



Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

10th November, 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 & Jacqueline D.**

We pray for the recently deceased and for those who have
an anniversary at this time.

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

09/11/24 Saturday 6pm Mass – Gisborne
10/11/24 Normal Sunday Masses
11am – Middle School Community Mass
12/11/24 **NO weekday Mass**
12/11/24 The Oaks Mass
13/11/24 9:15am – Weekday Mass – Gisborne
13/11/24 1pm – 2025 Sacrament mtg – Holy Cross
14/11/24 **NO weekday Mass**
14/11/24 10am – Scripture Study – see ad
14/11/24 Holy Cross School Mass – Holy Cross
15/11/24 9:15am – Weekday Mass - Gisborne
16/11/24 Saturday 6pm Mass – Gisborne
17/11/24 Normal Sunday Masses

REFLECTION by Fr. Michael Tate

This is the most commonly misunderstood passage in the Gospels. It is usually read in a 'pat on the back' tone of voice, commending the widow for her generosity. But it should be read with the tone of white hot anger which Jesus had displayed against the money dealers whom he expelled from the temple only days earlier.

This vulnerable widow was exploited and brainwashed by the scribes and temple authorities so that she gave 'all she had to live on'. She was left destitute, unable to afford the necessities of life.

On the contrary, Jesus wanted to create a band of followers who would look after widows and orphans. Look at Acts 4:32-37 to see that in operation. In fact, deacons were created in the early Church precisely to care for non-Jewish widows.

The message for the Church from this Gospel story is that it must never exploit the religious fervour of the poor to build up its own resources. Pope Francis is emphasising that the flow must be the other way if we are to be authentic Christians.

We could pause a moment to pray that, imitating the earliest Christian communities, our parish practises true concern for the marginalised and vulnerable, ensuring that they have all the necessities of life in all its dimensions.

mtate@bigpond.com**SPECIAL COLLECTION - Prison Sunday 10 November 2024****CatholicCare Victoria – Pastoral Care Appeal 2024**

This weekend is CatholicCare Victoria's annual Pastoral Care Appeal (previously known as Chaplaincy Appeal). Donations from our parish community will support the most vulnerable people in our community. Your support and generosity will ensure that Catholic Prison Chaplains can continue to be the messengers of God's mercy, love and compassion.

The presence of Catholic Chaplains is a crucial witness to our faith, a crucial dimension of our service of love, and a vital testimony to the value of life in all its stages. Thank you for your support.

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.

NOVEMBER MASSES

As November is the month we remember our departed loved ones, parishioners are invited to bring along photos of those they wish to be remembered during our weekend liturgies.

These photos will be placed at the front of the altar and prayed for during the Mass.



Rosters & Events



Ministers for next weekend's Masses

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16th & 17th November, 2024

6:00pm Mass St. Brigid's Reader: N. Spiers Eucharist: L. Scott	8:00am Mass St. Ambrose's Welcomer: J. White Reader: P. Lacy	Flowers: T. Armstrong 
9:30am Mass St. Patrick's Reader: B. O'Callaghan Eucharist: J. O'Callaghan	11:00am Mass St. Brigid's Reader: C. Fry Eucharist: T. Armstrong	

SAVE THE DATE!!! CHRISTMAS CAROLS at St. BRIGID'S PARISH HALL

Sunday 1st December, 2024 at 5:30pm

ARCHDIOCESAN CELEBRATION

Let's come together and celebrate all that God is doing in our Archdiocese as we begin our journey towards the Year of Jubilee 2025 and the Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF) to be held in Melbourne in December 2025.

Join us at St Patrick's Cathedral on the feast of Christ the King for a day of worship, thanksgiving and hope-filled celebration.

- 11am: Solemn Mass
- 12–2pm: Festival in the Cathedral grounds as we launch 'one year to go' until ACYF.

Event Date: Sunday 24 Nov 2024
11.00am–2.00pm

Venue

1 Cathedral Place - East Melbourne

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.

2024 GIVING TREE

This year St. Brigid's Parish Giving Tree will be supporting the Gisborne branch of St. Vincent de Paul.

They are asking for donations of Food Gift Cards, which can be purchased from Foodworks, IGA, Coles and Aldi in Gisborne to any value. Also included is a "Pennies from Heaven" option, and any monies will be used to purchase Gift Cards. The Gift Cards will be used to support families in need over the Christmas period. All donations will be greatly appreciated.

The Giving Tree program will commence on the first week of Advent – 30th Nov / 1st Dec. Could donations please be returned no later than Sunday 15th December, so the Gift Cards can be distributed to families for Christmas.



Gift cards can be returned to any Mass, Parish Office and both Schools.

VOLUNTEER ROSTERS

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.

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

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

SCRIPTURE STUDIES

Thursday – 10am

For all enquiries

please contact

Bernie 0414 890 377

OPEN HOUSE

Meet after 11am

Sunday Mass at the

Kaffeine Bar for a

coffee and chat.

Everyone Welcome!

