



Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Yr C

16th 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, especially **Peter Sluga,**
Jelka Sluga, Jane Gauci, Richard Jephson and
George & Tessie Galea.

May they rest in peace

*Please email Tam if you would like an Anniversary included.***UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS**

15/02/25 Saturday 6pm Mass – Gisborne
16/02/25 Normal Sunday Masses
18/02/25 5pm – Weekday Mass – Gisborne
19/02/25 9:15am – Weekday Mass – Gisborne
20/02/25 **NO Weekday Mass**
20/02/25 Holy Cross Yr6 Class Mass
21/02/25 9:15am – Weekday Mass - Gisborne
22/02/25 Saturday 6pm Mass – Gisborne
23/02/25 Normal Sunday Masses
23/02/25 12noon – Baptism's - Gisborne

150th Anniversary Celebration

Photographs wanted

Along with the professional footage shot on the day, there
were a lot of cameras and phones being used to capture the
celebrations.

If you would like your photographs to be included in the
historical file for the 150th Anniversary event, please
forward them to gisborne@cam.org.au

Livestreaming

If you weren't able to attend or watch online live you can
still access the footage via the link below:

<https://www.westwardfilms.com.au/st-brigids-anniversary>

REFLECTION by Fr. Michael Tate

Blessed are the poor? – the hungry? – those who mourn?
What is Jesus doing in these Beatitudes?

Jesus was not a 'pie in the sky' dreamer saying: 'You are
destitute, hungry now. Don't worry, you will be okay in
paradise in the long distant future.' That would be a cruel
celestial joke.

Rather, Jesus was setting about the task of creating a new
sort of society, the Kingdom of God on earth, in which
the destitute, the starving, the weeping, are blessed in the
sense that they can expect their suffering to be alleviated,
companions to be found in their distress.

The Divine imperative is that His followers break out of
their comfort zone of plenty of money, full stomachs,
much to laugh about. They must enter into the harsh
reality of other people's destitute, starving, weeping lives.
Woe to them if they do not.

Can Our Lord look into the heart of each one of us living
in our comfortable world, and then with confidence turn
to that other world and recite the Beatitudes?

We might pause for a moment, recognise that Jesus'
credibility is on the line, and pray that His Father's will
be done on earth as it is in Heaven.

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WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2025

Focus country: the Cook Islands

On behalf of the Ecumenical churches in Gisborne

St. Brigid's Catholic Church

will host WDOP this year.

Friday, March 7th, 2025 - 10:30am

All welcome





Rosters & Events



Ministers for next weekend's Masses

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C

22nd & 23rd 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:	

TIME FOR A BREAK!

After a massive 35 years as Sacristan of St. Patrick's Church in Macedon

Bernie Stanchinotti

is set to step down and smell some of the many roses he has planted in is time!

Not only has Bernie cared for the inside of the church and ensured the Masses have run smoothly, he has also been instrumental in setting up the gardens after the new church was built and maintaining the site including the overseeing of trades as required.

THANK YOU BERNIE!!

This now means we are looking to fill some shoes!

If you are passionate about St. Patrick's and would like to become more involved in ministry, please contact Tam at the office and put your name forward. As always, parish volunteers need to hold a current Working with Children Check and complete the online Safeguarding Training required by our Safeguarding Policy. Full training provided and sharing of the role also an option. The more people available to share the workload the better.



Worldwide Marriage Encounter

A ministry in the Catholic Church offering couples a weekend of discovery for their marriage.
Enhance communication and rekindle the passion in your marriage!

For additional information contact us:

0409 183 676
vicbookings@wwme.org.au
wwme.org.au



Marriage refers to the Catholic understanding of the spousal relationship between a man and a woman.

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 Kaffee 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 \$767
Thanksgiving \$1370

Thank you for your ongoing support through the Thanksgiving Program.

Introduction: In the Eucharist we share the fruits of Christ's resurrection from the dead. In today's Mass we hear St. Paul's words about the importance of the resurrection as the source and ground of our faith.

1st Reading: Jeremiah 17:5-8

The prophet Jeremiah contrasts the difference between the parched salt land of dry scrub and the areas where trees are planted by the waterside with roots in the stream.

