



Fifth Sunday of Easter - Year B

28th 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.

May they rest in peace



Please email Tam if you would like an Anniversary included.

2024 CARITAS PROJECT COMPASSION

The total contribution from St. Brigid's, St. Patrick's and St. Ambrose was **\$1160**

Thank you all for your generosity.

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

- 27/04/24** Saturday 6pm Mass - Gisborne
- 28/04/24** Normal Sunday Masses
- 28/04/24** 12pm – Baptism's – Gisborne
- 30/04/24** 5pm – Weekday Mass – Gisborne
- 01/05/24** 9:15am – Weekday Mass – Gisborne
- 02/05/24** 9:15am – Weekday Mass – Gisborne
- 03/05/24** 9:15am – Mass & Benediction – Gisborne
- 04/05/24** Saturday 6pm Mass - Gisborne
- 05/05/24** Normal Sunday Masses
- 07/05/24** 5pm – Weekday Mass – Gisborne
- 08/05/24** 9:15am – Weekday Mass – Gisborne
- 09/05/24** **NO WEEKDAY MASS**
- 09/05/24** Holy Cross Mass
- 10/05/24** 9:15am – Weekday Mass - Gisborne

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

We are too familiar with today's gospel. Christ is the vine and we are the branches, sometimes in need of a good pruning. But God's purpose is not to produce a perfect vineyard. It is to produce a full-bodied wine at the end of history.

There is a foretaste of this at every Mass. The wine we offer – 'fruit of the earth and work of human hands' – becomes the spiritual drink which best serves the purpose of our Heavenly Father. How does this happen?

For the Jewish people observing an animal whose throat is cut, it is obvious that the life drains out with the blood. 'Life' and 'blood' became synonyms. So, when the Jewish Jesus says of the wine in the chalice at the Last Supper: 'This is my blood', amongst other things he is saying: 'This is my life force, this is my very life given unreservedly for you.' So, when we drink from the chalice at Holy Communion, the life of the Risen Lord courses through our bodies just as the sap of the vine courses through its branches. We share the same ultimate vitality so that our bodily existence builds into the Body of Christ. He becomes truly 'full-bodied' as the Divine Vignerone desires.

We could take a moment to pray that we respond to the pruning and the tending and the pressing by our Heavenly Father so as to contribute our distinctive character to the vintage at the end of history, the spiritual drink of the Kingdom of Heaven.

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CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal

Next weekend is the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal (previously held during the month of August). As the Catholic Church's mission in action, CatholicCare Victoria delivers programs and services to support families, children, young people and individuals to help everyone reach their full potential. The services include counselling and mental health services, specialised support for children and teens, refugee and asylum seeker help, pastoral care, support for separating families, social housing and homelessness support. Donations from our parish community help CatholicCare Victoria support the most vulnerable individuals and families in our community and empower everyone to live life to the full.

Please donate to the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. Your support and generosity will help provide caring and compassionate support for struggling individuals and families in our community. You can donate using the appeal envelope available in our parish, donate online at www.catholiccarevic.org.au or call (03) 9287 5513




Rosters & Events



Ministers for next weekend's Masses

Sixth Sunday of Easter – Year B

4th & 5th of May, 2024

6:00pm Mass St. Brigid's Reader: B. Floreani Offertory: to be chosen on the day. Eucharist: L. Wilson	8:00am Mass St. Ambrose's Welcomer: J. White Reader: P. Lacy Offertory: to be chosen on the day.	Flowers: T. Armstrong 
9:30am Mass St. Patrick's Reader: B O'Callaghan Offertory: to be chosen on the day. Eucharist: K. Petherbridge	11:00am Mass St. Brigid's Reader: T. Armstrong Offertory: to be chosen on the day. Eucharist: K. Page	

Catholic Theological College

would like to bring to your attention the following upcoming events in May at CTC:

Engaging Your Faith online seminar series.

Nine stand-alone sessions on a range of themes will be presented by members of our lecturing staff.

- These sessions would be an ideal opportunity for lay leaders and other interested people in your parish to explore the possibilities offered at CTC for personal, theological, and spiritual development.
- Cost: \$25 per session: General audience.

