

St Bridget's Parish Greythorn - Parish Directory:

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during Stage 4 restrictions.*

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Parish Pastoral Council:

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St Vincent De Paul Society

President: Anne Hartley

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Parish School:

Principal: Robyn Thomson

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**NOTE: Baptisms and Weddings by
appointment only. Contact the Parish Office for
details.**

We Remember: We remember our deceased family and friends; and Vito Cioria, Joseph Bevilacqua, Olga Steedman and Colin Thornton-Smith whose anniversaries occur at this time: may they rejoice forever with our Risen Lord. We pray for the sick (Cath Hudson) and housebound; may they come to know the healing power of God's love.

Mass Changes: Due to Coronavirus (COVID-19) restrictions, all public Masses are suspended until further notice. However, Mass online will be broadcast each weekend from one of our affiliated churches of St Bridget, St Bede, St Anne or St Joachim. On-Line Mass is available from 5pm Saturday, and can be accessed from either parish website www.stbridgetsgreythorn.org.au or www.parishofstanneandstbede.org.au and follow the prompts. This week's link is: <https://youtu.be/IDLlRkRvR0>.

Stay Connected for Prayer and Chat: Gather with our affiliated parishes and fellow parishioners by connecting via zoom to:

- ❖ Friday night Prayer and Chat - 5pm each Friday via zoom - connection details are sent on Thursday;
- ❖ Meditation Group - 9.30am each Wednesday via zoom - contact Susie Hii on susiehii@gmail.com for connection details.
- ❖ Scripture Reflection - 11.00am each Sunday (whilst in lockdown) via zoom - contact Susie Hii on susiehii@gmail.com for connection details.

Christmas Cards: Majellan Christmas Cards will this year be sold on a pre ordered basis only. No stocks will be held at the piety stall, so if you would like Majellan Christmas Cards please advise the Parish Office on greythorn@cam.org.au by 25 October. Cards are sold in packs of 10 only @ \$8-00 each pack.

Columban Art Calendars will be available in January 2021.

Follow up: A couple of weeks ago, all parish volunteers would have received a Safeguarding Children, Young People and Vulnerable Persons Declaration and were asked to read, sign and return it to the Parish Office. At the same time, a number of volunteers were asked to renew their Working With Children Check and or obtain a Police Check. These are standard documents required under the Archdiocese and Parish WWC Policy and Government legislation. Parishioners are urged to complete the above documentation and return them to the parish office at an early opportunity so that we can commence to plan the Ministry rosters for 2021.



This weekend we celebrate **Catholic Mission Sunday**, and usually hold the annual collection for Catholic Missions. The monies raised is used to fund Missionary work of the Church in remote areas of Australia and in many places throughout the world. Funding is crucial for children's education, access to fresh water, nutrition and safe homes. Everything we take for granted!

Please donate directly to Catholic Mission on www.catholicmission.org.au or Catholic Mission Donation Account BSB: 062 784 Account Number: 00715 6500 ref: MELB/392367

Pray the Family Rosary:



Volunteer Training - Child Safe Practices: The eSafety Commissioner has published a free e-book resource - *Online Safety For Grandparents And Carers* which provides advice about online safety issues that children and young people may experience. This resource provides key advice about online safety issues that can affect children and young people, including practical tips to help grandparents and carers to talk about these issues with children and young people and manage them. Helpful topics include: setting up devices safely; managing time online; preventing unsafe contact from strangers as well as a guide to some of the most popular sites and apps. Grandparents and carers can order a hard copy or download and view the resource online: <https://www.esafety.gov.au/seniors/online-safety-grandparents-carers>

Volunteers at St Bridget's are encouraged to view this valuable resource which is provided as part of SBG continuous improvement and training responsibilities and child safe practices.

Parish Collections: Thank you to all those parishioners who have continued to support the church and priests through on line giving. As we nontemplate the way forward (post COVID), we need to consider the cash handling process for our counters. Cash in our collections is always welcome, but there are other capable ways of giving to consider. On line giving is easy, fast and convenient. The preferred methods of giving at this time are by Credit Card or Direct Debit (contact the parish office to set these up) or electronic funds transfer direct to the Church or Presbytery accounts. Rest assured that giving by card at the church level is safe and secure. Details for electronic funds transfer to the church accounts are:-

- St Bridget's Church Account (Church donations and/or envelope givers) at NAB, BSB 083-347, Account #64 341 3829
- St Bridget's Presbytery Account Offering (for support of the Parish Priest) at NAB, BSB 083-347, Account # 64 341 5066

Please ensure that you include your name and envelope number when giving by these methods.

