# Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

16th June, 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.

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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 *Charmaine Halfhyde (Daly)* and for those who have an anniversary at this time, especially *Charles Tadd, Bernie Gardiner & George Debono*.

# May they rest in peace



Please email Tam if you would like an Anniversary included.

|          | UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS                 |
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| 15/06/24 | Saturday 6pm Mass – Gisborne           |
| 16/06/24 | Normal Sunday Masses                   |
| 18/06/24 | The Oaks Mass                          |
| 18/06/24 | 5:00pm – Weekday Mass – Gisborne       |
| 18/06/24 | 7:00pm - School Advisory Council - AGM |
| 19/06/24 | 9:15am – Weekday Mass - Gisborne       |
| 20/06/24 | NO WEEKDAY MASS                        |
| 20/06/24 | Holy Cross School Mass                 |
| 20/06/24 | 7:00pm - PPC Meeting – Parish office   |
| 21/06/24 | 9:15am – Weekday Mass – Gisborne       |
| 22/06/24 | Saturday 6pm Mass – Gisborne           |
| 23/06/24 | Normal Sunday Masses                   |
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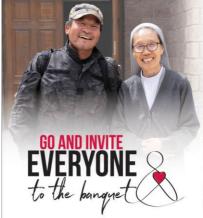
# **REFLECTION** by Fr Michael Tate

A peasant in Galilee would hope for a return of 7:1 when sowing seed for a crop. So when Jesus pictures the Kingdom of God as a wonderful harvest (returning 100:1 as he put it in another parable), his peasant listeners would envisage a future without hunger, without servitude to rapacious landlords and money-lenders. A true liberation (such as Mary sang of in the Magnificat)! Naturally, they and we want to know when this new way of life, this fulfilling of the Kingdom of God, will come about. Our Lord replies: 'Be patient. Your job is to sow the seed. Something will happen out of all proportion to your part in the process, just like the disproportion of the mustard seed to a mustard bush' (which he exaggerates into a tree sheltering birds).

God's creative power worked in the depths of stony ground of the tomb to raise up the Gospel Seed who is Jesus Christ. From that, a community has grown which, at its best, leads to a fair and just distribution of the world's resources, as Pope Francis insists is a major test of authenticity of our claim to be Christian.

We could take a moment to pray for the courage to sow the seed of the Gospel whenever an opportunity presents itself, and the patience to await the germinating power of the Resurrection to create the Tree of Life such that all peoples 'can shelter in its shade'.

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This week, you're invited to partner with the Church in Mongolia to help deliver essential services to people who need it most. Lack of access and social stigma mean that some of the most vulnerable people are not getting the support they require.

The House of Mercy will provide a haven for many people, including those affected by homelessness and domestic violence. Without your partnership, people in need will go without the assistance they require.

During World Mission Sunday, we are called to "Invite others to the banquet", and we invite you to share the warmth of God's love with our brothers and sisters who need it most in Mongolia. You can support this work by using the appeal envelope, going online at <a href="mailto:catholicmission.org.au/mongolia">catholicmission.org.au/mongolia</a>, or scanning the QR code. Your gift will also assist many other Church programs around the world.



Freecall: 1800 257 296 catholicmission.org.au/mongolia

#### SPECIAL COLLECTION JUNE 15<sup>th</sup> / 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024

# Catholic Missions Propagation of the Faith

Your support of this Catholic Mission Church Appeal will help continue vital Churchrun mission programs around the world.

Thank you for partnering with us today.



9:30am Mass

Reader:

# **Rosters & Events**



Ministers for next weekend's Masses

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22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> of June, 2024

6:00pm Mass St. Brigid's Reader: T. Wilson

Offertory: to be chosen on the day.

**Eucharist**: N. Spiers

> St. Patrick's M. Redman

Offertory: to be chosen on the day.

**Eucharist**: D. Briffa Reader: P. Lacy Offertory: to be chosen on the day.

8:00am Mass

Welcomer:

11:00am Mass St. Brigid's Reader: D. Egan

Offertory: to be chosen on the day.

St. Ambrose's

J. White

**Eucharist:** B. Myers Flowers:

M. Clifford & W. Kays



# NAIDOC WEEK – 7th July – 14th July, 2024

Aboriginal Catholic Ministry Victoria warmly invites you to two important liturgical celebrations that will mark the start and end of NAIDOC week (7th-14th July).

We would especially encourage you to invite the First Nations community members to attend:

**Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday Mass** 

7 July 2024, 11am

St Patrick's Cathedral, 1 Cathedral Place, East Melbourne

NAIDOC Week Mass - Sunday 14 July, 11am St Francis' Church, 326 Lonsdale St, Melbourne

# Mission: Transform Lives - theirs...and yours

Have you been considering whether an overseas professional placement with Palms is for you? Wanting to share your skills to develop self-reliance and sustainable solutions while living authentically in another culture?

