



Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time - Yr C

31st August, 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, Corrine V, Anthony S,
Fran S, Helen K, George T, Diane M,
Marg P, Zoe F, Beth T &
Willow O.**

We pray for the recently deceased, especially **Elsie Ryan**
and for those who have an anniversary at this time,
especially **Jack McCormack**.
May they rest in peace.

**Upcoming Parish Masses & Events**

Sat 30/08/25 Saturday 6pm Mass – Gisborne
Sun 31/08/25 Normal Sunday Masses
Tue 02/09/25 5pm - Weekday Mass – Gisborne
Wed 03/09/25 9:15am – Weekday Mass – Gisborne
Wed 03/09/25 6:30pm – Baptism Information evening
Thu 04/09/25 9:15am – Weekday Mass – Gisborne
Thu 04/09/25 10am – Scripture Study
Fri 05/09/25 9:15am – Weekday Mass – Gisborne
St. Brigids School Father's Day Service
Sat 06/09/25 Saturday 6pm Mass – Gisborne
Sun 07/09/25 Normal Sunday Masses

Fr. Vincent – Annual Leave

Sat 6/9/25 to Fri 12/9/25 annual leave
Please note there will be no Weekday Masses whilst
Fr. Vincent is on annual leave.

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

Hearing Our Lord's command: 'Invite the poor, the crippled, to the feast,' how do we respond as citizens of a nation which, in comparative global terms, is having a great feast? Jesus demands that we go well beyond an immigration policy which favours skilled and entrepreneurial people. They more than 'repay our courtesy' in terms of economic activity and social stability. The majority of the poor and the crippled live in the subsistence villages, the refugee camps, and the squalor of the megacities of the Third World.

Heaven embossed invitations must be extended to such as those so that they may join in our national feast. Only then can we become the sort of people who, in the great Feast of Heaven, can join with those poor who are certain to be there.

We could pause for a moment to pray to put today's Gospel into effect so that we might hear Our Lord: 'Friend, join in the Feast. Be close to me.'

mtate@bigpond.com**Supply Priest next weekend**

The weekend of September 6th & 7th we will welcome Fr. Trevor Trotter of the Columban Priests to celebrate Mass with us.

SAFEGUARDING IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY

St. Brigids Parish has been selected for inclusion in the Archdiocese's Safeguarding Audit.

All parish volunteers must have a current Working with Children Check or VIT registration that links St. Brigids Parish as one of their volunteer organisations.

If you have provided a current WWCC or VIT card that is not linked to our parish – please do so by logging into your Service Victoria account and adding the details. Tam can assist with this if required.

Volunteers are also required to undergo Safeguarding training which can be done online.

A signed code of conduct is also required.

I will email all volunteers in the coming weeks to provide links to training and the code of conduct. Training sessions will be held in the parish office for those who would like assistance.



Rosters & Events



Ministers for next weekend's Masses

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6th & 7th September, 2025

6:00pm Mass St. Brigid's Reader: F. Murone Eucharist: K. Aprile	8:00am Mass St. Ambrose's Welcomer: J. White Reader: A-M Drummond	Flowers: J. Shumack 
9:30am Mass St. Patrick's Reader: M. Redman Eucharist: R. Fisher	11:00am Mass St. Brigid's Reader: C. Fry Eucharist: V. Firman	

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING ONLINE SESSIONS PARISH OFFICE

All parish volunteers are required to undertake Safeguarding training every 3 years in line with our Safeguarding Policy.

A link will be sent to all parish volunteers next week to access the online training at home.

If you would prefer to attend the training in person and have Tam walk you through it, please contact the office by email at

gisborne@cam.org.au or phone

5428 2591 on Tuesday or

Thursday to book your place.

Tuesday 09/09/25 – 10am

Thursday 11/09/25 – 2pm

Tuesday 16/09/25 – 10am

Thursday 18/09/25 – 2pm

Please allow 1 hour of your time.

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.

SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY

Signs of Hope on the Edge:

Serving Homeless People with Mental Ill Health

Australia is facing a deepening crisis. Over 273,000 people sought help from homelessness services last year, many also struggling with mental illness. Services are overstretched and many people are left without care, shelter, or hope. Many who are homeless also live with serious mental health challenges. Services are overwhelmed, and too many people are left without the help they desperately need.

This year's Social Justice Statement calls us to follow the example of Jesus, who always noticed, listened to, and cared for those on the edge of society. Just as Jesus healed the blind man Bartimaeus (*Mark 10:46–52*), we are called to see and respond to the needs of our sisters and brothers living in hardship.

The Church must become a place of encounter, where people are not just helped, but befriended and embraced as equals. We must notice those on the edge, truly get to know them, and walk with them in love. The Bishops call for practical action: more affordable housing, better mental health services, stronger support systems, and an end to policies that leave people behind.

But above all, they call on each of us to respond with compassion, courage, and hope. This is not just the work of professionals or institutions. Every Christian is called to step into the lives of those who are suffering, to befriend them, advocate for them, and journey alongside them.

"The Eucharist commits us to the poor... you have tasted the blood of the Lord, yet you do not recognize your brother."

