



## The Ascension of the Lord - Year B

12<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 *Patricia Shelly & Victor Bissett.*

**May they rest in peace**



*Please email Tam if you would like an Anniversary included.*

**CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal 2024**

The total contribution from St. Brigid's Parish was \$350

Thank you for your generosity.

**UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS**

11/05/24	Saturday 6pm Mass – Gisborne
12/05/24	Normal Sunday Masses
14/05/24	<b>NO WEEKDAY MASS</b>
14/05/24	The Oaks Mass
15/05/24	9:15am – Weekday Mass - Gisborne
16/05/24	9:15am – Weekday Mass – Gisborne
17/05/24	9:15am – St. Brigid's School Mass <i>Seniors</i>
18/05/24	Saturday 6pm Mass – Gisborne
19/05/24	Normal Sunday Masses
21/05/24	5pm – Weekday Mass – Gisborne
22/05/24	9:15am – Weekday Mass – Gisborne
23/05/24	<b>NO WEEKDAY MASS</b>
23/05/24	Holy Cross Mass
24/05/24	9:15am – Weekday Mass – Gisborne
24/05/24	Warrina Communion

**REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate**

Our Risen Lord could have appeared to groups of followers generation after generation until now. But he withdrew his visible bodily presence from us.

Why? I think because he needed to wean human beings from our tendency to be self-centred. The Resurrection starts the transformation of the whole of creation, not just us. Ordinary human beings are the heart and mind and voice of non-angelic creation.

We love and understand and speak on its behalf. The transforming effect of Our Lord's glorified humanity is much more profound. Every molecule, every quantum of energy, the past, present and future are all in the process of being changed towards 'the fullness of him who fills the whole creation'. At every Mass, this divine resurrection power is at work. Elements of the universe, wheat-bread, grapes-wine, become the Real Presence of Our Lord's glorified body.

The privilege of a ministerial priest is to be the ritual servant of this divine transformation. Invoking the Holy Spirit and reciting the words of the Last Supper is the priest's role in Our Lord's creative real anticipation of the end of time.

We could take a moment to pray for the grace to let go of our self-centredness, to stop staring into the empty sky as though lamenting Our Lord's absence, and to savour the privilege of receiving his Real Presence in the transformed elements of creation as we and they share in that Holy Communion which is the destiny of the whole cosmos.

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**EVENSONG**

An open invitation to all parishioners to enjoy an evening of prayerful music and song.

St. Patrick's choir members, Rebekah, Jill, Gerard and Kevin have joined forces with the Anglican choir and are delighted to have the experience of singing to this very traditional music which includes SABBAT coral parts.

**Evensong is scheduled for the evening of Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2024, starting at 6:00pm.**

Location: The Church of The Resurrection

Address: 6 Honour Ave

Macedon 3441




# Rosters & Events



Ministers for next weekend's Masses

Pentecost Sunday – Year B

18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> of May, 2024

<b>6:00pm Mass St. Brigid's</b> <b>Reader:</b> F. Murone <b>Offertory:</b> to be chosen on the day. <b>Eucharist:</b> L. Scott	<b>8:00am Mass St. Ambrose's</b> <b>Welcomer:</b> J. White <b>Reader:</b> M. Henry <b>Offertory:</b> to be chosen on the day.	<b>Flowers:</b>  J. Shumack  
<b>9:30am Mass St. Patrick's</b> <b>Reader:</b> E. Kilgariff <b>Offertory:</b> to be chosen on the day. <b>Eucharist:</b> B. Stanchinotti	<b>11:00am Mass St. Brigid's</b> <b>Reader:</b> K. Page <b>Offertory:</b> to be chosen on the day. <b>Eucharist:</b> B. Myers	

## A PRAYER FOR OUR MOTHERS THIS MOTHERS' DAY

At the foot of the cross, her heart broke for Jesus, yet she accepted God's will not only for her Son, but for herself in her new role as mother to us all (cf. John 19:25–27). As we honour today our earthly mothers and mother figures — including stepmothers, relatives, guardians, close family friends and those who would be mothers — let us honour our heavenly mother as well. Those devoted to her are always led to her Son. For her wise counsel tells us, “Do whatever he tells you” (John 2:5).