2nd Reading: 1Corinthians 15:12, 16-20

We hear St. Paul's key argument about the resurrection as the centre and basis of faith. If Christ has not been raised from the dead, then we are truly lost.

Gospel: Luke 6:17, 20-26

After omitting Luke's version of the choosing of the Twelve, we hear the beginning of Luke's section which is parallel to Matthew's Sermon on the Mount.

Prayer of Intercession: The prophet Jeremiah has said: Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose hope is the Lord. Heartened by his words, may we continue to be blessed by God's presence.

1. We pray for our Holy Father, priests and bishops. May the Spirit encourage them to proclaim the Gospel of life over the culture of death.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

2. We pray for all the baptised. May our faith with Paul of being baptised into Christ's death, encourage us to be raised up with Him in his resurrection.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

3. We pray for our Parish community: that our sense of belonging may be strengthened, that all members of our parish family may feel valued and reach their potential to live life to the full.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

4. We pray for the work of CatholicCare Victoria's pastoral ministry, chaplains and volunteers; for being the messengers of God's mercy, love and compassion.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

5. 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, especially **Peter Sluga, Jelka Sluga, Jane Gauci, Richard Jephson and George & Tessie Galea.**

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

Please join in the Parish Prayer.

Celebrant: Lord may you continue to bring your blessings to the poor, the hungry, the sorrowing and those who suffer. May their hope lead to joy in your name. We make these prayers through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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 17:5-8

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah.

A curse on those who trust in humanity; a blessing on those who trust in the Lord.

The Lord says this:

‘A curse on the man who puts his trust in man,
who relies on things of flesh,
whose heart turns from the Lord.
He is like dry scrub in the wastelands:
if good comes, he has no eyes for it,
he settles in the parched places of the wilderness,
a salt land, uninhabited.

‘A blessing on the man who puts his trust in the Lord, with
the Lord for his hope. He is like a tree by the waterside
that thrusts its roots to the stream: when the heat comes it
feels no alarm, its foliage stays green; it has no worries in a
year of drought, and never ceases to bear fruit.’

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 1:1-4. R. Ps 39:5

(R.) *Happy are they who hope in the Lord.*

1. Happy indeed is the man
who follows not the counsel of the wicked;
nor lingers in the way of sinners
nor sits in the company of scorners,
but whose delight is the law of the Lord
and who ponders his law day and night. (R.)
2. He is like a tree that is planted
beside the flowing waters,
that yields its fruit in due season
and whose leaves shall never fade;
and all that he does shall prosper. (R.)
3. Not so are the wicked, not so!
For they like winnowed chaff
shall be driven away by the wind.
For the Lord guards the way of the just
but the way of the wicked leads to doom. (R.)

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20

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

If Christ is not raised from the dead, your faith is in vain.
If Christ raised from the dead is what has been preached,
how can some of you be saying that there is no resurrection
of the dead? For if the dead are not raised, Christ has not
been raised, and if Christ has not been raised, you are still
in your sins. And what is more serious, all who have died
in Christ have perished. If our hope in Christ has been for
this life only, we are the most unfortunate of all people.
But Christ has in fact been raised from the dead, the first-
fruits of all who have fallen asleep.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Luke 6:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

Rejoice and be glad;
your reward is great in heaven.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 6:17. 20-26

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Happy are the poor. Woe to the rich!

Jesus came down with the Twelve and stopped at a piece of
level ground where there was a large gathering of his
disciples with a great crowd of people from all parts of
Judea and from Jerusalem and from the coastal region of
Tyre and Sidon who had come to hear him and to be cured
of their diseases.

Then fixing his eyes on his disciples he said:

‘How happy are you who are poor: yours is the kingdom of
God.

Happy you who are hungry now: you shall be satisfied.

Happy you who weep now: you shall laugh.

‘Happy are you when people hate you, drive you out, abuse
you, denounce your name as criminal, on account of the
Son of Man. Rejoice when that day comes and dance for
joy, for then your reward will be great in heaven. This was
the way their ancestors treated the prophets.

