



**The Most Holy Trinity - Year B**

**26<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, Patricia C,  
Irene M & Janine S.*

We pray for the recently deceased, especially **Dr. Frank Power** & for those who have an anniversary at this time, especially **Margaret Fletcher**.

**May they rest in peace**



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

**UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS**

- 25/05/24 Saturday 6pm Mass – Gisborne
- 26/05/24 Normal Sunday Masses 8am & 9:30am
- 26/05/24 Confirmation Commitment Mass 11am
- 28/05/24 5pm – Weekday Mass – Gisborne
- 29/05/24 9:15am – Weekday Mass – Gisborne
- 30/05/24 9:15am – Weekday Mass – Gisborne
- 31/05/24 9:15am – St. Brigids School Mass - Juniors
- 01/06/24 Saturday 6pm Mass – Gisborne
- 02/06/24 Normal Sunday Masses
- 04/06/24 5pm – Weekday Mass – Gisborne
- 04/06/24 St. Brigid's Confirmation Family Night
- 05/06/24 9:15am – Weekday Mass – Gisborne
- 05/06/24 Holy Cross Confirmation Family Night
- 06/06/24 **NO WEEKDAY MASS**
- 06/06/24 Holy Cross Mass
- 07/06/24 9:15am - St. Brigid's Whole School Mass  
Feast of the Sacred Heart

**REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate**

I have met the Dalai Lama, obviously an admirable man of deep spirituality and simplicity of life. He believes that, after his death, there could be a further phase of existence as an insect or an animal.

Contrast Jesus of Nazareth, a man of deep spirituality and simplicity of life. He believed, and staked his life on it, that he would lead a glorified, fully human existence after death. There would be no extinguishing of his personality, but rather, it would be enhanced. He was vindicated in the Resurrection.

As St John Paul II put it, at the Last Supper, Our Lord gave us a sacramental way of eating and drinking and 'digest[ing] the secret of the Resurrection', what St Ignatius of Antioch called, 'the medicine of immortality, an antidote to death'.

Our Lord chose bread and wine to convey his Real Presence into us. It is the first course of the marriage feast of Heaven, but it has a beneficial effect on our earthly stage of existence. Bread nourishes us and wine gladdens our hearts.

Our Lord shares his risen and glorified life with us because he wants to nourish us and gladden our hearts. We may take a moment to pray that we will share the marriage feast of Heaven with those we especially love, and those for whom heavenly existence will be a life-enhancing surprise. Let us pray for His Holiness the Dalai Lama that he may find himself alongside Pope Francis in the everlasting joy of Heaven.

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**CONFIRMATION COMMITMENT MASSES**

Children from St. Brigid's School, Holy Cross School and local parish schools will be attending Masses in the parish this weekend to participate in their Confirmation Commitment Masses.

Please keep our parish children in your thoughts and prayers as they take this very significant step in their faith journey. Whilst children may attend any of the Masses over the weekend, the 11am Mass in Gisborne will be lead by the Senior students of the parish.

We thank the teachers, parents and Parish Sacramental team for their efforts in preparing the children for this important event.




# Rosters & Events



Ministers for next weekend's Masses

The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ – Year B

1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> of June, 2024

<b>6:00pm Mass</b> <b>St. Brigid's</b> <b>Reader:</b> N. Spiers <b>Offertory:</b> to be chosen on the day. <b>Eucharist:</b> L. Scott	<b>8:00am Mass</b> <b>St. Ambrose's</b> <b>Welcomer:</b> J. White <b>Reader:</b> A-M. Drummond <b>Offertory:</b> to be chosen on the day.	<b>Flowers:</b>  T. Armstrong  
<b>9:30am Mass</b> <b>St. Patrick's</b> <b>Reader:</b> B. O'Callaghan <b>Offertory:</b> to be chosen on the day. <b>Eucharist:</b> J. O'Callaghan	<b>11:00am Mass</b> <b>St. Brigid's</b> <b>Reader:</b> C. Fry <b>Offertory:</b> to be chosen on the day. <b>Eucharist:</b> D. Egan	

## NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK

National Volunteer Week is Australia's largest annual celebration of volunteering and will be held on 20-26 May 2024.

