



Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time - Yr C

7th September, 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 and for those who have an anniversary at this time, especially *Jack Buttie, Miette & Hubert Cimiotti, David Consiglio, Jim Sullivan & Peter Linton.*

May they rest in peace.

**Upcoming Parish Masses & Events****Sat 06/09/25** Saturday 6pm Mass – Gisborne**Sun 07/09/25** Normal Sunday Masses**Mon 8/9/25 to Fri 12/9/25 – NO Weekday Masses***Due to Fr. Vincent being on leave***Sat 13/09/25** Saturday 6pm Mass – Gisborne**Sun 14/09/25** Normal Sunday Masses**Sun 14/09/25** 2pm – St. Brigids PS Holy Communion**Sun 14/09/25** 4:30pm – Holy Cross PS Holy Communion**Tue 16/09/25** 5pm - Weekday Mass – Gisborne**Wed 17/09/25** 9:15am – Weekday Mass – Gisborne**Thu 18/09/25** NO Weekday Mass**Thu 18/09/25** 10am – Scripture Study**Fri 19/09/25** NO Weekday Mass**Welcome Fr. Trevor Trotter**

Thank you and welcome to Fr. Trevor Trotter from the Columbans who will be celebrating Mass with us over the weekend.

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

I am told that, in most Middle Eastern languages, there is no word for 'prefer'. Perhaps influenced by extremes of heat and cold, the vocabulary of 'love' and 'hate' is used instead. No one can imagine Jesus 'hating' Joseph, but he clearly gave preference to his mission, even as a precocious 12 year old in the Temple.

In today's Gospel, Jesus was preparing his followers, imminently and over the generations, for persecution. This would include real-life situations of families denouncing a son or daughter, or a brother turning over a brother to the authorities.

Imagine a Chinese Catholic hearing this Gospel this morning, and this afternoon being betrayed by family members for remaining loyal to the successor of St Peter. Jesus exhorts such a follower to prefer this cross over what the family considers politically correct.

We could pause for a moment to pray for all families, torn apart for allegiance to Jesus in His Church, that they may be re-united in the peace of the Risen Lord.

mtate@bigpond.com**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.

Fr. John & Fr. Wahid to begin 19/09/25

Due to the changeover of staff taking place on 18 & 19 September there will be NO weekday Masses on these days. Fr. John and Fr. Wahid will begin official duties on Saturday 20th of September.

2025 COMBINED CATHOLIC PARISHES RAFFLE

All tickets sales support our parish and have a chance of winning one (or more) of 7 great prizes,
1st prize being a new *Kia Picanto* car.

Tickets are \$2 each or (preferred) \$20 for a book of 10 and can be bought
from parishioners at each of our Masses.

St. Brigid's Sat 6pm – Kathryn Aprile

St. Ambrose Sun 8am – Carolyn Peterson

St. Patrick's Sun 9:30am – Kirsten Vanderberg

St. Brigid's Sun 11am – Kathy Page

Tickets are available from this weekend – Good luck!



Rosters & Events



Ministers for next weekend's Masses

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross – Year C

13th & 14th September,

6:00pm Mass St. Brigid's Reader: J. Farrugia Eucharist: L. Wilson	8:00am Mass St. Ambrose's Welcomer: J. White Reader: M. Hall	Flowers: M. Clifford & W. Kays 
9:30am Mass St. Patrick's Reader: B. O'Callaghan Eucharist: K. Petherbridge	11:00am Mass St. Brigid's Reader: D. Egan Eucharist: K. Page	

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 16/09/25 – 10am

Thursday 18/09/25 – 2pm

Tuesday 23/09/25 – 10am

Thursday 25/09/25 – 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.

Prayer of Blessings for birthdays and anniversaries in the month of September



Congratulations and special blessings to all those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries during this month. May your journey through life be filled with daily treasures, and may you always be open, willing and ready to share your blessings with others.

Feast days this week

Monday 8th September:

Saturday 13th September:

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
St John Chrysostom

JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE



To celebrate this year of Jubilee you are invited to come on Pilgrimage to St Mary Magdalene's Trentham on Saturday 11th October.

Mass will be celebrated at 11.30am followed by lunch at the Pig and Whistle in East Trentham at 1pm.

Bookings are essential. Please either email Fr John indicating number attending Mass and Lunch at john.healy@cam.org.au or put your name on the clip board at the back of the church.

BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS TO BE CANONIZED SEPT 7th by POPE LEO XIV

Carlo, an Italian computer-coding teenager who died of cancer in 2006 is known for his great devotion to the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. Shortly after his first Communion at age 7, Carlo told his mother: "To always be united to Jesus: This is my life plan." Carlo called the Eucharist "my highway to heaven," and did all in his power to make the real presence known. His witness inspired his parents to return to practicing the Catholic faith and his Hindu au pair to convert and be baptised.

