



Fourth Sunday of Easter - Year B

21st 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 Mc.**

We pray for the recently deceased & for those who have an anniversary at this time, especially **Maria Concetta Garzia, Annette Morton & Joseph Perera.**

May they rest in peace



Please email Tam if you would like an Anniversary included.

2024 CARITAS PROJECT COMPASSION

If anyone still has Project Compassion contributions, please return this weekend as our parish contribution will be sent off next week. Thank you for your support of this cause.

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

- 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
- 27/04/24** Saturday 6pm Mass
- 28/04/24** Normal Sunday Masses
- 28/04/24** 12pm – Baptism's – Gisborne

PRAYER REQUEST

A prayer request for victims of 2019 Easter Sunday bomb attack in Sri Lanka has been made by His Eminence Malcolm Cardinal Rajith, Archbishop of Colombo to the President of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB.

"We pray for the victims of the 2019 Easter Sunday bomb attack in Sri Lanka. May the merciful Lord grant justice to the victims, healing to the injured, hope and strength to the disabled and paralysed, consolation to the bereaved families and eternal rest to the deceased. In your mercy". Amen

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

In the regions where Jesus was an itinerant preacher, three or four flocks could be kept in a communal sheepfold for safety. In the morning, the shepherds would come and, as each called out, the sheep attuned to the sound of his voice would follow to life-giving pasture. We are surrounded by hundreds of voices clamouring for our attention. We are bombarded by messages, social media incessantly chattering. Jesus invites us to get attuned to his voice, listening for the distinctive sound of it so that, even if it is faintly heard in a cacophony, we immediately turn toward it so that we can follow it in a life-giving direction.

How do we get attuned to that voice? By reading the gospels. A Chinese student once told me that the Chinese character for gospel is 'happy sounds'. I like the plural. Jesus' gospel voice is not a monotone but a polyphony sounding in different ways in different situations.

As disciples, we have to get onto the same wavelength as that voice so that we can echo it in our own lives. We become reverberations of Christ's voice in many different situations, helping him to lead others to life giving pastures.

We could take a moment to pray for better listening so that we might recognise the gospel voice of Jesus Christ, especially at the moment of death. Then we may hear the one voice we need and long for: 'Today you will be with me in paradise.'

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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.

We are looking for just 1 more person to join the working party 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. Thank you.




Rosters & Events



Ministers for next weekend's Masses

Fifth Sunday of Easter – Year B

27th & 28th of April, 2024

6:00pm Mass St. Brigid's Reader: T. Wilson Offertory: to be chosen on the day. Eucharist: L. Scott	8:00am Mass St. Ambrose's Welcomer: J. White Reader: P. Sammut 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: B. Myers Offertory: to be chosen on the day. Eucharist: D. Egan	

21 April, 2024 – World day of Prayer for Vocations

Today is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Pope Francis tells us: *There can be no greater joy than to risk one's life for the Lord!* I would like to say this especially to you, the young. Do not be deaf to the Lord's call. If he calls you to follow this path, do not pull your oars into the boat, but trust him. Let us pray for the young people in our community, and in our families and circle of friends. May our prayers help them to be open to the Lord's call to consecrated life or priesthood.

The annual **Seminary Enquiry Day at Corpus Christi College is on Sunday 19 May.**

A prayer request

You might know of a young person in the parish, in your family or an acquaintance whom you think would make a good priest or religious.

Why not pray for them by name on a regular basis?

Carry them with you 'spiritually' to Mass on Sunday and place them on the altar at the offertory. Sometimes the Lord uses us as his instruments to encourage vocations.

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.

The number of permanent deacons in the Archdiocese continues to grow as does the number of aspirant and candidates for ordination. More than a dozen parishes now have permanent deacons. This number will increase in future years. As we go through life there are times when we sit, pray, discuss with our loved ones, and reflect on our life direction.

Are you on a journey of discernment as to a call from the Lord?

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 \$415
Thanksgiving \$930

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: On this Good Shepherd Sunday, on which we also pray for Vocations, we are gathered as one flock to listen to Christ who guides and protects us. May our hearts be receptive to his presence and his teaching.