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 \$643
Thanksgiving \$1166

Thank you for your ongoing support through the Thanksgiving Program.

Introduction:

In these last weeks of the Church Year our focus turns to the sense of Christ's promise to come again in glory to judge the living and the dead. We do not know when this is to be, but we know that we prepare for it by the quality of our lives here on earth.

1st Reading: 1Kings 17:10-16

This historical book of Kings gives us the story of the widow of Sidon to parallel the gospel story of the widow's mite. The widow of Sidon has little but she is prepared to share even that with the prophet Elijah. She is rewarded for her generosity.

2nd Reading: Hebrews 9:24-28

The Letter to the Hebrews again speaks of Christ's priesthood. Christ's sacrifice has been once and for all. Christ is to come again "to reward with salvation all those who are waiting for him".

Gospel: Mark 12:38-44

The narrative of Mark gives us the criticism of Jesus about the scribes and their attitudes of superiority over others. He points out the lowly widow is more generous than their legalism because she gives of herself.

Prayer of Intercession: We have heard the praise of Jesus for the generosity of the widow and soon you will have your chance to give generously to the Lord.

1. For the holy Church of God, that the Lord may graciously watch over her and care for her, let us pray to the Lord.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

2. We pray that our Church leaders and members will always stand in solidarity with the poor and needy.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

3. We pray in thanksgiving for all those who, like the widows of the Scriptures, have little but give generously to church and charity.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

4. We remember the loved ones of those who were killed or maimed through war. May they be strengthened by God's love and find comfort in God's promise.

(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. 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: Loving Father, you sent your son Jesus who gave his life that we might live. He invites us to follow his model of sacrificial giving that others may find life through us. Accept our prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Next Weeks Readings: Dan 12:1-13, Heb 10:11-14, 18 Mk 13: 24-32

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

1 Kings 17:10-16

A reading from the first book of the Kings.

The widow made a little scone from her flour meal and brought it to Elijah.

Elijah the Prophet went off to Sidon. And when he reached the city gate, there was a widow gathering sticks; addressing her he said, 'Please bring a little water in a vessel for me to drink.' She was setting off to bring it when he called after her. 'Please' he said, 'bring me a scrap of bread in your hand.' 'As the Lord your God lives', she replied, 'I have no baked bread, but only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am just gathering a stick or two to go and prepare this for myself and my son to eat, and then we shall die.' But Elijah said to her, 'Do not be afraid, go and do as you have said; but first make a little scone of it for me and bring it to me, and then make some for yourself and for your son. For thus the Lord speaks, the God of Israel:

"Jar of meal shall not be spent,
jug of oil shall not be emptied,
before the day when the Lord sends
rain on the face of the earth."

The woman went and did as Elijah told her and they ate the food, she, himself and her son. The jar of meal was not spent nor the jug of oil emptied, just as the Lord had foretold through Elijah.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 145:7-10. R.v.2

(R.) *Praise the Lord, my soul!*

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith forever
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord who sets prisoners free. (R.)
2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bowed down.
It is the Lord who loves the just,
the Lord who protects the stranger. (R.)
3. The Lord upholds the widow and orphan
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age. (R.)

Second Reading

Hebrews 9:24-28

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

Christ offered himself only once to take the faults of many on himself.

It is not as though Christ had entered a man-made sanctuary which was only modelled on the real one; but it was heaven itself, so that he could appear in the actual presence of God on our behalf.

And he does not have to offer himself again and again, like the high priest going into the sanctuary year after year with the blood that is not his own, or else he would have had to suffer over and over again since the world began. Instead of that, he has made his appearance once and for all, now at the end of the last age, to do away with sin by sacrificing himself. Since men only die once, and after that comes judgement, so Christ, too, offers himself only once to take the faults of many on himself, and when he appears a second time, it will not be to deal with sin but to reward with salvation those who are waiting for him.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 5:3

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy the poor in spirit;
the kingdom of heaven is theirs.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 12:38-44

or (shorter form Mk 12:41-44)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

This poor widow has put more in than all who contributed.

In his teaching Jesus said, 'Beware of the scribes who like to walk about in long robes, to be greeted obsequiously in the market squares, to take the front seats in the synagogues and the places of honour at banquets; these are the men who swallow the property of widows, while making a show of lengthy prayers. The more severe will be the sentence they receive.'

He sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the treasury, and many of the rich put in a great deal. A poor widow came and put in two small coins, the equivalent of a penny. Then he called to his disciples and said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, this poor widow has put more in than all who have contributed to the treasury; for they have all put in money they had over, but she from the little she had has put in everything she possessed, all she had to live on.'

The Gospel of the Lord.



St Brigid's Carols in the Hall

Open Mic



Christmas Carols @ St Brigid's Hall

Sunday 1st December @ 5:30pm

Fisher St, Gisborne entrance to carpark

Musicians welcome to participate:

contact Kevin or Gerard to book a spot on the Mic

Ph: 54261354 or

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ALL WELCOME! Bring a plate to share!

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