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 \$541
Thanksgiving \$1402

Thank you for your ongoing support through the Thanksgiving Program.

Introduction: Jesus invites us in today's Gospel to carry the cross with him in order to be his disciple. What we need to ask ourselves is how we show ourselves as disciples. We must learn to rely more on God and not solely on the good opinions of others.

1st Reading: Wisdom 9:13-18

The wisdom of God guides us at all times and helps us choose as God wants us to. God's plan would still be unknown unless he had sent his Holy Spirit from above.

2nd Reading: Philemon 1:9-17

Paul sends back a runaway slave to his master and appeals to his Christian love to accept him, rather as a brother than as a slave.

Gospel: Luke 14:25-33

Jesus tells us that if we want to follow Him we must be prepared to be loyal to Him, even though the cost may be great. Two parables about careful planning follow.

Prayer of Intercession: As disciples of Jesus Christ called to take up our cross, let us turn to the Father in prayer and ask that our faith be strong enough to respond to His call.

1. We pray for all Christians that they sincerely be willing to take up the cross with Jesus and follow his Way. May the God of all wisdom lead them in their journey.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

2. We pray for all men who have been father figures in our lives, especially in our community. May they be blessed for the role they have played in our lives and grant them peace of mind, courage, and dedication to their roles within their families.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

3. On this National Child Protection Sunday, we pray for all children. May we work together to create safe environments for them and guard them against all harm.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

4. We pray for all our world leaders. May they learn to trust Wisdom rather than their own limited personal resources.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

5. We pray for the children of our Parish preparing 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.

6. 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 and for those whose anniversaries occur at time, especially, ***Jack Buttie, Miette & Hubert Cimiotti, David Consiglio, Jim Sullivan & Peter Linton.***

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

Please join in the parish Prayer.

Celebrant: Lord, may we have the courage to accept the invitation to take up the daily cross of Jesus, and give us confidence to continue in faith, now and in the months ahead. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Next week's readings: Numbers 21:4-9 Philippians 2:6-11 John 3:13-17

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

Wisdom 9:13-18

A reading from the book of Wisdom.

Who can comprehend the will of God?

What man can know the intentions of God? Who can divine the will of the Lord? The reasonings of mortals are unsure and our intentions unstable; for a perishable body presses down the soul, and this tent of clay weighs down the teeming mind. It is hard enough for us to work out what is on earth, laborious to know what lies within our reach; who, then, can discover what is in the heavens? As for your intention, who could have learnt it, had you not granted Wisdom and sent your holy spirit from above? Thus have the paths of those on earth been straightened and men been taught what pleases you, and saved, by Wisdom.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 89:3-6. 12-14. 17. R. v.1

(R.) *In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.*

1. You turn men back into dust
and say: 'Go back, sons of men.'
To your eyes a thousand years
are like yesterday, come and gone,
no more than a watch in the night. (R.)
2. You sweep men away like a dream,
like grass which springs up in the morning.
In the morning it springs up and flowers:
by evening it withers and fades. (R.)
3. Make us know the shortness of our life
that we may gain wisdom of heart.
Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever?
Show pity to your servants. (R.)
4. In the morning, fill us with your love;
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.
Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:
give success to the work of our hands. (R.)

Second Reading

Philemon 9-10, 12-17

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

Receive him, not as a slave anymore, but as a very dear brother.

This is Paul writing, an old man now and, what is more, still a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for a child of mine, whose father I became while wearing these chains: I mean Onesimus. I am sending him back to you, and with him – I could say – a part of my own self. I should have liked to keep him with me; he could have been a substitute for you, to help me while I am in the chains that the Good News has brought me. However, I did not want to do anything without your consent; it would have been forcing your act of kindness, which should be spontaneous.

I know you have been deprived of Onesimus for a time, but it was only so that you could have him back for ever, not as a slave any more, but something much better than a slave, a dear brother; especially dear to me, but how much more to you, as a blood-brother as well as a brother in the Lord. So if all that we have in common means anything to you, welcome him as you would me.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Psalm 118:135

Alleluia, alleluia!

Let your face shine on your servant,
and teach me your laws.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 14:25-33

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

All who do not renounce their possessions cannot be my disciples.

Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way and he turned and spoke to them. 'If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple. Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.

'And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to see if he had enough to complete it? Otherwise, if he laid the foundation and then found himself unable to finish the work, the onlookers would all start making fun of him and saying, "Here is a man who started to build and was unable to finish." Or again, what king marching to war against another king would not first sit down and consider whether with ten thousand men he could stand up to the other who advanced against him with twenty thousand? If not, then while the other king was still a long way off, he would send envoys to sue for peace. So in the same way, none of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