This special event provides an opportunity to highlight the important role of volunteers in our community.

On behalf of the entire Parish of St. Brigid's I extend a very sincere

**THANK YOU**

to our many volunteers that keep our parish running perfectly.

**You are amazing!**



Colour in the Trinity stained glass windows.

### 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 \$358  
 Thanksgiving \$902

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 Feast of the Trinity flows from the baptismal theme so strong in Easter. Baptised in the name of the Trinity, we share the grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit.

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40

We hear the words of Moses as he interprets for the people their relationship with God which Christian revelation takes even further.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** Romans: 8:14-17

With these words Paul reassures us that through our baptism we share the very life of God, and it is as children of God that we can pray.

**Gospel:** Matthew 28:16-20

With these final words of Jesus he commissions the disciples to go out to the whole world and baptise in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**Prayer of Intercession:** God, in Christ, has promised to be with us always. With such trust, we gather together our prayers in this assembly and place them before our loving God.

1. We pray for the Church that it continue the mission of the apostles to make disciples of all nations baptising them into the Trinitarian life of God.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

**Lord hear our prayer.**

2. We pray for all Church leaders that their openness to the Spirit promised by Jesus will be a witness to the presence of Jesus always.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

**Lord hear our prayer.**

3. We pray for all of us who want to live out our missionary call and seek to be witnesses of God's love by our actions, our service and by how we live. May we continue to be open to serving those in need with our prayers, time, talents and resources both here and overseas.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

**Lord hear our prayer.**

4. We pray for nations divided by hatred and fear, that the Spirit of truth may lead them to harmony.

(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, especially Dr. Frank Power and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially *Margaret Fletcher*; that moved by the Spirit of God they will be coheirs with Christ and raised up through his glory.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

**Lord hear our prayer.**

*Please join in the Parish Prayer.*

**Celebrant:** Through your gracious Spirit O God, hear the prayers of your children who come to you in the name of Jesus, our brother and your Son. Amen

**Next weeks readings:** Exodus 24:3-8; Hebrews 9:11-15; Mark 14:12-16, 22-26

**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 Deuteronomy 4:32-34. 39-40

### A reading from the book of Deuteronomy.

*The Lord himself is God in heaven above and on earth below: there is no other.*

Moses said to the people: 'Put this question to the ages that are past, that went before you, from the time God created man on earth: Was there ever a word so majestic, from one end of heaven to the other? Was anything ever heard? Did ever a people hear the voice of the living God speaking from the heart of the fire, as you heard it, and remain alive? Has any god ventured to take to himself one nation from the midst of another by ordeals, signs, wonders, war with mighty hand and outstretched arm, by fearsome terrors - all this that the Lord your God did for you before your eyes in Egypt? 'Understand this today, therefore, and take it to heart: The Lord is God indeed, in heaven above as on earth beneath, he and no other. Keep his laws and commandments as I give them to you today so that you and your children may prosper and live long in the land that the Lord your God gives you for ever.'

### The word of the Lord.

## Responsorial Psalm

### Psalm 32:4-6. 9. 18-20. 22. R. v.12

- (R.) Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.
1. The word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love. (R.)
  2. With his word the heavens were made, by the breath of his mouth all the stars. He spoke; and they came to be. He commanded; they sprang into being. (R.)
  3. The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. (R.)
  4. Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. (R.)

## Second Reading Romans 8:14-17

### A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans.

*You have received the Spirit that makes you God's own children, and in that Spirit we call God: Father, our Father!*

Everyone moved by the Spirit is a son of God. The spirit you received is not the spirit of slaves bringing fear into your lives again; it is the spirit of sons, and it makes us cry out, 'Abba, Father!'

The Spirit himself and our spirit bear united witness that we are children of God. And if we are children we are heirs as well: heirs of God and coheirs with Christ, sharing his sufferings so as to share his glory.

### The word of the Lord.

## Gospel Acclamation See Rv 1:8

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: to God who is, who was, and who is to come.

