



Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

27th October, 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** melbcatholic.org/s/gisborne**Secretary Hours** Tuesday & Thursday 9:00am – 5:00pm**CONTINUING PRAYER LIST:**

Please pray for those who are in ill health:

**Eileen S, Corine V, Megan B,
Glenys O, Anthony S, Fran S,
Helen K, Shane R, George T, Gerard H,
Henslee C, & Doris S.**

We pray for the recently deceased and for those who have
an anniversary at this time, especially **Doris Brassell,
Sharon Black & Saverio Spano.**

May they rest in peace*Please email Tam if you would like an Anniversary included.***UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS**

October	No weekday Masses during October
26/10/24	Saturday 6pm Mass – Gisborne
27/10/24	Normal Sunday Masses
27/10/24	12pm Baptism's – Gisborne
01/11/24	9:15am – All Saints Mass & Benediction
02/11/24	10am – All Souls Mass - Gisborne
02/11/24	Saturday 6pm Mass – Gisborne
03/11/24	Normal Sunday Masses
06/11/24	Baptism Information evening – 7:30pm
07/11/24	Liturgy meeting – 7pm – Parish office

REMEMBRANCE BOOKS for ALL SOULS' DAY

are now in our churches. Please enter names of loved ones
you'd like prayed for this year or email names to the office.

FR. VINCENT – ANNUAL LEAVE

Fr. Vincent will be on annual leave during October.
There will be no Weekday Masses during this time.
Weekend Masses will continue as normal.

BAPTISM PRAYER

We pray for
Fletcher, Navy & Sophia

Who will be Baptised in our parish this week.

The parishioners of St. Brigid's parish welcome and
support you.

REFLECTION by Fr. Michael Tate

Bartimaeus sat on the side of the way, having pilgrims
throw coins onto his cloak spread out before him. But the
presence of Jesus encouraged him to abandon his cloak,
jump up from his ground level existence and ask to truly
see the way from Jesus' perspective.

Jesus responded to this act of faith by curing the disease
so that Bartimaeus could see ahead in the same way as
Jesus and follow him on 'the Way' (the earliest name for
Christianity).

You and I can remain with the security of a familiar
existence, hoping to be tossed a few coins of consolation
to satisfy our various hungers. But Jesus wants us to take
courage, to jump up and to share his vision.

This takes faith, but we are in a better situation than
Bartimaeus. He knew only that Jesus was on the way
from Jericho to Jerusalem. We believe that, in Jerusalem,
Jesus was lifted well above ground level and then had the
astounding victory over the worst that death could do.

We might pause for a moment to pray for the courage to
abandon whatever is keeping us grounded, so that with
Bishop Richard of Chichester we may see Christ more
clearly, love him more dearly, and follow him more
nearly.

mtate@bigpond.com**PLEASE RETURN RAFFLE TICKETS**

Could parishioners please return raffle tickets and money
this weekend for inclusion in the draw. Unsold tickets
also to be returned as we have others who may want
them.

Final date for return: Sunday October 27th**CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR S.V.D.P.**

Christmas cards will be available for purchase in all
parish churches from 2nd November.

Packet of 5 cards - \$5

All proceeds will go to the operations of the Gisborne
Conference of St. Vincent De Paul.

Welcome Fr. Arnold

This weekends' Masses and Baptism's will be Fr. Arnold's last celebration with us at this time as Fr. Vincent will return
for Masses commencing November 1st. Thank you Fr. Arnold, from all at St. Brigid's for the care you have taken of us
and our parish during October. God bless you.



Rosters & Events



Ministers for next weekend's Masses

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B

2nd & 3rd November, 2024

6:00pm Mass Reader: F. Murone Eucharist: L. Scott	8:00am Mass Welcomer: J. White Reader: M. Hall	Flowers: J. Shumack 
9:30am Mass Reader: E. Kilgariff Eucharist: B. Stanchinotti	11:00am Mass Reader: K. Page Eucharist: V. Firman	

SPECIAL COLLECTION LAST WEEK – CATHOLIC MISSION

Thank you for your support of this cause.
 The total Parish contribution was - \$290

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

At the most recent PPC meeting held on October 17, five new members were welcomed on board.

Congratulations to Annemarie Drummond, Seamus Ryan, Gerard Carroll, Trish Armstrong & Julie Allan.

We also had the retirement of two members.

Sincere gratitude is extended to Kevin Petherbridge and Janet Murray for their service to the PPC.

Kevin was the inaugural Chair of the PPC and a key person in its establishment 4 years ago.

Janet was a committee member for 2 years.

The remaining members of the PPC have chosen to continue on with their service. Thank you to

Carolyn Peterson, Frank Murone, Enzo Floreani, Joe Farrugia, Jayne O'Callaghan & Hayden Legro for your continued service.

PAVER INSTALLATION HELP NEEDED

Are you, or do you know anyone who may be interested in helping us lay the pavers for our 150th celebration. Please contact the office with details. 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.

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.

VOLUNTEER ROSTERS

There have been a variety of reasons for a decline in our volunteer numbers this year. Retirement can see parishioners catch the travel bug, poor health or injury can play a part and of course we are all getting that little bit older.

Rosters for all ministries will shortly be started for 2025.

Could all volunteers please advise by return email, a quick phone call or a note in the collection bag if you are able to re-commit to service in 2025.

