



The Exaltation of the Holy Cross - Yr C

14th 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 & Shane R.**

We pray for the recently deceased and for those who have
an anniversary at this time, especially **Patricia Collins**.

May they rest in peace.

**Upcoming Parish Masses & Events**

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**
Sat 20/09/25 Saturday 6pm Mass – Gisborne
Sun 21/09/25 Normal Sunday Masses
Sun 21/09/25 12:30pm – Baptism
Tue 23/09/25 5pm - Weekday Mass – Gisborne
Wed 24/09/25 9:15am – Weekday Mass – Gisborne
Thu 25/09/25 9:15am – Weekday Mass – Gisborne
Thu 25/09/25 10am – Scripture Study
Fri 26/09/25 9:15am – Weekday Mass – Gisborne
Fri 26/09/25 Warrina Communion visit
Sat 20/09/25 Saturday 6pm Mass – Gisborne

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

What other religion would have as its central symbol two rough hewn planks of wood fashioned into an instrument of torture on which our Founder, Jesus of Nazareth, was cruelly done to death?

And yet, today, we speak of 'The Triumph of the Cross'. Where is the triumph?

Let us rid ourselves of one terrible answer: that our heavenly Father willed that Jesus Christ should suffer that tortured death. What sort of cruel despot would I be called on to worship if that were the case?

What his Heavenly Father willed was that Jesus Christ should remain steadfast in the face of adversity, should remain true to his mission to teach and embody the mercy, the forgiveness, the all-inclusive love of God for every human being.

When Jesus persevered (not my will but thine be done), the Cross was the inevitable result. Death appeared to have won the battle to ensure a death dominated world.

But three days later, our Lord appeared to St Thomas bearing the marks of the wounds of the Cross but now indelibly imprinted on his resurrection body.

That is victory, that is triumph. A victory and a triumph in which we are all called to share.

mtate@bigpond.com**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 now available at all Masses – Good luck!



Rosters & Events



Ministers for next weekend's Masses

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C

20th & 21st September, 2025

6:00pm Mass St. Brigid's Reader: N. Spiers Eucharist: L. Scott	8:00am Mass St. Ambrose's Welcomer: J. White Reader: P. Sammut	Flowers: T. Armstrong 
9:30am Mass St. Patrick's Reader: K. Petherbridge Eucharist: D. Briffa	11:00am Mass St. Brigid's Reader: K. Page Eucharist: T. Armstrong	

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 23/09/25 – 10am

Thursday 25/09/25 – 2pm

Tuesday 30/09/25 – 10am

Thursday 02/10/25 – 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.

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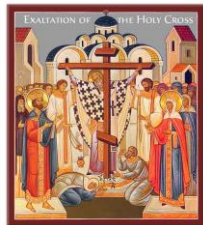


To celebrate this year of Jubilee you are invited to come on Pilgrimage to St Mary Magdalene's Trentham on Saturday 11th October.

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.

Feast Days this week



Sunday 14th September: The Exaltation of the Cross

Originally this day commemorated the dedication of Constantine's Basilica of the Holy Sepulcher in the fourth century; after the celebration, the wood of the cross was venerated. A feast of the Lord, it celebrates the 'lifting up' of the Son of Man on the cross, into glory, and the paradox of the cross as a sign of humiliation and death, yet the source of victory and life.

Monday 15th September: Our Lady of Sorrows

Tuesday 16th September: Saints Cornelius Pope, & Cyprian

Saturday 20th September: Saints Andrew Kim, Paul Chong and companions.

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 \$445
Thanksgiving \$955

Thank you for your ongoing support through the Thanksgiving Program.

Introduction:

1st Reading: Numbers 21:4-9

2nd Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel: John 3:13-17

Prayers of the Faithful: God so loved the world that he gave his only Son. As we honour the Holy Cross of Jesus and his sacrifice, we pray for all who carry their cross through the difficulties of life.

1. We pray for Pope Leo (celebrating his 70th birthday today), and all the bishops and priests of our Church. May they boldly proclaim the death and resurrection of our Lord for all peoples.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

2. We pray for world leaders at all levels, but especially those who exercise power in our own country. May they make of their office a gift, so that they can serve others in love and contribute to the building of God's kingdom.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

3. We pray for those who do not believe in the Gospel, especially among our families and communities. May they experience the love of the Father who gave his only Son.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

4. We pray for our own faith community. This jubilee year, may we strive to be pilgrims of hope and be a light shining for those in need.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

5. That today's Safeguarding Sunday will deepen the commitment of all Catholics to the safety and wellbeing of all children, youth and vulnerable people, so that their dignity is honoured.

(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, especially Lynn Sharp and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially **Patricia Collins**. May they be raised in the Spirit of Jesus to share eternal life with him.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

Please join in the parish Prayer.

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

Exaltation of the Holy Cross

14 September 2025

First Reading

Numbers 21:4-9

A reading from the book of Numbers.

When those that were afflicted looked upon it, they were healed.

On the way through the wilderness, the Israelites lost patience. They spoke against God and against Moses, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt to die in this wilderness? For there is neither bread nor water here; we are sick of this unsatisfying food.' At this God sent fiery serpents among the people; their bite brought death to many in Israel. The people came and said to Moses, 'We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you. Intercede for us with the Lord to save us from these serpents.' Moses interceded for the people, and the Lord answered him, 'Make a fiery serpent and put it on a standard. If anyone is bitten and looks at it, he shall live.' So Moses fashioned a bronze serpent which he put on a standard, and if anyone was bitten by a serpent, he looked at the bronze serpent and lived.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 77:1-2. 34-38. R. v.7

(R.) Do not forget the works of the Lord!

1. Give heed, my people, to my teaching;
turn your ear to the words of my mouth.
I will open my mouth in a parable
and reveal hidden lessons of the past. (R.)
2. When he slew them then they would seek him,
return and seek him in earnest.
They would remember that God was their rock,
God the Most High their redeemer. (R.)
3. But the words they spoke were mere flattery;
they lied to him with their lips.
For their hearts were not truly with him;
they were not faithful to his covenant. (R.)
4. Yet he who is full of compassion
forgave their sin and spared them.
So often he held back his anger
when he might have stirred up his rage. (R.)

Second Reading

Philippians 2:6-11

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

He humbled himself, therefore God had exalted him.

The state of Jesus was divine, yet he did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross.

But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the

name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you,
because by your cross you have redeemed the world.

Alleluia!

Gospel

John 3:13-17

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

The Son of Man must be lifted up.

Jesus said to Nicodemus:

'No one has gone up to heaven except the one who came down from heaven,
the Son of Man who is in heaven;
and the Son of Man must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert,
so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.
Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life.

For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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