



Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Yr C

9th February, 2025

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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,
Anthony S, Fran S, Helen K,
Shane R, George T, Henslee C,
Jacqueline D, Sebastian M,
Diane M, Eddie G, Ivor P,
Marg P & Zoe F.*

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**

08/02/25 Saturday 6pm Mass – Gisborne
09/02/25 150th Anniversary Mass – Gisborne
Parish Feast Day
10:30am – photo's on screen
11am – Mass begins
12-4pm – Celebration & Activities
11/02/25 5pm – Weekday Mass – Gisborne
12/02/25 9:15am – Weekday Mass – Gisborne
13/02/25 9:15am – Weekday Mass – Gisborne
13/02/25 7pm – PPC Meeting – Parish Office
14/02/25 **NO Weekday Mass**
14/02/25 2:30pm – Holy Cross Whole School &
Staff Commission Mass
15/02/25 Saturday 6pm Mass – Gisborne
16/02/25 Normal Sunday Masses

REFLECTION by Fr. Michael Tate

Peter was a fisherman. Jesus had been brought up in a carpenter's household. Jesus tells Peter when and how to fish. This gets under Peter's skin. He tells Jesus a few facts of life about night fishing on the Lake of Gennesaret. But, he gives in to this landlubber's directive and casts out the nets and hauls in a very good catch.

Jesus wants to come into the rhythm of our ordinary workaday lives. Surprising things may then happen. You may be commissioned by Our Lord Jesus Christ to become 'fishers of men', fishers of human beings. But don't fishermen fish the fish out of the sea and kill them?

Is being caught up in the net of Christianity to be a deadening experience? Having this in mind, St Luke used a word for netting fish for an aquarium. We who have been caught up in the net of Christianity are meant to be more alive than ever, 'fully alive'. The best analogy I can think of is the stranding of pods of whales, thrashing around in the shallows, barely existing, doomed unless saved. People go down and put slings under them and haul them into deeper water.

We could pause a moment to thank God that we have been guided into the life-giving waters of baptism, and for the strength to help others swim into the Oceanic depths of Divine Love.

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CELEBRATING 150 YEARS 1875 - 2025



Today we welcome many special guests to celebrate this milestone with us.

Archbishop Peter Comensoli, Fr. Barry Tobin, Fr. Gerry Spillane, Fr. John Healy & Fr. Vincent Nguyen.

Current & past parishioners and friends & family from far & wide.

Thank you for your attendance today and your contributions to our parish.



Rosters & Events



Ministers for next weekend's Masses

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C

15th & 16th February, 2025

6:00pm Mass St. Brigid's
Reader:
Eucharist:

8:00am Mass St. Ambrose's
Welcomer: J. White
Reader:

Flowers:

9:30am Mass St. Patrick's
Reader:
Eucharist:

11:00am Mass St. Brigid's
Reader:
Eucharist:



On behalf of everyone at St. Brigid's Parish THANK YOU TO OUR 150th ANNIVERSARY WORKING PARTY.

This team has worked tirelessly for the past 9 months bringing together the celebration we will enjoy this weekend.

Thank you to our suppliers.

Signature Engraving – Pavers

Signarama – Storyboards

Adrian Love – Paver installation

Westward Films – Livestreaming

That Video Guy – Media

Autocopy – Commemorative books

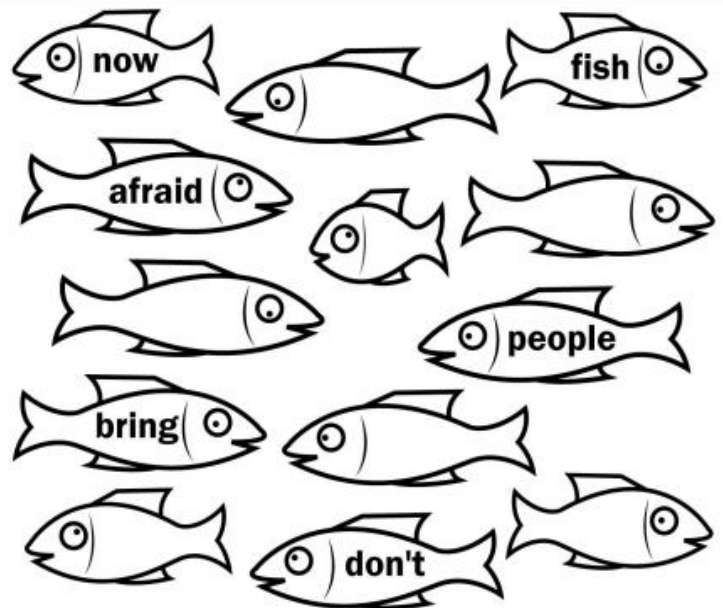
Commemorative Books will be available to purchase in the parish hall after Mass

A5 - \$10

A4 - \$20



Use the words in the fish to complete the sentence below....



_____ be _____! From _____ on you
will _____ in _____ instead of _____.

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.

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!

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.

HOME VISITS TO THE SICK

Parishioners wanting to have a home visit from Fr. Vincent should please contact the office by phone or email to arrange a suitable time.

Our Safeguarding Policy does not allow for a Priest or volunteer to attend a home to provide Communion or counsel without consent of the person directly involved.

SCRIPTURE STUDIES

Thursday – 10am

For all enquiries please contact

Bernie 0414 890 377

St Brigid's Parish Weekly Giving

Collections last week: Presbytery \$499
Thanksgiving \$1111

Thank you for your ongoing support through the Thanksgiving Program.

Introduction: In today's Liturgy we hear of several people who had made a personal response to God's call. Let us all be open to deepen the particular call we have made to follow God in faith.

