



Sixth Sunday of Easter - Year B

5th May, 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

- 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
- 11/05/24 Saturday 6pm Mass – Gisborne
- 12/05/24 Normal Sunday Masses
- 14/05/24 **NO WEEKDAY MASS**
- 14/05/24 The Oaks Mass
- 15/05/24 9:15am – Weekday Mass - Gisborne
- 16/05/24 9:15am – Weekday Mass - Gisborne

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

A pagan Roman officer was so evidently graced by the Holy Spirit that St Peter realised that the followers of Jesus Christ need not be constrained within the confines of Judaism. This incident, together with St Paul's mission, has helped Christianity spread to every tribe and nation on the face of the earth.

'Catholic' simply means 'world wide', and the Church's universal mission is to preach the truth of Christ's victory over death and the true meaning of love: 'No greater love can a man have than to lay down his life for his friend.'

In our experience, this is best exemplified in the desire of a mother or father to substitute themselves for a dying infant or child. Our Lord practised what he preached with incredible intensity. He substituted himself for the whole of humanity dying because of a broken relationship with its Creator. He did so on behalf of us whom he calls friends, those with whom he wishes to share his victory over death.

This is the message entrusted to the members of the one, holy, catholic and apostolic church to be spread to the people of every tribe and nation.

We could take a moment to pray that we better express our undying gratitude for our status as friends of the Risen Lord, and better do our part as missionary disciples spreading the news of his great love embracing the whole of humanity.

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CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal – 4th & 5th May, 2024

This weekend is the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal (previously held during the month of August).

CatholicCare Victoria works with individuals, families and communities to build strength, resilience, and empowerment to reach their full potential. Your generous donation will help the most vulnerable members of our community – those facing unemployment and homelessness, those experiencing mental health challenges, families struggling with relationship problems, people in hospitals and prisons, newly arrived refugees, and those experiencing grief and trauma.

Please donate to CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. Your compassion and generosity will help the most vulnerable and marginalised in our community.

You can donate using the appeal envelope available, donate online at www.catholiccarevic.org.au or call (03) 9287 5513. All gifts of \$2 and above are tax deductible.




Rosters & Events



Ministers for next weekend's Masses

The Ascension of the Lord – Year B

11th & 12th of May, 2024

6:00pm Mass St. Brigid's Reader: K. Aprile Offertory: to be chosen on the day. Eucharist: N. Spiers	8:00am Mass St. Ambrose's Welcomer: J. White Reader: A. Dewar 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: M. Cooper	11:00am Mass St. Brigid's Reader: D. Egan Offertory: to be chosen on the day. Eucharist: V. Firman	

PARISH EMAIL MAILING LIST

As a result of the migration to the new Archdiocese PACEM system, many of our email addresses were lost. Our email mailing list for the bulletin and other important parish news has now been manually re-entered however there may still be some addresses not included. If you used to receive the bulletin each Thursday via email but are currently not, please contact Tam to be put back on the list. Likewise if you have been put on the mailing list and you'd prefer to not be, let me know that as well.

MAY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Congratulations and special blessings to all those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries during the month of May. May your journey through life be filled with daily treasures, and may you always be open, willing and ready to share your blessings with others.



NEWS from the PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Later in the year it is expected that 2 of the current PPC members will come off the committee as their 2 year term will be completed.

For those who may be looking to nominate for a position, the Parish Pastoral Guidelines are now available on our parish website for your information.

Also available is a summary of the PPC Minutes from the latest meeting held in April.

Both documents available under Parish News at:

<https://pol.org.au/gisborne/Home.aspx>

150 Year Celebration of the Consecration of Gisborne Church

It is desired that the 150th Celebration working party is made up of parishioners representing each of our parish churches.

St. Brigid's & St. Ambrose are currently represented so, if you attend St. Patrick's and have been thinking about being part of this wonderful event, please contact Tam in the office asap. Thank you.