For more information and to register:

ctc.edu.au/engaging-your-faith/



CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE



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.



5th Sunday of Easter

St Brigid's Parish Weekly Giving

Collections last week: Presbytery \$565
Thanksgiving \$702

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

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.

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 this weeks Liturgy we hear another popular image when Jesus compares himself and our relationship as being like the vine and the branches. In union with Him and the Eucharist we are called to share life and bear fruit.

1st Reading: Acts 9:26-31

We are introduced to the story of Saul of Tarsus, and his conversion to the Church, and how many found this difficult to understand and accept.

2nd Reading: 1 John 3:18-24

We hear the words of John challenging us that our love should not be just words or mere talk, but something real and active.

Gospel: John 15:1-8

At the Last Supper, Jesus interprets and reflects his mission using examples close at hand such as the image of the vine and the vine dresser.

Prayer of Intercession: We have confidence in God that we will receive whatever we ask. In Jesus' name we offer God prayers of petition for the entire human family.

1. We pray for Pope Francis, our bishops, priests, lay workers and all the faithful that we might work together to transform our world into a culture of life and love.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer

2. We pray that all the baptised, now grafted onto the vine that is Jesus, may bring forth the spiritual fruits he asks.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer

3. We pray for all those who are involved in teaching and educating young people: may their words and actions inspire and draw out the very best from those whom they teach.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer

4. For the staff and volunteers of CatholicCare Victoria: we pray that their daily work results in delivering services and programs that are grounded in love, leading to connection, improved relationships, and transformed life experiences for those who need support.

(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, that in finding peace in the communion of saints they may guide us still.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer

Celebrant: O God, may the prayers we have offered to you in this assembly reassure our hearts and strengthen us to be faithful witnesses to your love in the world. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Next weeks readings: Acts 10:25-48; John 4:7-10; John 15:9-17

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 9:26-31****A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.**

He explained how the Lord appeared to Saul and spoke to him on his journey.

When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him: they could not believe he was really a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge of him, introduced him to the apostles, and explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his journey, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. Saul now started to go round with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hellenists, and argued with them, they became determined to kill him. When the brothers knew, they took him to Caesarea, and sent him off from there to Tarsus. The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord, and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

The word of the Lord.**Responsorial Psalm****Psalm 21:26-28. 30-32. R. v.26**

(R.) *I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.*

1. My vows I will pay before those who fear him.
The poor shall eat and shall have their fill.
They shall praise the Lord, those who seek him.
May their hearts live for ever and ever! (R.)
2. All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord,
all families of the nations worship before him.
They shall worship him, all the mighty of the earth;
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust.
(R.)
3. And my soul shall live for him, my children serve him.
They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come,
declare his faithfulness to peoples yet unborn:
'These things the Lord has done.' (R.)

Second Reading**1 John 3:18-24****A reading from the first letter of St. John.**

His commandments are these: that we believe and that we love one another.

My children,
our love is not to be just words or mere talk,
but something real and active; only by this can we be certain that we are the children of the truth and be able to quieten our conscience in his presence, whatever accusations it may raise against us, because God is greater than our conscience and he knows everything.

My dear people,
if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience,
we need not be afraid in God's presence,
and whatever we ask him, we shall receive,
because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants.

His commandments are these:

that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to.

Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him.

We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.

The word of the Lord.**Gospel Acclamation****John 15:4-5**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord;
my branches bear much fruit.

Alleluia!

Gospel John**15:1-8****A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.**

All who live in me, and I in them, bear much fruit.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser.

Every branch in me that bears no fruit he cuts away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes to make it bear even more.

You are pruned already, by means of the word that I have spoken to you.

Make your home in me, as I make mine in you.

As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself, but must remain part of the vine, neither can you unless you remain in me.

I am the vine, you are the branches.

Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty; for cut off from me you can do nothing.

Anyone who does not remain in me is like a branch that has been thrown away – he withers; these branches are collected and thrown on the fire, and they are burnt.

If you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask what you will and you shall get it.

It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit, and then you will be my disciples.'

The Gospel of the Lord.