*Alleluia!*

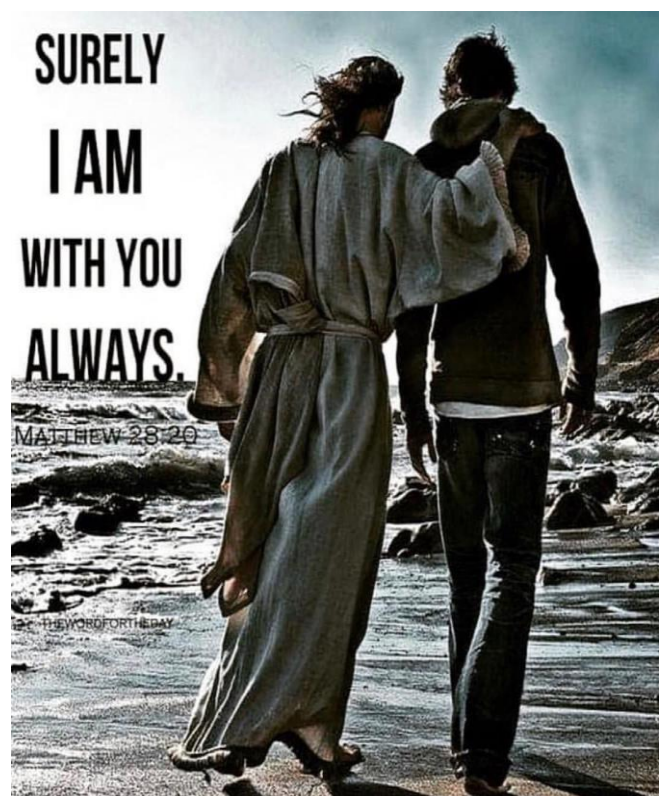
## Gospel Matthew 28:16-20

### A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

*Baptise them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.*

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up to and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

### The Gospel of the Lord.



**First Meeting**  
**St Brigid's Church**  
**150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**  
**Working Party**

**Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup>**



150 years ago, construction of a very significant building in Gisborne, St Brigid's Catholic Church, was completed. We owe so much to the past parishioners and priests who brought the faith to this district and grew it and sustained it, and it's important that we recognise with gratitude this 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our church and what it offers us today.

Father Vincent asked for volunteers to form a Working Party to start planning for this special event for our faith community of St Brigid's Parish. A faith community that encompasses three places of worship, St Brigid's, St Patrick's and St Ambrose and two Catholic Primary Schools, St Brigid's and Holy Cross as well as a number of pastoral groups that support wellbeing and care of those in need.

The Working Party is made up of Fr Vincent, Jenne Wallace, Eddie Gardiner, Joanne & Craig Holmes, Bernie Floreani, Paul Lawry, Gerard Carroll, Joe Farrugia and Trish Armstrong. Each person shared their name, involvement in the parish and aspirations for wanting to be a part of planning for this special and significant event.

As we talked, the common goal of promoting and building a sense of belonging and ownership across our parish became very evident as well as promoting ongoing awareness and knowledge about our parish in its past, present and into the future. What also became very evident as we talked, was the importance of broadening the support base for our Parish Faith community and that this important event would give us an opportunity to open up to members of our Parish to share their gifts and talents.

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 25<sup>th</sup>. This gives us time to investigate some of the directions/actions we listed through our discussions: confirmation of historical dates, some possible events or installations that would benefit the occasion [eg: Installation of the gate which is the only remaining part of St Colmcille/St Columbus gathering place at Bullengarook], meeting with the principals of St Brigid's and Holy Cross, meet with members of Bacchus Marsh church anniversary committee to learn from them and most importantly, to hear from members of our parish who have ideas to offer that will add to making this a special event for all members of our parish faith community.

We ask all members of our Parish Faith Community to take time to think about possible ways that we could mark this very special occasion. Maybe something you have experienced or seen in another place and time or it may be linked to your skill set and could ensure that the success of the day is guaranteed by what you can offer. To help us plan for moving forward please write your idea down and email to [trishannarmstrong@gmail.com](mailto:trishannarmstrong@gmail.com) or phone on 0417 526 945.

Many thanks  
Working Party for 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of St Brigid's Church, Gisborne