– St John Chrysostom

As we enter the Jubilee Year 2025, Pope Francis reminded us that we are all "Pilgrims of Hope." Let us be a Church that brings healing, dignity, and hope. Let us walk with those who are homeless and mentally unwell, not just as service providers, but as neighbours and friends.

Excerpt taken from Harrison Pocknee 08/06/25

OPEN HOUSE

Meet after 11am Sunday Mass at the Kaffeeine 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 \$501
Thanksgiving \$1051

Thank you for your ongoing support through the Thanksgiving Program.

Introduction:

Welcome to our community of faith! It is good to recognise that we are all dependent on others. We are dependent most of all on Jesus for his healing and pardon which comes in this Eucharist through which we are strengthened in love.

1st Reading: Ecclesiasticus 3: 17-20.28-29

The commentary in this reading is on the power of humility and its resulting favour with the Lord.

2nd Reading: Hebrews 12, 18-19, 22-24

Through Jesus we have access to God. The author uses the images of Mount Zion and the heavenly Jerusalem to illustrate how great is the promise of heaven.

Gospel: Luke 14: 1, 7-14

From good table manners, Jesus draws conclusions about the kingdom. God delights in those who recognise their lowliness and need for being saved.

Prayers of Intercession: We have heard the words of Jesus about his expectations of his disciples. As followers of Jesus, we show our awareness of the privilege we share in having a place at this Eucharistic table.

1. We pray that the Gospel ideal of hospitality may become for us the Christian expression of love and not be a shallow form of social climbing.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

2. We pray that the Lord will honour the generosity of heart of those who give to others or serve others without expecting anything in return.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

3. We pray, mindful of the floods of migrants and refugees, including many children, who flee war, hunger, poverty and social injustice. We pray also for those who minister to them that they may bear witness to the mercy of Christ without fear, prejudices and interest.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

4. We continue to pray for the children of our Parish who are soon to receive the Eucharist for the first time. May the Bread of Life sustain them in their love of Jesus.

(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 – 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, especially **Elsie Ryan** and for those whose anniversaries occur at time, especially, **Jack McCormack**. May they share in the fullness of eternal life.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Please join in the parish Prayer.

Celebrant:

Heavenly Father, your Son Jesus reveals himself as meek and humble of heart. May our celebration of this Eucharist be the expression of our faith in you, as it is the source of your life in us. Grant the prayers we make through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Next week's readings:

Wisdom 9: 13-18; Philemon 9-10.12-17; Luke 14: 25-33

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 Ecclesiasticus 3:17-20, 28-29

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus.

Humble yourself and you will find favour with the Lord.

My son, be gentle in carrying out your business, and you will be better loved than a lavish giver. The greater you are, the more you should behave humbly, and then you will find favour with the Lord; for great though the power of the Lord is, he accepts the homage of the humble. There is no cure for the proud man's malady, since an evil growth has taken root in him. The heart of a sensible man will reflect on parables, an attentive ear is the sage's dream.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 67:4-7. 10-11. R. v.11

(R.) *God, in your goodness,
you have made a home for the poor.*

1. The just shall rejoice at the presence of God,
they shall exult and dance for joy.
O sing to the Lord, make music to his name;
rejoice in the Lord, exult at his presence. (R.)
2. Father of the orphan, defender of the widow,
such is God in his holy place.
God gives the lonely a home to live in;
he leads the prisoners forth into freedom. (R.)
3. You poured down, O God, a generous rain:
when your people were starved you gave them new life.
It was there that your people found a home,
in your goodness, O God, for the poor. (R.)

Second Reading Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

You have to come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God.

What you have come to is nothing known to the senses: not a blazing fire, or a gloom turning to total darkness, or a storm; or trumpeting thunder or the great voice speaking which made everyone that heard it beg that no more should be said to them. But what you have come to is Mount Zion and the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem where the millions of angels have gathered for the festival, with the whole Church in which everyone is a 'first born son' and a citizen of heaven. You have come to God himself, the supreme Judge, and been placed with spirits of the saints who have been made perfect; and to Jesus, the mediator who brings a new covenant.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 11:29

Alleluia, alleluia!

Take my yoke upon you; learn from me,
for I am gentle and lowly in heart.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 14:1, 7-14

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

All who exalt themselves shall be humbled and all who humble themselves shall be exalted.

On a sabbath day Jesus had gone for a meal to the house of one of the leading Pharisees; and they watched him closely. He then told the guests a parable, because he had noticed how they picked the places of honour. He said this, 'When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take your seat in the place of honour. A more distinguished person than you may have been invited, and the person who invited you both may come and say, "Give up your place to this man." And then, to your embarrassment, you would have to go and take the lowest place. No; when you are a guest, make your way to the lowest place and sit there, so that, when your host comes, he may say, "My friend, move up higher." In that way, everyone with you at the table will see you honoured. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

Then he said to his host, 'When you give a lunch or a dinner, do not ask your friends, brothers, relations or rich neighbours, for fear they repay your courtesy by inviting you in return. No; when you have a party, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; that they cannot pay you back means that you are fortunate, because repayment will be made to you when the virtuous rise again.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