THANKSGIVING BY DIRECT DEBIT

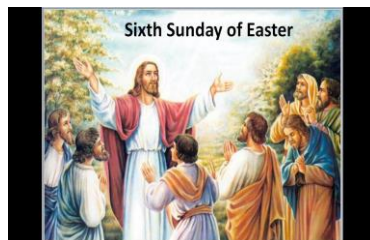
If you would like to contribute to the Thanksgiving Program, you may do so by direct debit to the acct below:

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 \$541
 Thanksgiving \$1092

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: We continue the readings from the Last Supper Discourse where Jesus reveals his plan for us. With the image of the vine he reminds us that remaining in his love and loving as he has loved us, then we are grafted onto him and can produce good fruit.

1st Reading: Acts 10:25-48

We hear one of the great stories of the early Church when Peter acknowledges how he had been forced to change his views.

2nd Reading: 1 John 4:7-10

We hear a passionate appeal from St. John who gives illustrations of how we can say God is love. Let us share this love with others.

Gospel: John 15:9-17

In this Last Supper dialogue Jesus expresses his conviction that no one has greater love than to lay down one's life for friends.

Prayer of Intercession: Everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God, as St. John reminds us. Let our love this day open our hearts in genuine concern for all as we gather as a community in prayer.

1. We pray for our Church leaders, the Pope and the bishops, that they show themselves willing to follow the example of Jesus in laying down their lives for his friends.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

2. We pray for all who minister in the Church, that they be challenged by Peter's change in attitude in realising God does not have favourites.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

3. We pray that the Gospel standard to love one another as Jesus has loved us can encourage all Christians to renew their sense of commitment.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

4. We pray for the staff and volunteers of CatholicCare Victoria: 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 that we too commit ourselves to nurture and encourage those around us. For the faithful departed: for those who have died recently, and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, may they rest in the eternal presence of God.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

Please join in the Parish Prayer.

Celebrant: Lord God, we pray that we remain in your love, and that our joy will not be complete until all of humanity is gathered into one in you. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

Next weeks readings: Acts 1:1-11; Ephesians 1:17-23; Mark 16:15-20

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 10:25-26. 34-35. 44-48

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

The gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out upon the gentiles also.

As Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to meet him, knelt at his feet and prostrated himself. But Peter helped him up. 'Stand up,' he said, 'I am only a man after all!'

Then Peter addressed them: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said, 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.'

While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the pagans too, since they could hear them speaking strange languages and proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter himself then said, 'Could anyone refuse the water of baptism to these people, now they have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have?' He then gave orders for them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterwards they begged him to stay on for some days.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 97:1-4. R. see v.2

(R.) *The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.*

1. Sing a new song to the Lord
for he has worked wonders.
His right hand and his holy arm
have brought salvation. (R.)
2. The Lord has made known his salvation;
has shown his justice to the nations.
He has remembered his truth and love
for the house of Israel. (R.)
3. All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.
Shout to the Lord all the earth,
ring out your joy. (R.)

Second Reading 1 John 4:7-10

A reading from the first letter of St. John.

God is love.

My dear people, let us love one another since love comes from God and everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. Anyone who fails to love can never have known God, because God is love. God's love for us was revealed when God sent into the world his only Son so that we could have life through him; this is the love I mean: not our love for God, but God's love for us when he sent his Son to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

John 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

Alleluia!

Gospel

John 15:9-17

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

No one can have greater love than to lay down his life for his friends.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you.
Remain in my love.

If you keep my commandments you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love.

I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you and your joy be complete.

This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you.

A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends.

You are my friends, if you do what I command you, I shall not call you servants any more, because a servant does not know his master's business; I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father.

You did not choose me, no, I chose you; and I commissioned you to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last; and then the Father will give you anything you ask him in my name.

What I command you is to love one another.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**As the Father has loved
me, so have I loved you:
continue you in my love.**

—John 15:9

