



Easter Sunday - Yr C

20th April, 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
Parish Facebook Page

www.facebook.com/stbrigidsparishgisborne**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,
Jacqueline D, Sebastian M,
Diane M, Marg P, Zoe F,
Ellen K & Pat P.**

We pray for the recently deceased and for those who have
an anniversary at this time, especially **John Cutajar,
Maria Garzia, Annette Morton & Joseph Perera.**
May they rest in peace

Upcoming Events & Holy Week Mass Times

18/04/25	PLEASE NOTE NO 9:15am MASS TODAY	
18/04/25	10am Stations of the Cross	Gis
18/04/25	3:00pm Passion of the Lord	Gis
19/04/25	7:00pm Holy Easter Vigil	Gis
20/04/25	8:00am Easter Sunday Mass	R/Creek
20/04/25	9:30am Easter Sunday Mass	Macedon
20/04/25	11am Easter Sunday Mass	Gisborne
22/04/25	5pm – Weekday Mass	Gis
23/4/25	9:15am – Weekday Mass	Gis
24/04/25	9:15am – Weekday Mass	Gis
25/04/25	9:15am – Weekday Mass	Gis
26/04/25	Saturday 6pm Mass -	Gis
27/04/25	Normal Sunday Masses	
27/04/25	12pm - Baptism's	Gis

2025 CARITAS PROJECT COMPASSION

Please return envelopes and mite boxes at your earliest
convenience to be included with the Project Compassion
Collection. Thank you for your support.

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

Women go to the tomb as dawn is breaking. The Power of Darkness which had Jesus unjustly sentenced, cruelly tortured and buried in the pitch blackness of the tomb, is conquered by the Son-Rise of all sun rises flooding our world and the whole of human history with Divine Light and Energy.

This is the heart of our faith as Catholic Christians, which we celebrate with bon fire (good fire) in darkness at the Easter Vigil. From that earthly element we light the Easter candle and the Exsultet is sung: 'Be glad, let earth be glad as glory floods her, ablaze with light from her eternal King.'

The resurrection itself is nowhere described in the gospels, but we do have appearances of the Risen Lord Jesus. The first appearance was to a woman, Mary of Magdala. A title given to her by the early church was 'Apostle to the Apostles' because she was the bearer of the message which the male disciples initially did not believe. But eventually they too believed that Death had been done to death because the Son had risen.

Christ's body was transfigured by the energy of Divine Love and we can, by grace, participate in that resurrection life of Our Lord. A glorious destiny awaits us, as indeed it awaits the whole cosmos as it is to be transformed by that resurrection life recreating the whole of creation.

We could take a moment to pray that we, along with all that matters, are graced with the life-giving energy of the Risen Son and that we may join Mary of Magdala in spreading the Good News of Christ's victory over death. Alleluia!

mtate@bigpond.com**THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS**

We can never thank our volunteers enough for the work they do in our parish but without doubt, Holy Week is the biggest week on the Liturgical calendar and the work that has taken place behind the scenes in recent time to bring to life all of our Easter Services and Celebrations has been HUGE!

Special mentions must go to the Liturgy Team and the Music Team/Choir but to every volunteer who helped with reading, special minister, cleaning, organising or any other job I've missed, **THANK YOU.**



Rosters & Events



Ministers for next weekend's Masses

Second Sunday of Easter – Year C

26th & 27th April, 2025

6:00pm Mass St. Brigid's Reader: T. Wilson Eucharist: L. Wilson	8:00am Mass St. Ambrose's Welcomer: J. White Reader: P. Sammut	Flowers: M. Clifford & W. Kays 
9:30am Mass St. Patrick's Reader: K. Petherbridge Eucharist: D. Briffa	11:00am Mass St. Brigid's Reader: J. Holmes & C. Holmes Eucharist: K. Page	

'PARISH, PRIESTS AND PIONEERS, A HISTORY OF ST. BRIGID'S PARISH, GISBORNE'

The cost for the book is \$10 (A5 - small) or \$20 (A4 - large).
Books can be purchased directly from the Parish Office or at weekend Masses.



THANK YOU!

Caritas Australia would like to express our heartfelt thanks for your incredible support of Project Compassion this Lent.

If you still have your Project Compassion box or donation envelope at home, please return them next week at Mass.

Your generosity is helping to empower the world's most vulnerable communities, enabling them to overcome challenges and lift themselves out of poverty.

