



Third Sunday of Easter - Year B

14th 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 & Irene M.*

We pray for the recently deceased, especially *Betty Doolan*

& for those who have an anniversary at this time,
especially, *John Cutajar.*

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.

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

- 16/04/24 The Oaks Mass
- 16/04/24 6pm - Parish Finance mtg – Parish Office
- 17/04/24 9:15am – Weekday Mass - Gisborne
- 18/04/24 7pm - PPC mtg – Parish Office
- 19/04/24 9:15am – Weekday Mass - Gisborne
- 20/04/24 Saturday 6pm Mass
- 21/04/24 Normal Sunday Masses
- 23/04/24 5pm – Weekday Mass – Gisborne
- 24/04/24 9:15am – Weekday Mass – Gisborne
- 25/04/24 9:15am – Weekday Mass – Gisborne
- 26/04/24 9:15am – Weekday Mass – Gisborne
- 26/04/24 Warrina Mass

Changes to Weekday Mass

PLEASE NOTE

Due to required attendance at clergy events in the coming weeks, **there will be no weekday Mass on the following days:**

April 16th – Tuesday 5pm

April 18th – Thursday 9:15am

Please take note of changes so you are not inconvenienced.

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

When Jesus appeared to them, the disciples thought they were seeing a ghost, a sort of projection of a human image on the screen of the world but with no human depth and vitality. In fact, ghosts seem to drain life and warmth from those they encounter.

The disciples became convinced that they were in the presence of the Risen Lord Jesus Christ when he assumed a characteristic way of acting – sharing a companionable meal (of fish).

His bodily presence of that sort is now withdrawn from us. But we are now encountered by him in the Mass which has many dimensions, one of which is that of a sacred meal. When we share in the sacramental signs of his Real Presence in the Heavenly Bread and Spiritual Drink of Holy Communion, he brings us the life and warmth of the Risen Son.

In fact, he shares his very life with us, and because his life is gloriously fully human, we become less ghost like as he heals those parts of our personality which drain goodness and vitality from the world.

We could take a moment to pray to take greater opportunities to share in the Real Presence of Our Risen Lord under the appearance of bread and wine. This will move us from the illusion of being alive to that vitality which is nourished by his glorified humanity.

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**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 and attendance by former Parish Priest's.

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.




Rosters & Events



Ministers for next weekend's Masses

Fourth Sunday of Easter – Year B

20th & 21st of April, 2024

6:00pm Mass St. Brigid's Reader: L. Jackanic Offertory: to be chosen on the day. Eucharist: N. Spiers	8:00am Mass St. Ambrose's Welcomer: J. White Reader: M. Hall 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: R. Fisher	11:00am Mass St. Brigid's Reader: J. Holmes & C. Holmes Offertory: to be chosen on the day. Eucharist: T. Armstrong	

Explanation of the Holy Oils – Presented on Holy Thursday

The Holy Oils are symbols of spiritual nourishment and the light of grace. They are used in the public administration of baptism, confirmation, and anointing of the sick. The blessing of the holy oils normally takes place during holy week at St. Patrick's Cathedral.

- 1) Oil of the Sick (pure olive oil) is used for the sacrament of the anointing of the sick. The priest lays hands on the sick or elderly person, says special prayers and anoints the person by placing oil in the form of a cross on the forehead and hands.
- 2) Oil of the Catechumens (pure olive oil) is used to anoint both adults and infants prior to baptism.
- 3) Holy Chrism Oil (olive oil mixed with balsam). The olive oil symbolizes strength, and the fragrant balsam represents the 'aroma of Christ'. Used for the sacrament of confirmation, for the ordination of a priest (sacrament of Holy Orders), the consecration of a bishop, the consecrating of a church, the blessing of an altar and the vessels used at mass.

Once blessed, the oils are no longer ordinary ointments. Instead, they are a holy, precious gift from God to the church, signifying cleansing and strengthening, healing and comfort, and the life-giving grace of the Holy Spirit.

INFORMATION SESSION FOR THE PERMANENT DIACONATE ARE YOU BEING CALLED TO SERVE?

The Permanent Diaconate is open to single and married men, aged between 30 and 60 years, who want to serve God and the Church as ordained ministers. **COME & SEE!**

An Information Session about the Permanent Diaconate will be held on **4 May 2024 Saturday, 10:00 -11.45 am** at the Catholic Theological College (CTC), 278 Victorian Parade, East Melbourne.