1st Reading: Isaiah 6:1-8

In this early part of the Book of Isaiah, we hear his own story of his call from God and his sense of being unworthy, but he still responds.

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:3-8.11

Brought up in the tradition of the Pharisees, Paul was conscious of the tradition he had received as part of his formation. Now he passes on to fellow Christians, the core of Christian teaching.

Gospel: Luke 5:1-11

In this call of the disciples to follow Jesus, Simon himself is the central figure, who is unsure of his own worthiness, but Jesus reassures them of their mission.

Prayer of Intercession: As people of faith and hope at the coming of the Lord Jesus, let us pray for our Parish on this 150th anniversary of our Parish Church.

1. We pray for all the priests, nuns, brothers and other clergy who have supported our Parish during the past 150 years. Thank you, Lord, for their service, knowledge, wisdom and guidance.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

2. We offer our grateful thanks and praise for the volunteers who quietly yet faithfully offered their services to our Parish.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

3. We pray and give thanks for those who have donated the many items which adorn this church, including the Stations of the Cross, crucifix, Our Lady's Altar, choir loft, holy water fonts, statues, stained glass windows, lectern, baptismal font, devotional candle stand and any other items not listed.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

4. We pray for the community in which we live. For our families, our neighbours and our friends. We give thanks for our Parish and for the loving warmth of our church community, for those who spread your words of truth and faith and those who freely volunteer their time and talents to help others.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

5. We pray for the ongoing success of our two schools and give thanks for their generous support of the Parish.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

6. Jesus assures us that he brings us 'life to the full'. Let us pray for St. Brigid's Parish and for all who have been associated with it. May God's blessing continue to nourish all of us as we endeavour to proclaim his kingdom.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

7. We pray for those suffering throughout the world from hunger, war, conflict, epidemics, drought and other natural disasters. May they be strengthened and sustained by our prayers and the love of God.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

8. We pray for ourselves and the special needs of all in our parish community. We pray for those who are sick – especially those on our parish prayer list – the frail, 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.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

Please join in the Parish Prayer.

Celebrant: Merciful and forgiving God, on this 150th anniversary of our Parish Church, receive these prayers of intercession from your loving people in whom your grace has not been ineffective. We offer them to you though Christ our Lord. Amen

Next weeks readings: Jeremiah 17:5-8; 1Corinthians 15:12, 16-20; Luke 6: 17, 20-26

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.

The Living Word

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First Reading

Isaiah 6:1-8

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Here am I! Send me.

In the year of King Uzziah's death I saw the Lord seated on a high throne; his train filled the sanctuary; above him stood seraphs, each one with six wings. And they cried out to one another in this way,

‘Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts.

His glory fills the whole earth.’

The foundations of the threshold shook with the voice of the one who cried out, and the Temple was filled with smoke. I said:

‘What a wretched state I am in! I am lost,
for I am a man of unclean lips
and I live among a people of unclean lips,
and my eyes have looked at the King, the Lord of hosts.’

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding in his hand a live coal which he had taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. With this he touched my mouth and said:

‘See now, this has touched your lips,
your sin is taken away, your iniquity is purged.’

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying: ‘Whom shall I send? Who will be our messenger?’

I answered, ‘Here I am, send me.’

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 137:1-5. 7-8. R. v.1

(R.) In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,
you have heard the words of my mouth.
Before the angels I will bless you.
I will adore before your holy temple. (R.)
2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love
which excel all we ever knew of you.
On the day I called, you answered;
you increased the strength of my soul. (R.)
3. All earth's kings shall thank you
when they hear the words of your mouth.
They shall sing of the Lord's ways;
‘How great is the glory of the Lord!’ (R.)
4. You stretch out your hand and save me,
your hand will do all things for me.
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of your hands. (R.)

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:1-11 or

1 Corinthians 15:3-8, 11 (shorter form)

A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians.

I preach what they preach, and this is what you believe.

Brothers, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, the gospel that you received and in which you are firmly established; because the gospel will save you only if you keep believing exactly what I preached to you – believing anything else will not lead to anything.

Well then, in the first place, I taught you what I had been taught myself, namely that Christ died for our sins, in accordance with the scriptures; that he was buried; and that he was raised to life on the third day, in accordance with the scriptures; that he appeared first to Cephas and secondly to the Twelve. Next he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died; then he appeared to James, and then to all the apostles; and last of all he appeared to me too; it was as though I was born when no one expected it.

I am the least of the apostles; in fact, since I persecuted the Church of God, I hardly deserve the name apostle; but by God's grace that is what I am, and the grace that he gave me has not been fruitless. On the contrary, I, or rather the grace of God that is with me, have worked harder than any of the others; but what matters is that I preach what they preach, and this is what you all believed.’

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 4:19

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come follow me, says the Lord,
and I will make you fishers of my people.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 5:1-11

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

They left everything and followed him.

Jesus was standing one day by the lake of Gennesaret, with the crowd pressing round him listening to the word of God, when he caught sight of two boats close to the bank. The fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats – it was Simon's – and asked him to put out a little from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat.

When he had finished speaking he said to Simon, ‘Put out into deep water and pay out your nets for a catch.’ ‘Master,’ Simon replied ‘we worked hard all night long and caught nothing, but if you say so, I will pay out the nets.’ And when they had done this they netted such a huge number of fish that their nets began to tear, so they signalled to their companions in the other boat to come and help them; when these came, they filled the two boats to sinking point. When Simon Peter saw this he fell at the knees of Jesus saying, ‘Leave me Lord; I am a sinful man.’ For he and all his companions were completely overcome by the catch they had made; so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were Simon's partners. But Jesus said to Simon, ‘Do not be afraid; from now on it is men you will catch.’ Then, bringing their boats back to land, they left everything and followed him.

The Gospel of the Lord.