If you're happy for the trip, come to Palms' Discovery information session at Altona on 11 July. Meet Soraya and returned Palms participants to discover more about Assignments Aboard. Alternately, please enquire at palms.org.au

Venue: Mary Help of Christians Church Hall Address: 97 Railway St N, Altona VIC 3018

Date: Thursday 11th July 2024

Time: 5:30pm to 6:30pm Further details: **0422 472 567** palms@palms.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.

# 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 \$478 Thanksgiving \$802

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** 

# **St. Brigid's Parish:** 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

16th June 2024

<u>Introduction</u>: We gather together to celebrate the presence of Jesus in the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist, and to receive him fully into our lives.

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Ezekiel 17:22-24

The prophet Ezekiel speaks of a future king from the House of David who will rule over all creatures and nations.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** 2 Corinthians 5:6-10

St Paul tells of how, whether we are living in the body or exiles from it, we are intent on pleasing the Lord.

**Gospel:** Mark 4:26-34

Jesus teaches his disciples that the kingdom of God is like the smallest of all seeds, yet grows into the biggest shrub of them all.

**Prayer of Intercession:** Let us bring our needs and petitions to God our Father.

1. Let us pray for the growth of God's Kingdom: that we may co-operate with God's grace and spread the Good News of the gospel to everyone we meet.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

2. Let us pray for all the members of the Church: that they may place all their hope and trust in God and in God's Son, Jesus.

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

Lord hear our prayer.

3. Let us pray for those who are burdened with problems and suffering: that they may be comforted in their pain by the presence of the Holy Spirit.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

4. Let us pray for unity among all people of goodwill, that prayers for the end of the wars in the Holy Land and Ukraine will be insistent and fervent, and that peace will be true and lasting.

(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 *Charmaine Halfhyde (Daly)* and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially *Charles Tadd, Bernie Gardiner & George Debono* that they will be lifted to eternal glory with God.

(pause) We pray to the Lord

Lord hear our prayer.

Please join in the Parish Prayer.

**Celebrant:** God our Father, be with us at every moment of our lives, in times of trouble and of joy, and enable us to reach out to you in prayer with ever-thankful hearts. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Next weeks' readings:** Job 38:1, 8-11 2 Cor 5:14-17 Mk 4: 35-41

#### 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

Gospel

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Mark 4:26-34

# First Reading

Ezekiel 17:22-24

# A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel.

I have made the small tree great.

The mustard seed, the smallest of all the seeds, grows into the biggest shrub of all.

The Lord says this: 'From the top of the cedar, from the highest branch I will take a shoot and plant it myself on a very high mountain. I will plant it on the high mountain of Israel. It will sprout branches and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Every kind of bird will live beneath it, every winged creature rest in the shade of its branches. And every tree of the field will learn that I, the Lord, am the one who stunts tall trees and makes the low ones grow, who withers green trees and makes the withered green. I, the Lord, have spoken, and I will do it.'

Jesus said to the crowds, 'This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man throws seed on the land. Night and day, while he sleeps, when he is awake, the seed is sprouting and growing; how, he does not know. Of its own accord the land produces first the shoot, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the crop is ready, he loses no time; he starts to reap because the harvest has come.' He also said, 'What can we say the kingdom of God is like? What parable can we find for it? It is like a mustard seed which at the time of its sowing in the soil is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet once it is sown it grows into the biggest shrub of them all and puts out big branches so that the birds of the air can shelter in its shade.' Using many parables like these, he spoke the word to them, so far as they were capable of understanding it. He would not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything to his disciples when they were alone.

The word of the Lord.

The Gospel of the Lord.

# **Responsorial Psalm**



Psalm 91:2-3. 13-16. R. see v.2

(R.)Lord it is good to give thanks to you.

> How many words can you make from the letters in the words MUSTARD SEED?

It is good to give thanks to the Lord 1. to make music to your name, O Most High,

to proclaim your love in the morning and your truth in the watches of the night. (R.)

- The just will flourish like the palm-tree 2. and grow like a Lebanon cedar. (R.)
- 3. Planted in the house of the Lord they will flourish in the courts of our God, still bearing fruit when they are old, still full of sap, still green, to proclaim that the Lord is just. In him, my rock, there is no wrong. (R.)

# **Second Reading**

2 Corinthians 5:6-10

# A reading from the second letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians.

Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing the Lord.

We are always full of confidence when we remember that to live in the body means to be exiled from the Lord, going as we do by faith and not by sight - we are full of confidence, I say, and actually want to be exiled from the body and make our home with the Lord. Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing him. For all the truth about us will be brought out in the law court of Christ, and each of us will get what he deserves for the things he did in the body, good or bad.

# The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The seed is the word of God. Christ is the sower: all who come to him will live for ever.

Alleluia!