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**Parish Office Hours:** 9.00am – 3.00pm  
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Check the Parish Website for:

- Child Safety and Code of Conduct Policy
- Parish Privacy Act / Professional Standards

**Prayers** We pray for those who are in ill health, **Michael Hede, Dennis Van der Merwe, John Smith, Jacek Bialobrzanski, Les Kays, Joseph Briffa, Bill Handley and Elaine Dillon.**

We pray for the recently deceased and also for those who have an anniversary at this time, **Felicia Spano and Giuseppe Spano.**

May they rest in peace ☩

**ST BRIGID'S CHURCH COVID-19 UPDATE**

**St Brigid's Church will be closed as of the 5th of August 2020 at 11.59 pm**

**This Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> of August is The feast of The Assumption of Mary, Fr Vioth will be Live Streaming mass at 11.00 AM on our Facebook page.**

**LIVE Streaming of Mass will continue on Sundays at 11.00 am on our Facebook page ' St Brigid's Parish' and then uploaded to YouTube.**

**Parish Office Days— Tuesday all day and Thursday afternoon , however emails will be addressed Tuesday—Thursdays.**

**Baptism's—** postponed until further notice

**Funeral's—** 10 people ( Plus those conducting the funeral)

**Weddings -** up to 5 people (the couple, 2 witnesses and celebrant)

We thank you for your patience and prayers during this time.

**Working With Children Card**

For those who are on the rosters and haven't obtained a current Working with Children check please visit [www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au](http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au) and follow instructions to apply.

**Please note:** the organisation you MUST nominate St Brigid's Parish—66 Aitken St, Gisborne, then select religious organisation.

If you are a teacher in school that is NOT Holy Cross or St Brigid's you still require to obtain a working with Children Card.

**Departing Parishioner -**  
We'll miss you.



**Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**16th August**  
**Year A 2020**



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**THE GOSPEL MATTHEW 15:21-28**

On Catholic Dogs

A *pagan woman* approaches a *Jewish man* and she begs Jesus to heal her daughter.

Jesus gives a dismissive answer to the woman: 'It is not fair to take the children's bread and throw it to the house dogs.' The children are obviously the Jewish people.

This remarkable *pagan woman* stands her ground and engages in a verbal joust with Jesus! She argues: 'Yes, Lord, but even the house dogs get the crumbs that fall from their master's table.'

Jesus recognises *her* faith and the daughter was healed. This story was put in the Gospels to show how Jesus extended his saving mission to non-Jews in Pagan territory.

That is Good News for billions of non-Jewish people over the course of history since then and into the future. That is why we are truly 'Catholic', which, as you know, is the Greek for 'world-wide'.

We could pause for a moment to celebrate this Canaanite woman as the first 'Catholic'!

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**Reflection by Artist**

When a Canaanite woman kept bothering Jesus and his group they looked at her and saw an outsider. By her annoying persistence she virtually forced Jesus to look again and he saw something different – she was no longer a

non-person, but someone who challenged him. This unnamed woman, out of her anguish for her daughter, was able to nudge Jesus into reconsidering the nature of his mission, and broadening his vision. Matthew's story is a conversion story with a twist because it is Jesus who experiences a transformation and the catalyst for this change is an anonymous woman.



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**PLEASE NOTE:**

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The feast of The Assumption of Mary.

**and SUNDAY 11.00 AM**

Fr Vioth will be streaming mass live on our Facebook page 'St Brigid's Parish' and will also be uploaded on to YouTube.



**New Parishioner -**  
Welcome to St Brigid's Parish





# Rosters and Events



Ministers for next weekend's Masses

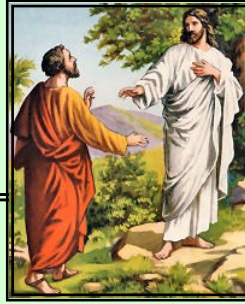
23rd August

Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

## 6.00pm Mass: St Brigid's

**Reader:**  
**Offertory:** To be chosen on the day  
**Eucharist:**  
**Counters:**



## 8:00am Mass: St Ambrose's

**Welcomer:**  
**Readers:**  
**Offertory:** To be chosen on the day  
**Eucharist:**



## 9.30am Mass: St Patrick's

**Readers:**  
**Offertory:** To be chosen on the day  
**Eucharist:**

## 11.00am Mass: St Brigid's

**Readers:**  
**Offertory:** To be chosen on the day  
**Eucharist:**

**Flowers:** Glenys O'Dea & Beverley Noonan



## PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE OF LEBANON

following the Beirut blast

### God of Compassion,

You are strength to those who suffer and comfort to those who grieve.  
We pray for the people of Lebanon in this time of disaster.  
Embrace those who died so suddenly and console those who grieve for loved ones.

United in solidarity with our Lebanese sisters and brothers we pray:  
For healing and strength for those injured and suffering  
That the international community will respond with generosity and compassion  
And that stability and peace will be restored in Lebanon.

**We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.**

- Jo Brady RSJ Caritas Australia



Donations for the victims of Lebanon can be given through the following link;

<https://www.caritas.org.au/learn/emergency-response/middle-east-emergency-appeal>

or by ringing **1800 024 413**

### Gisborne Community Care Foodbank

As our churches are closed, donations can be dropped off directly at the Foodbank on Wednesdays and Fridays, 10-3. If you enter from the lane-way near Foodworks, the Foodbank is at the back of the Uniting Church behind a green fence. There is a table outside where people can place donations. Foodbank drop-off boxes are also available at Coles, Foodworks, Liberty Health and Happiness and Macedon Newsagency and Post Office.

Parishioners can look at 'Gisborne Foodbank' on Facebook to see weekly updates of the groceries they are low on.

They also now have a website: <https://www.gisbornefoodbank.org.au/>. Items that are always needed are: long life milk, pasta and pasta sauces, peanut butter, jam, lunch snacks, tinned fish, dry and sweet biscuits, dishwashing liquid and laundry detergent.

The Foodbank are very grateful for donations that have continued to come from our parish

Thank you for your support. Anne, Mae and Carolyn

**Enquiries:** Anita Worrell: 0417 334 386 or Jenny Barnes 0428 262039

### St Brigid's Parish Calendar of Events



#### August

Sunday 30th Social Justice Sunday

#### September

Sunday 6th Priest Retirement Foundation

### Weekday Masses: Tuesday 18th August - Friday 21st August 2020

#### NO MASS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Tues

Wed

Thurs

Fri

Reconciliation & Spiritual Direction:

Please see parish website for any changes—[www.cam.org.au/gisborne](http://www.cam.org.au/gisborne)



### St Brigid's Parish Weekly Thanksgiving for Sunday 9th of August

Total Amount Pledged	\$	1919.62
Total Amount received	\$	45.00 (envelopes)
Total Amount received	\$	155.00 (credit cards)
Total Amount received	\$	355.00 (direct debit)
Presbytery Collection	\$	65.00



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