



# St Brigid's Parish Catholic Church

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## 27 March 2022 - Fourth Sunday of Lent

**Please Pray For Those Who Have Died**  
**Recently Deceased:** Tim Callinan; Tony Ham (Queensland), Betty Pengilley, Stuart Squires; Margot McCarthy;  
**Deceased:**

**Anniversary:** James Meredith; Lucy Moran & Jim Moran; Peter Daniels; William Sevil; Kevin Green; Charles Lantry; Patrick McNamara; Kal Fitzpatrick; Ken Heath; Gavan Carlisle; Gregory Trudgett; Neville Green; Phyllis Lord; Anthony Conlan; Kathleen (Tish) Egan; Brian Redgrove; Len Dalton; Felicity McGrath; Barry Hill; John Garrhy; James Cooper; Marcus Plevy; Roger Gleeson; Brian Purcell; Gordon Near; Jim Jones; Ron McGrath; Patricia Gleeson; Mathew McGrath; Donald Davidson; Anthony (Maely) O'Donnell; Helen Plevy; Sylvia Green; May Barr; Allan Pengilly

**May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God Rest In Peace. Amen.**

**And for those who are ill:** Theo Gleeson; Jenny McGinniskin; David Henry; Pat Reily; Dawn & Colin Graham; Brian Lobley; Noel Leech; Mary Smith; Ray Lamb of Gunnedah; Billy Godden; Gail Martin; Wendy Brown; Sue Thomson; Lisa Brown; Clare Crane; Bill Gleeson; Lucy Gigli; Joan Greentree; Jennifer & David Borsev (Anne Easton's sister & Brother in law) all the members of the Parish who are ill.

### Roster

3/4/2022 R: B McNamara  
R: P Perkins  
C: K Sweep & C Taylor

Flower/Altar Roster for March R Harris & K Murphy

### Coming Events

Mon 28 No Mass at St Brigid's today  
Wed 30 First Confession Lesson in the Fr Stan Campbell Hall at 3.50pm  
Thurs 31 The Sacrament of First Confession at 6.00pm at St Brigid's Church  
Fri 1 Stations of the Cross at 11.30am  
Sun 3 Morning Tea after 9.30am Mass with the raffle to be drawn  
Sun 11 Father Vince's Farewell lunch at Quirindi RSL 12.00 noon for 12.30pm

Planned Giving \$506.00 + \$50.00 = \$556.00

First Collection \$204.90



**Message from Bishop Michael.** Father Kingsley Elohi, Parish Priest of St Brigid's Quirindi and Administrator of St Thomas More, Werris Creek. Father Elohi's appointment is effective from 25th April 2022 coinciding with Father Vince Amaro's departure.

Father Kingsley was born in Nigeria. He started his formation to the priesthood right from the minor seminary, but withdrew after obtaining a bachelor in Philosophy. He worked briefly in Nigeria before travelling to Equatorial Guinea. Spent 9 years working in Equatorial Guinea before deciding to go back to the seminary. An Australian based religious order accepted him and sent him to Rome to begin studies in Theology. After one year in Rome, he was invited over to Australia for his one year compulsory novitiate program. At the end of the novitiate year, Father discerned that he was not called to live that type of religious life. He applied to the Bishop of Armidale and was accepted. He continued his studies in theology at the seminary in Wagga Wagga. Bishop Michael Kennedy ordained him a deacon in March 2016, and in December the same year, he was ordained a priest. Immediately after ordination, Father worked as an assistant priest at the cathedral in Armidale for six months. Then he worked in Glenn Innes as an assistant priest for another six months. His next posting was Moree, where he stayed as an assistant priest for three years. In February 2021, he was posted back to Armidale as assistant priest, where he has been until his recent appointment as parish priest at St Brigid's Quirindi and Administrator at St Thomas More Werris Creek.

**Holy Thursday Washing of Feet.** volunteers required for the washing of feet on Holy Thursday Night. If you would like to volunteer please let Bernie know as soon as possible. I need 12 people. Thank you.

**Light to the Nations (LITN) 2022.** LITN is an Easter Pilgrimage event held biannually for Catholics (singles and families) aged 16+. Camp under the open skies with up to 1,000+ as we celebrate the Easter Triduum. Held in the grounds of Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville from 14th-17th April 2022. Visit [www.litn.org.au](http://www.litn.org.au) for more information and register today. Contact [reg@litn.org.au](mailto:reg@litn.org.au) or ring Therese on 0432 228 250.

**Disciples School of Mission - 20th - 24th April.** Are you aged between 18-40 and searching for an adventure in 2022? If so, then join us for the Disciples School of Mission. This 4-day live in course, held at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre Varroville, calls people from across Australia and beyond to be equipped for youth ministry and evangelisation. Be renewed in your own journey, equipped for mission/youth ministry, and formed in the Catholic faith - you won't regret it - it's an adventure! For more information visit [discipleschoolofmission.com.au](http://discipleschoolofmission.com.au) or ring Fiona on 0411 144 208.