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:

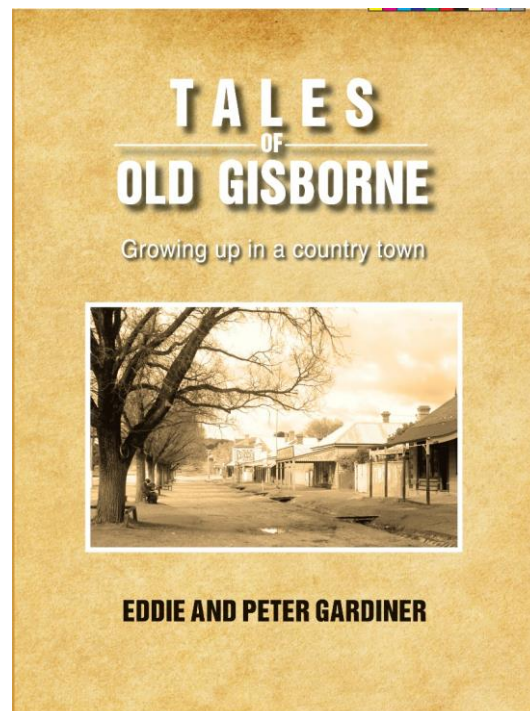
**St. Brigid's Presbytery Account
NAB**

BSB: 083 347

Acct: 6672 72303

Please use your surname as the reference.

EVERYONE IS INVITED TO THE LAUNCH OF THE BOOK



TO BE HELD AT ST BRIGID'S PARISH HALL
ON SUNDAY 4 MAY AT 2.30PM

Copies of the Book will be available for purchase - \$35

(Cash accepted & Credit Card facility available)

We'd be grateful if those attending could bring a small plate of food to share for afternoon tea. Please advise Tam at the office if you can help.

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

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

OPEN HOUSE

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

Everyone Welcome!

SCRIPTURE STUDIES

Thursday – 10am

For all enquiries please contact
Bernie 0414 890 377

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 \$523
Thanksgiving \$1093

Thank you for your ongoing support through the Thanksgiving Program.

Introduction: Happy Easter! As we wish everyone a happy Easter, we express the hope that everyone may truly live in the presence of the Risen Lord among us, just as Jesus revealed himself to the disciples and strengthened their faith.

1st Reading: Acts 10:34, 37-43

We hear Peter proclaim to the newly baptised household of Cornelius what is the heart of our Christian belief. The Apostles as witness to the Risen Jesus were given the mission to spread the Good News.

2nd Reading: Colossians 3:1-4

We hear Paul proclaim that we have been brought back to life in Christ. He urges that our external actions in daily life should reflect that we live in Christ.

Gospel: John 20:1-9

We hear of the scene early on the first day of the week, after the Sabbath rest, how Mary Magdalene, and then Peter and John, all struggle with the experience of the empty tomb.

Prayer of Intercession: Easter is the time when we most deeply celebrate our redemption in Christ. Baptised into Christ's death we have been raised up with him in the life of his Spirit.

1. For Pope Francis, priests and bishops, that the joy of the resurrection might fill their lives as they proclaim the Good News of Christ to a waiting world.

(pause) We pray to the Lord

Lord, hear our prayer.

2. That our celebration of Easter lead us to deepen the way we respond to being baptised into Christ's death and being raised to life.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

3. That the newly baptised and communicants always live their Easter Sacraments and show a strong witness to the Gospel values they now accept.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

4. That the sacrifices for Project Compassion during Lent may extend the outreach of support to those in need.

(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 and 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 **John Cutajar, Maria Garzia, Annette Morton & Joseph Perera**. May they rise to the peace of Jesus' love.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Please join in the parish Prayer.

Celebrant: Father we thank you for the restoration of your plan in Christ Jesus the Lord. As we acclaim Jesus as our Passover and peace, may we who celebrate his victory over death be raised up in his eternal life. Accept our prayer now, through Christ our Lord.

Next week's readings: Acts 5:12-16; Apoc 1:9-13, 17-19; John 20:19-31

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

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

First Reading

Acts 10:34, 37-43

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead.

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 117:1-2. 16-17. 22-23. R. v.24

(R.) *This is the day the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad.*

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.
Let the sons of Israel say:
'His love has no end.' (R.)
2. The Lord's right hand has triumphed;
his right hand raised me up.
I shall not die, I shall live
and recount his deeds. (R.)
3. The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes. (R.)

Second Reading

Colossians 3:1-4

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Colossians.

Look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

1 Corinthians 5:7-8

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;
let us feast with joy in the Lord.

Alleluia!

Gospel

John 20:1-9

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

The teaching of scripture is that he must rise from the dead.

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

The Gospel of the Lord.