### *And so, we invite you to pray:*

Lord Jesus Christ, You chose to put yourself—tiny, needy and helpless—into the nurturing and watchful hands of a human mother. Since then, every act of mothering, both physical and spiritual, in every time and every corner of the world recollects Mary's. Inspired by this example, we, too, honour our mothers and mother figures today. Bless these women, that they may be strengthened as Christian mothers and nurturers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, honour them always with a spirit of profound respect. We ask this in your holy name. Amen.

## NEWS from the PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

For those who may be looking to nominate for a position vacated later this year; 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>

## 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.

### 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 reference.

### IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

Should you have a loved one gravely ill and in need of anointing or the services of a priest, please call the Parish Landline on 5428 2591.

### SCRIPTURE STUDIES

For all enquiries please contact Bernie 0414 890 377

### St Brigid's Parish Weekly Giving

**Collections last week:** Presbytery \$496  
Thanksgiving \$910

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.

### 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:** The purpose of this feast is to emphasise that the Ascension of Jesus is central to Christian belief and practice. The death, resurrection, ascension and sending of the Holy Spirit are all facets of the Paschal Mystery.

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Acts 1:1-11

We hear the beginning of Luke's second book as he continues after the death of Jesus to reflect on the mission of the Church.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** Ephesians 1:17-23

Paul recalls God's action in the past to encourage his listeners that the God whose strength was the power at work in Christ is the same God who now makes Jesus the head of the Church.

**Gospel:** Mark 16:15-20

Mark concludes his Gospel with an overview of the mission of the eleven and how they went everywhere preaching the Word and the presence of the Spirit.

**Prayer of Intercession:** We strive to preserve the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. Our prayers today come from that unity of one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all.

1. In this week of Prayer for Christian Unity we pray that all Christians strive to respond to Christ's desire for unity and that all be consecrated in the truth.

**(pause)** We pray to the Lord.

**Lord hear our prayer.**

2. We pray that we may come to appreciate the reason for Christ's ascension and return to the Father's right hand so that their Spirit be sent among us to continue the Trinitarian plan for the world.

**(pause)** We pray to the Lord.

**Lord hear our prayer.**

3. We pray for our world, especially for those nations struggling against injustice and violence. May they experience peace in our time.

**(pause)** We pray to the Lord.

**Lord hear our prayer.**

4. We pray for our mothers and mothers everywhere. May we look back in gratitude and go forward in faith to strengthen the loving bonds between the generations.

**(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, especially *Patricia Shelly & Victor Bissett*; that in the eternal life of God's promise they find eternal peace.

**(pause)** We pray to the Lord.

**Lord hear our prayer.**

*Please join in the Parish Prayer.*

**Celebrant:** God of Infinite Mercy, graciously look upon us today as we offer these prayers to you. Hear us, in the name of Christ Jesus whose return to you we celebrate with great joy this day. Amen.

**Next weeks readings:** Acts 2:1-11; Galatians 5:16-25; John 15:26-27; 16:12-15

**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

The Ascension of the Lord, Year B

12 May 2024

## First Reading

Acts 1:1-11

**A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.**

*Why are you standing here looking into the sky?*

Jesus has been taken into heaven. In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is,' he had said, 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

**The word of the Lord.**

## Responsorial Psalm

**Psalm 46:2-3. 6-9. R. v.6**

(R.) *God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:  
a blare of trumpets for the Lord.*

1. All peoples, clap your hands,  
cry to God with shouts of joy!  
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,  
great king over all the earth. (R.)
2. God goes up with shouts of joy;  
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.  
Sing praise for God, sing praise,  
sing praise to our king, sing praise. (R.)
3. God is king of all the earth.  
Sing praise with all your skill.  
God is king over the nations;  
God reigns on his holy throne. (R.)

## Second Reading

Ephesians 1:17-23

**A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians.**

*He made Jesus to sit at his right hand in heaven.*

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

**The word of the Lord.**

## Gospel Acclamation

**Matthew 28:19. 20**

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

Go and teach all people my gospel.

I am with you always, until the end of the world.

*Alleluia!*

## Gospel

**Mark 16:15-20**

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.**

*The Lord Jesus was taken into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God.*

Jesus showed himself to the Eleven and said to them, 'Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News to all creation. He who believes and is baptised is saved; he who does not believe will be condemned. These are the signs that will be associated with believers: in my name they will cast out devils; they will have the gift of tongues; they will pick up snakes in their hands, and be unharmed should they drink deadly poison; they will lay their hands on the sick, who will recover.'

And so the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven: there at the right hand of God he took his place, while they, going out, preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word by the signs that accompanied it.

**The Gospel of the Lord.**