### Saints to Remember

St Francis of Paola - Memorial - 2nd

Catholic Women's League Quirindi Branch are holding an Easter Raffle. Tickets are \$1.00 and are available at the back of the church. Drawn 3 April 2022.

### Project Compassion

From her life as a child soldier in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Rosalie is a now a business owner, a community leader and a role model for other ex-combatants seeking to readjust to civilian life.

**Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 and help women like Rosalie to succeed in the future, providing hope for All Future Generations.** Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations.**

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your Parish, by visiting [lent.caillies.org.au](http://lent.caillies.org.au) or by calling 1800 024 413.

### Prayer For Peace & Justice in Ukraine

God of peace and justice, who change the hardened heart and break the power of violence, we entrust the people of Ukraine to you. Protect them in this time of peril; let them know not death but life, not slavery but freedom. You are Father of all; we are brothers and sisters. Give us the strength to live that truth in love, choosing peace not war. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Bishop Michael Kennedy announces that Deacon Peter Paul Chikezie will be ordained to the priesthood on the Feast of Saints Peter & Paul - 29th June, 2022 11.00 am at Saints Mary & Joseph Cathedral, Armidale.

**During Lent Confessions will be heard after 9.30am Mass on a Friday.**

**Usual Saturday Confessions**

**4.15pm - 4.45pm**

**Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent at 11.30am**

### Lismore Diocese Flood Appeal

Most Rev Gregory Homering, Bishop of the Diocese of Lismore has commenced a Flood Appeal to meet the needs of people who have lost everything in the most devastating floods across his diocese in living memory. View his appeal on Youtube via the following link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0Nn946AMgY> If you wish to donate to the appeal, please use the direct deposit details: BSB: 037-889; Account number: 1061 5829 Account Name: DOL Flood Appeal

Please note that donations to the Diocese of Lismore Flood Appeal are NOT tax deductible.

**Saint Michael the Archangel,** defend us in the day of battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Hosts, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits, who wander through the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

# Breaking Open the Word

I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants." So he left the place and went back to his father.

"While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son." But the father said to his servants, "Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found." And they began to celebrate.

"Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about. "Your brother has come" replied the servant "and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound." He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, "Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property – he and his women – you kill the calf we had been fattening."

"The father said, "My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it is only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found."

## ■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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## GRACIOUSNESS AND MERCY

After many years in the desert journeying towards the land of promise, it must have been difficult for the people of Israel to comprehend that they had finally arrived. A new stage in their lives was beginning and it was fitting to rejoice and remember what God had done by celebrating the Passover. The God who had nourished them in the desert would no longer provide manna; it was no longer necessary since now they had their own land which had been provided by God's graciousness.

For Paul, God's graciousness and mercy were nowhere more apparent than in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. In the second letter to the Corinthians, much of chapters two to six are taken up by Paul sharing his understanding and experience of apostolic life with them. There had been considerable friction between Paul and the community and this, no doubt, had called Paul to reflect on the sort of reconciliation and harmony for which he longed and worked. Misunderstood and hurt, Paul looks to the heart of the gospel message, a message of a new creation through forgiveness. As Jesus had reconciled us to God by his own death, so we are called to be reconciled to one another.

The call to reconciliation and graciousness is continued in today's Gospel. The timeless beauty of the parable of the loving father and his two sons calls us to look to our own hearts. Are we ready to forgive and be forgiven? Will we share in the new creation that Jesus died to bring us?

**Christopher Monaghan CP**

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## FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Joshua

Josh 5:9-12

*The people of God went to the promised land and there kept the passover.*

The Lord said to Joshua, "Today I have taken the shame of Egypt away from you."

The Israelites pitched their camp at Gilgal and kept the Passover there on the fourteenth day of the month, at evening in the plain of Jericho. On the morrow of the Passover they tasted the produce of that country, unleavened bread and roasted ears of corn, that same day. From that time, from their first eating of the produce of that country, the manna stopped falling. And having manna no longer, the Israelites fed from that year onwards on what the land of Canaan yielded.

## ■ The word of the Lord.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 33:2-7. R. v. 9

**R.** Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times, / his praise always on my lips; / in the Lord my soul shall make its boast. / The humble shall hear and be glad. **R.**

2. Glorify the Lord with me, / Together let us praise his name. / I sought the Lord and he answered me; / from all my terrors he set me free. **R.**

3. Look towards him and be radiant; / let your faces not be abashed. / This poor man called; the Lord heard him / and rescued him from all his distress. **R.**

2 Cor 5:17-21

## SECOND READING

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

*God reconciled us to himself through Christ.*

For anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here. It is all God's work. It was God who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the work of handing on his reconciliation. In other words, God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, not holding men's faults against them, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. So we are ambassadors for Christ; it is as though God were appealing through us, and the appeal that we make in Christ's name is: be reconciled to God. For our sake God made

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the sinless one into sin, so that in him we might become the goodness of God.

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### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Lk 15:18

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ! I will rise and go to my father and tell him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

## GOSPEL

Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

*Your brother here was dead and has come to life.*

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. "This man" they said "welcomes sinners and eats with them." So he spoke this parable to them:

"A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, "Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me." So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery.

"When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, "How many of my father's paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father,