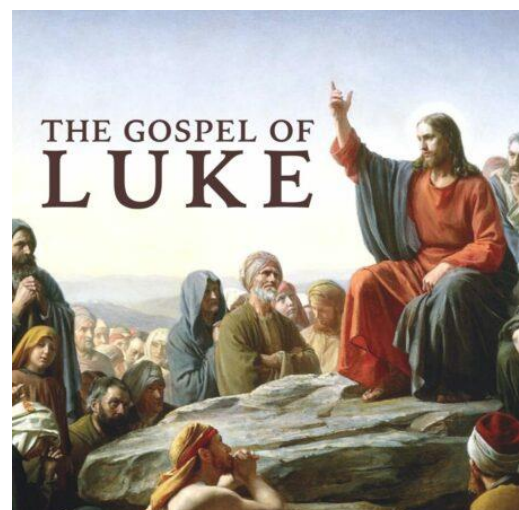
‘But alas for you who are rich: you are having your
consolation now.

Alas for you who have your fill now: you shall go hungry.

Alas for you who laugh now: you shall mourn and weep.

‘Alas for you when the world speaks well of you! This was
the way their ancestors treated the false prophets.’

The Gospel of the Lord.



St Brigid's Church 150th Anniversary Celebration

Sunday, February 9th, 2025



When you set about planning an event like St Brigid's Church 150th Anniversary, there are many things that you plan for, and as we know, many things that are out of our control. On Sunday, feedback from parishioners tells us that we were truly blessed with things going to plan and also with the weather.

As explained, Archbishop Peter Comensoli was only able to confirm in the week leading up to our special day, that he would be able to come and be the main celebrant. With the assistance of St Brigid's parish priest, Fr Vincent Nguyen, past parish priest, Fr Gerry Spillane and parish priest, Father John Healy from Woodend/Romsey/Lancefield we experienced a truly memorable mass. Unfortunately Fr Barry Tobin was an apology on the day but he will visit later in the year when in better health.

The streaming of this event proved to be an ideal way to not only cater for the families who attended in both the church and the hall but also to those who could not attend in person or on the day. You can view the mass by connecting to this link: <https://melbournecatholic.org/news/150th-anniversary-celebrations-for-one-of-the-states-oldest-churches>.



Choir members across our parish mass centres joined together to ensure that our Liturgy was enhanced by music and song.



Following the Mass everyone was invited to follow Archbishop Peter outside where he blessed the pavers purchased by parishioners. We thank Neville Spiers for taking St Colmcille's Gate [looked after for many years by Peter Gardiner] and creating an installation that replicated the posts and fencing at St Colmcille's Church in Bullengarook.



For those people present who have been asking 'Did the sausages and drinks we bought raise enough to cover the cost of the plants surrounding the pavers and St Colmcille Gate installation - **YES**



has been happening in their lives and the lives of their families over the past years.

The hall was a buzz with the sharing of refreshments and chatter; for many who have moved away from Gisborne it provided the perfect reason to come together and bring each other up to date on what



Thanks Pauline & Carolyn for Manning the Kitchen





To view an article written by Paul Lawry for the latest edition of **Melbourne Catholic** go to the following link:

<https://melbournecatholic.org/news/150th-anniversary-celebrations-for-one-of-the-states-oldest-churches>

Over the coming weeks look for some of these beautiful gifts that will grace the walls of St Brigid's Church.



Painting presented to Fr Vincent Nguyen commemorating 150 years across the parish by artist and parishioner, Kathryn Morgana-Aprile

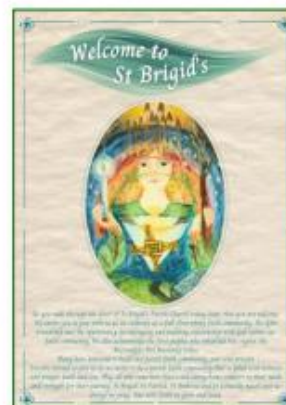


The Heritage Trail outside the church has three boards that will carry stories and information about our parish past and present. Check them regularly as this will be the next thing that will have ongoing additions to the content.

A big thankyou to our principals, Mel Daly & Kellie McDonald and their staff who attended this day.



Thankyou to the St Brigid's Junior Choir for their singing of St Brigid's Song.



Message of Welcome to everyone who enters our churches in the Gisborne Parish created by Jackie Schober & Emma Barker [St Brigid's Primary School]