If you would like to come onboard as a volunteer with the parish, we would love to hear from you. All volunteers need a current Working with Children Check and are required to undertake training in line with our Safeguarding Policy.

Please contact the office for details.

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.

St Brigid's Parish Weekly Giving

Collections last week: Presbytery \$461
 Thanksgiving \$1203

Thank you for your ongoing support through the Thanksgiving Program.

RECONCILIATION

Reconciliation - By appointment only
 Please see Fr. Vincent after Mass to arrange a time.

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

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

OPEN HOUSE

Meet after 11am Sunday Mass at the Kaffeine Bar for a coffee and chat.
Everyone Welcome!

SCRIPTURE STUDIES

For all enquiries please contact
 Bernie 0414 890 377

Introduction:

The Gospel is full of stories of those who reach out in trust to God even when others make it difficult for them. The blind man of Jericho is one such example of faith in Jesus and how Jesus can make us whole.

1st Reading: Jeremiah 31:7-9

The prophet Jeremiah comforts the people of Israel in their time of suffering that the Lord will gather the faithful remnant of his scattered people. The image of restoration is epitomised in the care of the blind and the lame - classic biblical images of the era of the Messiah.

2nd Reading: Hebrews 5:1-6

The passage is the meditation on the role of Christ as the High Priest taken from among God's people to be appointed to act for them in the things that belong to God.

Gospel: Mark 10:46-52

The narrative discourse of Mark continues to describe how the large crowd follows Jesus around Jericho. The blind man Bartimaeus proclaims his faith in Jesus, even above the attempt of the crowd to silence him, and he is rewarded.

General Intercessions: We have heard Jesus' reassuring words to Bartimaeus that his faith has saved him. Let us turn in trust and faith to Jesus that our needs and prayers be heard.

1. Let us pray that by focusing on Jesus we will be enabled to see the humanity of Jesus as the window through which we see his divinity.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

2. We pray for those in need in any way that they may hear the words of comfort "You have nothing to fear".

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

3. We pray for people who have been abused whether physically, mentally, emotionally or sexually, that the Lord of all tenderness and compassion will restore them and give them peace.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

4. For the Church in Australia, we bow our heads and we offer a humble, prayerful apology for the sins of the past.

(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 and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially ***Doris Brassell, Sharon Black & Saverio Spano***. May they receive the eternal promise given to all who believe.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Please join in the Parish Prayer.

Celebrant: Gracious God, you have done great things for us through Jesus your Son. May we give thanks for them in this Eucharist we celebrate as well as in our daily lives. Accept the pledge of our faith in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Next Weeks readings: Deut 6:2-6 Hebrews 7:23-28 Mark 12:28-34

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

Jeremiah 31:7-9

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah.

I shall lead them back in mercy – both the blind and the lame.

The Lord says this:

Shout with joy for Jacob!

Hail the chief of nations!

Proclaim! Praise! Shout:

The Lord has saved his people,
the remnant of Israel!

See, I will bring them back from the land of the North
and gather them from the far ends of earth;

all of them: the blind and the lame,

women with child, women in labour:

a great company returning here.

They had left in tears,

I will comfort them as I lead them back;

I will guide them to streams of water,

by a smooth path where they will not stumble.

For I am a father to Israel,

and Ephraim is my first-born son.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 125. R. v.3

(R.) *The Lord has done great things for us;
we are filled with joy.*

1. When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,
it seemed like a dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
on our lips there were songs. (R.)

2. The heathens themselves said:
‘What marvels the Lord worked for them!’

What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad. (R.)

3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage
as streams in dry land.

Those who are sowing in tears
will sing when they reap. (R.)

4. They go out, they go out, full of tears,
carrying seed for the sowing;
they come back, they come back, full of song,
carrying their sheaves. (R.)

Second Reading

Hebrews 5:1-6

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

You are a priest forever in the line of Melchizedek.

Every high priest has been taken out of mankind and is appointed to act for men in their relations with God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins; and so he can sympathise with those who are ignorant or uncertain because he too lives in the limitations of weakness.

That is why he has to make sin offerings for himself as well as for the people. No one takes this honour on himself, but each one is called by God, as Aaron was. Nor did Christ give himself the glory of becoming high priest, but he had it from the one who said to him: You are my son, today I have become your father, and in another text: You are a priest of the order of Melchizedek, and for ever.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

See 2 Tim 1:10

Alleluia, alleluia!

Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death,
and brought us life through his gospel.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 10:46-52

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

Master, grant that I may see.

As Jesus left Jericho with his disciples and a large crowd, Bartimaeus (that is, the son of Timaueus), a blind beggar, was sitting at the side of the road. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout and to say, ‘Son of David, Jesus, have pity on me.’ And many of them scolded him and told him to keep quiet, but he only shouted all the louder, ‘Son of David, have pity on me.’ Jesus stopped and said, ‘Call him here.’ So they called the blind man. ‘Courage,’ they said ‘get up; he is calling you.’ So throwing off his cloak, he jumped up and went to Jesus. Then Jesus spoke, ‘What do you want me to do for you?’ ‘Rabbuni,’ the blind man said to him ‘Master, let me see again.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Go; your faith has saved you.’ And immediately his sight returned and he followed him along the road.

The Gospel of the Lord.