For more information:

Watch: Melbourne's Deacons

<https://youtu.be/q2RhNDbtTS0>

Watch: Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for Deacons and video <https://youtu.be/NuG99HD1LaY>

Visit: Archdiocese of Melbourne permanent diaconate webpage

<https://vocations.melbournecatholic.org/about/what-is-a-vocation/permanent-diaconate>

Read More: <https://www.cam1.org.au/permanent-diaconate>

Contact: Office of the Permanent Diaconate
(Phone) 03 9412 3357

(Email) diaconate@cam.org.au

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

St Brigid's Parish Weekly Giving

Collections last week: Presbytery \$925
Thanksgiving \$921

Thank you for your ongoing support through the Thanksgiving Program.
May the Lord Bless you all

RECONCILIATION

Reconciliation - By appointment only

Please see Fr. Vincent after Mass to arrange a suitable time or phone 5428 2591.

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 reference.

OPEN HOUSE

Parishioners are invited to meet after 11am Sunday Mass at the Kaffeine Bar - 30 Aitken Street, Gisborne for a coffee and chat.

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: In the Easter season we hear of the great resurrection appearances of Jesus. On the road to Emmaus Jesus interprets the scriptures as the way to help the two disciples understand what had taken place after the crucifixion.

1st Reading: Acts 3:13-19

In Peter's preaching to the people he starts with the tragedy of Christ's death on the Cross and then explains the significance of the Resurrection.

2nd Reading: 1 John 2:1-5

We hear John's simple words urging his listeners to reflect on their life of sin and trust in Jesus.

Gospel: Luke 24:35-48

In this marvelous story of Jesus talking to the disciples on the road to Emmaus, we witness the openness and generosity of spirit with which they take back the message to the community gathered together.

Prayer of Intercession: Peace is Christ's first gift to his frightened disciples. Peace is Christ's gift to us. Let us pray for the desire to share this gift with others we meet.

1. We pray for the peace that the world cannot give the peace that only Jesus can give, for it is he who has the words of everlasting life.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

2. We pray that the Eucharist be the source of life for us just as it is the expression of our faith and trust in the Lord's promise.

(pause) We pray to the Lord

Lord hear our prayer

3. We pray that you send your Holy Spirit to awaken in each of us a new reverence for all human life, especially the unborn members of the human family.

(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, especially **Betty Doolan** and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially **John Cutajar**, may they receive the fullness of life pledged in their Eucharistic sharing.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer

Celebrant: God of new Life, we have entrusted all of these prayers to you through your son Jesus Christ, who is the expiation of our sins and the hope of the whole world, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Next weeks readings: Acts 4:8-12; 1 John 3:1-2; John 10:11-18

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 3:13-15. 17-19

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

You have killed the prince of life; God, however, raised him from the dead.

Peter said to the people: 'You are Israelites, and it is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, who has glorified his servant Jesus, the same Jesus you handed over and then disowned in the presence of Pilate, after Pilate had decided to release him. It was you who accused the Holy One, the Just One, you who demanded the reprieve of a murderer while you killed the prince of life. God, however, raised him from the dead, and to that fact we are the witnesses. 'Now I know, brothers, that neither you nor your leaders had any idea what you were really doing; this was the way God carried out what he had foretold, when he said through all his prophets that his Christ would suffer. Now you must repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out.'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 4:2. 4. 7. 9. R. v.7

(R.) *Lord, let your face shine on us.*

1. When I call, answer me, O God of justice; from anguish you released me, have mercy and hear me! (R.)
2. It is the Lord who grants favours to those whom he loves; the Lord hears me whenever I call him. (R.)
3. 'What can bring us happiness?' many say. Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord. (R.)
4. I will lie down in peace and sleep comes at once, for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety. (R.)

Second Reading 1 John 2:1-5

A reading from the first letter of St. John.

Jesus Christ is the sacrifice that takes away our sins and those of the whole world.

I am writing this, my children, to stop you sinning; but if anyone should sin, we have our advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, who is just; he is the sacrifice that takes our sins away, and not only ours, but the whole world's.

We can be sure that we know God only by keeping his commandments.

Anyone who says, 'I know him', and does not keep his commandments, is a liar, refusing to admit the truth.

But when anyone does obey what he has said, God's love comes to perfection in him.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

See Luke 24:32

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us: make our hearts burn with love when you speak.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 24:35-48

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

It was written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead.

The disciples told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised Jesus at the breaking of bread.

They were still talking about all this when Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you!' In a state of alarm and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost. But he said, 'Why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed. Touch me and see for yourselves; a ghost has no flesh and bones as you can see I have.' And as he said this he showed them his hands and feet. Their joy was so great that they could not believe it, and they stood dumbfounded; so he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' And they offered him a piece of grilled fish, which he took and ate before their eyes.

Then he told them, 'This is what I meant when I said, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms, has to be fulfilled.' He then opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