Pastoral Mission Renewal: You would have read in Fr John's letters and the bulletin, that we are collaborating with neighbouring parishes to create a Central Mission Hub which will enable all the parishes to work together to foster positive development of our christian faith and mission.

It seems that we are on the right path, encouraged by Pope Francis who recently wrote:

"The time is now. The mission of the laity is not a privilege of a few and it involves total dedication. The laity themselves are asked to be joyful in self-giving and prayer, to grow and to operate within the Christian community to share and support their journey, the mutual exchange of gifts aroused by the Holy Spirit". He stressed the importance of "the co-responsibility" of the laity in the building up of the Church. *"If the heart of the priest's identity lies in consecrating the Eucharistic bread, the centre of the lay mission consists in consecrating the world according to God's plan. Recent synods have recommended new lay ministries for a more synodal and outgoing Church"*



Gospel Mt 22:15-21

Give to Caesar the things that belong to Caesar and to God the things that are God's.

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, 'Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man's rank means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion, then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?' But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.' They handed him a denarius, and he said, 'Whose head is this? Whose name?' 'Caesar's' they replied. He then said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God.'

Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Jesus first cleverly throws his questioners on the defensive. They are the ones carrying the coinage, not him. Then he poses the crucial question, 'Whose image is it and whose inscription?' They said to him, 'Caesar's'. Then he said to them: 'Render to Caesar what is Caesar's and to God what is God's.'

The coin bore the image and inscription of Caesar. Genesis teaches us that human beings are made in the image and likeness of God. Our Lord is saying, 'Let the political and financial authorities have their coinage. It is their legal tender. But they cannot have human beings. Human beings belong to Another. They belong to God.'

We are fortunate to live in a wonderful democracy. But even a democracy can violate the dignity of a human being created in the image and likeness of God. As Pope John Paul II said: 'Authentic democracy is possible only in a state ruled by law, and on the basis of a correct conception of the human person.' (Italics added)

We could pause for a moment to thank God for the inscription, 'Child of God', effectively engraved on our hearts by baptism.

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WELCOME TO ST BRIDGET'S CATHOLIC COMMUNITY GREYTHORN

St Bridget's Greythorn is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults.

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

18 October 2020

First Reading Is 45:1,4-6

I have taken the hand of Cyrus to subdue nations before his countenance.

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to
Cyrus,
whom he has taken by his right hand
to subdue nations before him
and strip the loins of kings,
to force gateways before him
that their gates be closed no more:

It is for the sake of my servant Jacob,
of Israel my chosen one,
that I have called you by your name,
conferring a title though you do not
know me.

I am the Lord, unrivalled;
there is no other God besides me.
Though you do not know me, I am you
that men may know from the rising to
the setting of the sun
that, apart from me, all is nothing.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 95:1, 3-5, 7-10. R. v.7

(R.) Give the Lord glory and honour.

- 1 O sing a new song to the Lord,
sing to the Lord all the earth.
Tell among the nations his glory
and his wonders among all the
peoples. (R.)
- 2 The Lord is great and worthy of praise,
to be feared above all gods;
the gods of the heathens are naught.
It was the Lord who made the heavens.
(R.)

3 Give the Lord, you families of peoples,
give the Lord glory and power,
give the Lord the glory of his name.
Bring an offering and enter his courts. (R.)

4 Worship the Lord in his temple.
O earth, tremble before him.
Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.'
He will judge the peoples in fairness. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Thes 1:1-5

We are mindful of your faith, hope, and love.

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the
Church in Thessalonika which is in God the
Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; wishing
you grace and peace from God the Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ.

We always mention you in our prayers
and thank God for you all, and constantly
remember before God our Father how you
have shown your faith in action, worked for
love and persevered through hope, in our
Lord Jesus Christ.

We know, brothers, that God loves you and
that you have been chosen, because when
we brought the Good News to you, it came
to you not only as words, but as power and
as the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction.

Gospel Acclamation Phil 2:15, 16

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Shine on the world like bright stars;
you are offering it the word of life.**

Alleluia!