1st Reading: Acts 4:8-12

We hear Peter once again speaking to the early Christian community, who reminds the people that the power of healing comes through Jesus of Nazareth.

2nd Reading: 1 John 3:1-2

We hear the word that John addresses to his followers to encourage them to live as Gods children.

Gospel: John 10:11-18

This is the well known passage on the theme of the Good Shepherd. Such a Shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep.

Prayer of Intercession: Just as the sheep trust in the shepherd for all that they need we trust in God the Father for all our needs as we bring our petitions today.

1. For the shepherds of our Church, our Holy Father Pope Francis, our Bishops and priests and for all who lead us in the ways of faith, hope and love.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

2. We pray in confidence that being baptised into Christ's Body, the Church, we trust that the Spirit he promised will lead us to his truth.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

3. For our world, that the presence of Jesus the Good Shepherd may bring healing, peace and joy to all in need, especially those persecuted for their faith.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

4. For our young people, that they will open to hear the call of the Good Shepherd to lay down their lives in love and service of God and neighbour.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

5. For the members, staff and wider community attached to the Gisborne Golf Club who have suffered a great loss this week with the destruction of their clubhouse. For the emergency service workers who did a magnificent job to bring the fire under control and stop it spreading further. We are grateful for the services of all who help at the incident and thoughts are with all of those in our community at this time.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

6. 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 those who have died, especially those who gave their lives in service in war (Anzac), and for the priests who have served our parish and Archdiocese. For those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially *Maria Concetta Garzia, Annette Morton & Joseph Perera*.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

Celebrant: Father, in Christ the Good Shepherd you have given us the pledge of your constant care and protection. So, we make these prayers with confidence, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Next weeks readings: Acts 9:26-31; 1 John 3:18-24; John 15:1-8

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

First Reading**Acts 4:8-12****A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.***This is the only name by which we can be saved.*

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter said: ‘Rulers of the people, and elders! If you are questioning us today about an act of kindness to a cripple, and asking us how he was healed, then I am glad to tell you all, and would indeed be glad to tell the whole people of Israel, that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the one you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by this name and by no other that this man is able to stand up perfectly healthy, here in your presence, today. This is the stone rejected by you the builders, but which has proved to be the keystone. For of all the names in the world given to men, this is the only one by which we can be saved.’

The word of the Lord.**Responsorial Psalm****Psalm 117:1. 8-9. 21-23. 26. 28-29. R. v.22***(R.) The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.*

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.
It is better to take refuge in the Lord
than to trust in men:
it is better to take refuge in the Lord
than to trust in princes. (R.)
2. I will thank you for you have given answer
and you are my saviour.
The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes. (R.)
3. Blessed in the name of the Lord
is he who comes.
We bless you from the house of the Lord;
I will thank you for you have given answer
and you are my saviour.
Give thanks to the Lord for he is good;
for his love has no end. (R.)

Second Reading 1 John 3:1-2**A reading from the first letter of St. John.***We shall see God as he is.*

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God’s children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us.

My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is.

The word of the Lord.**Gospel Acclamation****John 10:14***Alleluia, alleluia!*

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine know me.

*Alleluia!***Gospel****John 10:11-18****A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.***The good shepherd lays down his life for his sheep.*

Jesus said:

‘I am the good shepherd:
the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep.

The hired man, since he is not the shepherd
and the sheep do not belong to him,
abandons the sheep and runs away
as soon as he sees a wolf coming,
and then the wolf attacks and scatters the sheep;
this is because he is only a hired man
and has no concern for the sheep.

I am the good shepherd;

I know my own

and my own know me,

just as the Father knows me

and I know the Father;

and I lay down my life for my sheep.

And there are other sheep I have

that are not of this fold,

and these I have to lead as well.

They too will listen to my voice,

and there will be only one flock

and one shepherd.

The Father loves me,

because I lay down my life

in order to take it up again.

No one takes it from me;

I lay it down of my own free will,

and as it is in my power to lay it down,

so it is in my power to take it up again;

and this is the command I have been given by my Father.’

The Gospel of the Lord.