real Presence of the Risen Lord and his gift of peace. Companionable patience is our best response to those struggling with belief in even fundamental tenets of the faith.

Thomas saw that the wounds of Christ were still present, not obliterated. Does this suggest that our redeemed bodies will bear the marks of the wounds unjustly inflicted on us? However, they will not be disabling to our personality because they will be incorporated into the resurrection life of Christ. Incredibly, our self-inflicted wounds, i.e. our sins, will be obliterated in the mercy of God.

Pope Francis emphasises that it was in responding to the invitation to touch the wounds of Christ that Thomas understood Christ's true identity, exclaiming: 'My Lord and my God'. It is only by touching the wounds of Christ in many different people in many different situations that we can authentically make the same act of faith.

We could take a moment to pray for the strength to touch the wounds of Christ in others, 'the least'. And we could pray that, wounded as we may be by the vagaries and injustices of life, we may be liberated from their evil effects as the Risen Lord adopts our wounds as his own.

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UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

- 06/04/24** Saturday 6pm Mass
- 07/04/24** Normal Sunday Masses
- 09/04/24** **NO 5pm Mass on this day.**
- 11/04/24** **NO 9:15am Mass on this day.**
- 13/04/24** Saturday 6pm Mass
- 14/04/24** Normal Sunday Masses
- 16/04/24** The Oaks Mass
- 16/04/24** **NO 5pm Mass on this day.**
- 18/04/24** PPC meeting – 7pm – Parish Office




Rosters & Events



Ministers for next weekend's Masses

Third Sunday of Easter – Year B

13th & 14th of April, 2024

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| 6:00pm Mass St. Brigid's Reader: L. Scott Offertory: to be chosen on the day. Eucharist: L. Wilson | 8:00am Mass St. Ambrose's Welcomer: J. White Reader: A-M. Drummond Offertory: to be chosen on the day. | Flowers: K. Page & L. DeBono  |
| 9:30am Mass St. Patrick's Reader: K. Petherbridge Offertory: to be chosen on the day. Eucharist: K. Vandenberg | 11:00am Mass St. Brigid's Reader: K. Page Offertory: to be chosen on the day. Eucharist: B. Myers | |



Wordsearch

Try to find these words:

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| afraid | forgive | Lord |
| appeared | hand | middle |
| doubting | happy | Thomas |
| faith | Holy Spirit | week |

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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.

PLEASE NOTE

Due to a commitments at a Clergy workshop and Regional meeting of Priests, **there will be no weekday Masses on the following days:**

April 9th – Tuesday 5pm
April 11th – Thursday 9:15am
April 16th – Tuesday 5pm

St Brigid's Parish Weekly Giving

Collections last week: Presbytery \$820
Thanksgiving \$1347

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: As we continue our celebration of the great feast of Easter, we as individuals and as a group are called to acclaim the risen Lord.

1st Reading: Acts 4:32-35

We hear in the Acts of the Apostles the descriptions of the quality of shared life and faith of the early Christian community.

2nd Reading: John 5:1-6

John challenges us to show love for Christ by keeping his commandments.

Gospel Reading: John 20:19-31

In this season we hear a sequence of the post resurrection appearances of Jesus. Today St Thomas and his personal standards of proof lead him to a deeper expression of faith.

Prayers of the Intercession: The Gospel tells us that “the community of believers was of one heart and mind.” It is as one that we bring our prayers before God on this Octave Day of Easter.

1. We pray for our Pope and the College of Bishops as our Church leaders, that the Spirit guide them in their mission to strengthen their brethren.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

2. We pray that the many movements and small groups in the Church, who seek to find ways of living the Gospel in our world, will always find hope in the model of the early Christian community.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

3. We pray that the victory of Jesus over death and sin may strengthen those who are baptised into his resurrection and help them rise above their human faults and failings.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

4. 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 **Brendan Spanton & Brian Dullard**, that the way they lived their Easter Sacraments may now be the source of their eternal life in Christ.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

Celebrant: God called us to love one another as we listen to these prayers of petition that come to us from hearts continuing to rejoice in Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.

Next weeks readings: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; 1 John 2: 1-5; Luke 24: 35-48

Please join in the Parish Prayer.

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

Acts 4:32-35

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

The whole group was united, heart and soul.

The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common.

The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect.

None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 117:2-4. 15-18. 22-24. R. v.1

(R.) *Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
his love is everlasting.*

1. Let the sons of Israel say:
'His love has no end.'
Let the sons of Aaron say:
'His love has no end.'
Let those who fear the Lord 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.
I was punished, I was punished by the Lord,
but not doomed to die. (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.
This day was made by the Lord;
we rejoice and are glad. (R.)

Second Reading 1 John 5:1-6

A reading from the first letter of St John.

Anyone begotten by God has already overcome the world.

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God; and whoever loves the Father that begot him loves the child whom he begets. We can be sure that we love God's children if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us; this is what loving God is – keeping his commandments; and his commandments are not difficult, because anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world; this is the victory over the world – our faith.

Who can overcome the world? Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God; Jesus Christ who came by water and blood, not with water only, but with water and blood; with the Spirit as another witness – since the Spirit is the truth.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

John 20:29

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy are those who have not seen me, but still believe!

Alleluia!

Gospel

John 20:19-31

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

After eight days, Jesus came in and stood among them.

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.' 'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

The Gospel of the Lord.