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33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

**(Year A)
 13th November
 2011**



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In Our Prayers

We pray for the wellbeing of all parishioners, their families and friends who are currently in ill health. We pray for the recently deceased, and for those whose anniversary occur at this time especially Claude Morton.

"May they rest in Peace"



Reflection for the week

*There can be hope only for a society which acts
 As one big family, not as many separate ones.*

Anwar Sadat

*Fr Gerard will be away on a clergy retreat next week
 Please note change of weekday Liturgies during his absence.*

*Also : Fr Joe Micallef will be our celebrant
 for the 6.00pm Mass at St Brigid's .*

Please make him feel welcomed

CATECHETICS – ENROLLMENTS - 2012

Parents who wish to enroll their children
 (From Government / Independent Schools)
 in the Sacraments of
Reconciliation (Grd 3)
Eucharist (Grd 4)
Confirmation (Grd 6)



Please note the following details:

Enrollment evening: St Brigid's Church

When: Tuesday 6th December

Time: 7.00pm

**Enrollment for ALL SACRAMENTS must be finalized
 prior to the start of the program by
 Tuesday 7th February 2012**

**For further information contact:
 St Brigid's Parish Office 5428 2591
 Robyn Angarano (Parish Facilitator) 0418 993 991**

**or go to our website:
 www.st-brigids-gisborne.org.au**

Gospel: Matthew 25: 14-30

The Gospel today offers another of the parables that Jesus told to concentrate the minds of His listeners on the seriousness of the Kingdom and of the judgement at the end of time. Today, he emphasises the accountability of the disciples for the gifts entrusted to them.

A man is going abroad and entrusts some of his possessions to his servants. He is aware that they have different abilities - and so only gives to each one what he thinks they can manage: one receives five talents - another two and another one.

The servants deal differently with the money entrusted to them - two use it to start dealing and make money - the third chooses to hide his talent.

When the master returns, the servants come before him. The servants with five and two talents have doubled their money and the master is justifiably pleased with them.

The servant with one still has only one and claims that it was fear that held him back... he was so afraid of losing the one talent that he hid it. This is an inadequate explanation - since, as the master points out, if he was so afraid, why did he not just deposit the money in the bank?

Again, Jesus sounds harsh in his judgement of those who are inadequate - or who make simple errors of judgement - but the exaggeration emphasises the seriousness with which He takes the situation.

The servant with one talent is not punished just for failing to use it wisely - but for failing to think about how best to use it. It has not been given to him to hide - but to use.

The same applies to our own gifts and talents. To some great gifts seem to be given - but however great or small they are given for the building of the Kingdom. By using them as well as we can, we will be able to offer them back to God at the end of time - and also able to offer the fruits that have been borne through them.

God's investment in us grows when we use the gifts in His service

What does it mean for me?

- What gifts has God entrusted to you?
- How have you increased them?
- How can you increase their "profitability" in the future?

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St Vincent de Paul Society

Poor box collection for the month of October at St Brigid's totalled \$52.00 **Thank you for your donations**

Departing Parishioners -
 We'll miss you.

Please notify the presbytery.



New Parishioners -
 Welcome to St Brigid's Parish.

Please register at the Parish Office.





Rosters and Events



Ministers for next weekend's Masses:

6.00pm Mass: St Brigid's

Readers: Robyn Angarano
Offertory: Morris Family
Eucharist: M Clifford & M. Morris



8.00am Mass: St Ambrose's

Welcomer: Max McMahon
Readers: Mary Henry
Offertory: To be chosen on the day
Eucharist: Lola Rowe



9.30am Mass: St Patrick's

Readers: Michael Byrne
Offertory: To be chosen on the day
Eucharist: Daryl Port & K. Vandenberg
Children's Liturgy: K. Santamaria & K. Clifford

11.00am Mass: St Brigid's

Readers: L. O'Brien & Pauline King
Offertory: Doris & Jim Brassel
Eucharist: T. Armstrong & K. Sleigh
Children's Liturgy: No Liturgy
Flowers: J. Bourke & M. Cabassi



Counters: Volunteers needed (please assist)
Please keep both sides of envelopes together.

Macedon Ranges Food Bank

Please try and bring a food or grocery item to church each week and place in the box or basket at the door. They are used by the Kyneton Riverside church Food Bank for families in need. They are so grateful for what we provide but desperate for more donations.

Thank you—Anne Earley (St Brigid's), Mae Smith (St Patrick's) and Carolyn Peterson (St Ambrose's)

Open House Meeting traditional Christmas luncheon (last one for 2011)

Next meeting: 25th November
At: Seasons Restaurant
Station Street
Riddells Creek

All Welcome

Ring Marg for Booking : 5428 1652



Foundations in Advent

for young people to reflect on the year they've had and prepare themselves for the birth of Christ.

will run across two Thursday evenings—
10th and 17th November,
each from 7.45pm—9.30pm
at the

Thomas Carr Centre
278 Victoria Parade,
East Melbourne.



The first session will focus on Mary and her 'Yes' to God while the second session will look at the Birth of Jesus

The Lectures are free

RSVP e-mail aoy@cam.org.au

Special collection this weekend for Catholic Deaf (Please give generously)

2012 Columban Calendars

Available at all of the Parish Church centres.
Cost is \$8.00—please place money on the Poor Box.

HUMOUR FROM VACTICAN 11 (1962—1965)

*The council agrees that the Deacon
Should sign in the Church like a beacon;
But with a celibate's vows
Or as a man with a spouse
Is a Question whose answer we're seekin'.*

ROSARY

We invite you to pray the Living rosary on Tuesday mornings at 11am at St Brigid's Church. Bring your personal prayer requests.

We welcome you to experience the PEACE given by this miraculous meditative prayer.

New Rosters for 2012

Counters, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Children's Liturgy, Offertory procession and Flower arrangements rosters for 2012 are ready for pick up, either front or rear of church

These rosters begin 1st Sunday Advent 27/11/2011

Thank goodness for volunteers, your time and talent is much appreciated.

Trade Fair and Night Market

St Brigid's School, Aitken St, Gisborne

Time: 5:30pm to 9:00pm

Date: Friday,

When: 18th November

Join us for an evening of shopping at our school featuring local products and business people.

Info or to book a stall ph: 5428 2220

or PFA contact Simone 0419564534

email pfa_stbrigids@sbgisborne.catholic.edu.au

Weekday Masses: Tues 15th Nov—Fri 18th Nov 2011

Tues: No Mass
Wed: Communion service 9.15am
Thur: No Mass
Frid: Communion service 9.15am



Reconciliation & Spiritual Direction: Saturday 9.00 - 10.00am

St Brigid's Parish Weekly Thanksgiving

Total Amount Received \$1652.00

Total Amount Pledged \$2028.00

Presbytery Collection \$ 837.35



*Thank you for your ongoing support through the Thanksgiving Program.
May the Lord bless you all.*