



First Sunday of Advent - Year B

3<sup>rd</sup> December, 2023

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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](mailto:gisborne@cam.org.au)  
**Parish Website** <http://pol.org.au/gisborne/Home.aspx>  
**Secretary Hours** Tuesday & Thursday 9:00am – 5:00pm

**CONTINUING PRAYER LIST:**

Please pray for those who are in ill health:

*Eileen S, Corrine V, Megan B, Michael W, Glenys O,  
Anthony S, Ryan F, Jessica C, Cheryl L,  
Kylie I, George T, Bill P, Jacqueline D, Fran S, Terry R,  
Helen K, Shane R & Eliza J.*

We pray for the recently deceased and for those who have an anniversary at this time, especially *Neil Dowling, Lucy Sullivan, Maria Consiglio, Joseph & Melita Bugeja & Armando Aprile.*

**May they rest in peace** ☩*Please email Tam if you would like an Anniversary included.***SPECIAL COLLECT NEXT SUNDAY  
MELBOURNE OVERSEAS MISSION****Pope's Monthly Intention for December  
For persons with disabilities.**

We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.

**St Brigid's Parish Carols****Sunday the 17th of December from 5:30pm  
St Brigid's Parish Hall, Gisborne**

The carols service, will include an open mic section where people are welcome to participate.  
(bookings are preferred to participate in open mic)

BYO food and drink to share

Volunteers are needed to help setup:

To participate in this family friendly event:

Please contact [www.facebook.com/ThatVideoGuyAUS](http://www.facebook.com/ThatVideoGuyAUS)  
for more info

Email [thatvideoguyaus@outlook.com](mailto:thatvideoguyaus@outlook.com) or call 5426 1354  
Whether you come to simply listen to the carols and open mic, or come along and participate, St Brigid's Parish Gisborne look forward to seeing you at the carols.

This event is proudly supported by That Video Guy.

**REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate**

Our Lord portrays himself as the Master who goes away on a journey. It is certain that he will return, even if no-one in his household knows exactly when. That is our situation. What do we do in anticipation?

Our Lord, the Master, indicates we have a choice. We can close our eyes and enter into the world of dreams where we create our own fantasy futures, or we can stay awake and alert to do what Our Lord wants us to do: 'He left his servants in charge, giving to each his work.'

You and me – his servants – have a particular role or work in and for this phase of human history. A deep down intuition, prompted by the Holy Spirit, indicates what this is. We must be true to this assignment.

We could take a moment to pray that, when the Lord returns, we may hear: 'Come, good and faithful servant, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world.'

[mtate@bigpond.com](mailto:mtate@bigpond.com)**CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE**

**Sun 17 Dec** - 5.30pm - **Parish Hall** - *Christmas Carols*  
**Wed 20 Dec** - 7pm - **St. Brigid's Church** -  
*Communal Service of Forgiveness* (followed by individual reconciliation for those who choose it)  
**Sat 23** - Dec 6pm - **St. Brigid's Church** –  
*4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent Mass*  
**Sun 24 Dec** - 11am - **St. Brigid's Church** -  
*4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent Mass*  
**Sun 24 Dec** - 7pm - **St. Brigid's School** -  
*Christmas Vigil Mass*  
**Sun 24 Dec** - 9pm - **St. Patrick's Church** –  
*Christmas Vigil Mass (Christmas Carols from 8.15pm)*  
**Sun 24 Dec** - 11pm - **St. Brigid's Church** - *Christmas Eve Night Mass (Christmas Carols from 10.30pm)*  
**Mon 25 Dec** - 9am - **St. Ambrose's Church** - *Christmas Day Mass*  
**Mon 25 Dec** - 10.30am - **St. Brigid's Church** - *Christmas Day Mass*  
**Mon 1 Jan** - 10am - **St. Brigid's Church** - *Feast of Mary, Mother of God*



# Rosters & Events



Ministers for next weekend's Masses

Second Sunday of Advent – Year B

9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> December, 2023

**6:00pm Mass** **St. Brigid's**  
**Reader:** L. Scott & M. McCormack  
**Offertory:** to be chosen on the day.  
**Eucharist:** L. Wilson

**8:00am Mass** **St. Ambrose's**  
**Welcomer:** J. White  
**Reader:** C. Moore  
**Offertory:** to be chosen on the day.  
**Eucharist:** -----

**Flowers:**  
K. Page & L. DeBono

**9:30am Mass** **St. Patrick's**  
**Reader:** B. O'Callaghan  
**Offertory:** to be chosen on the day.  
**Eucharist:** R. Fisher

**11:00am Mass** **St. Brigid's**  
**Reader:** K. Page  
**Offertory:** to be chosen on the day.  
**Eucharist:** V. Firman



## St. VINCENT de PAUL Christmas Cards

Packets of 5 cards for \$5 are now available in each church.

### RECONCILIATION

#### Reconciliation

By appointment only

Please see Fr. Vincent after Mass to arrange a suitable time or contact the office on 5428 2591.

### UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

- 05/12/23** 2024 Sacrament Registration – 5:30pm – Gisborne Church
- 06/12/23** Baptism Informaton evening – 7:30pm – Gisborne Church
- 07/12/23** Liturgy meeting – 7pm – Presbytery
- 10/12/23** Baptism's – 12pm – Gisborne Church
- 14/12/23** Parish Pastoral Council meeting – 7pm – Presbytery

### 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.

### 2024 Volunteer rosters

Work will start soon on the volunteer rosters for 2024.

A reminder that all volunteers require a valid Working with Children Check. If you have yet to supply a copy of your check to the secretary, you will not be able to remain on the roster in 2024.

### 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.

### GIVING TREE 2023

This year St. Brigid's Parish Giving Tree is once again supporting the Gisborne branch of St. Vincent de Paul. They are asking for donations of Food Gift Cards, which can be purchased from Foodworks, IGA & Coles in Gisborne and to any value. We will include a "Pennies from Heaven" option for cash donations and these monies will be used to purchase Gift Cards. The Gift Cards will be used to support families in need over the Christmas period.

The Giving Tree program is now underway. Could donations please be returned no later than Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December, so the Gift Cards can be distributed to Families for Christmas.

Gift cards can be returned at any Mass, Parish Office and both Schools.

### HELP NEEDED GISBORNE CHURCH - FLOWERS

*If you could spare a few hours once a month and be included on the floral arrangement roster at St. Brigid's church please contact Tam for details..*

### SCRIPTURE STUDIES

Thursday's 10am

Enquiries: Bernie 0414 890 377

**OPEN HOUSE** – meet after 11am Sunday Mass at the Kaffeine Bar - 30 Aitken Street for a coffee and chat. **Everyone Welcome!**

### KARATE CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

Thursday evenings 6pm - 1st TWO lessons free then \$7 per class

No term commitment required; pay as you come.

Enquiries: Kathryn Aprile—0404 340 892

### Weekly Social Cards Night

St. Brigid's Hall – Tuesday 7:30pm start - Entry \$10 per player

Light supper served on completion of play

EVERYONE WELCOME

### St Brigid's Parish Weekly Thanksgiving Sunday – 26<sup>th</sup> November, 2023

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|-----------------------|----|-----|----------------------------|
| Total Amount received | \$ | 783 | (envelopes)                |
| Total Amount received | \$ | 464 | (credit cards)             |
| Total Amount received | \$ | 240 | (direct debit)             |
| Presbytery Collection | \$ | 430 | (cash, c/c & d/d combined) |

Thank you for your ongoing support through the Thanksgiving Program.

May the Lord bless you all

**Introduction:** In the liturgy of Advent we especially draw attention to how God has been revealed in Christ, is revealed in this Mass now, and will come again in glory. We pray that we may prepare well for His coming among us.

**Lighting of Advent Candle** Response: “Come Lord Jesus”

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Isaiah 63:16-17, 64:3-8

In this special form of the Jewish blessing prayer, we recall God's blessing to us in the past. We ask God to continue to fulfil his promise.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

We hear St. Paul's prayer of thanksgiving for the faith lived by his community. He prays for them to continue to be strong.

**Gospel:** Mark 13:33-37

We hear another of the predictions of Jesus to be ready for when he comes. May we be ever alert for his presence among us.

**Prayer of Intercession:** “God is faithful”, St. Paul reminds us. Trusting in that fidelity, we pray for new life, hope, healing, and peace to those who call upon the name of God.

1. We pray for the Pope and the Bishops of the Church, that their call to all of goodwill to enter into the spirit of the season may be heard.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

**Lord hear our prayer.**

2. We pray during the continuing crisis across the Holy Land, that dialogue will replace weapons, healing overcome injuries, comfort ease distress, reunions give hope to hostages and prisoners, and prayer bring peace to all.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

**Lord hear our prayer**

3. We pray for the Church everywhere; that in celebrating the presence of Christ all may recognise that Jesus is the reason for the season.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

**Lord hear our prayer**

4. We pray for students and families at the end of the school year. May there be maturity of judgement, prudence in action and responsibility with all forms of recreation.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

**Lord hear our prayer**

5. We pray for our local community, that we here truly enter into the spirit of the season of Advent and live in response to the presence of Christ with us.

(pause) We pray to the Lord

**Lord hear our prayer**

6. We pray for all who live with disabilities on this International Day of Persons with Disabilities, that their lives will be filled with respect, be free of discrimination, have access to all the support they need and the opportunities to develop their skills..

(pause) We pray to the Lord

**Lord hear our prayer**

7. We pray for those who are sick – especially those on our parish prayer list - and all who care for them. For the faithful departed: those who have died recently and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially *Neil Dowling, Lucy Sullivan, Maria Consiglio, Joseph & Melita Bugeja & Armando Aprile.*

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

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**Celebrant:** We give you thanks, O gracious Lord, for you enrich us in every way through your love. Listen to our prayers, and grant us your salvation. Through Christ our Lord. Amen

**Next weeks readings:** Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11; 2 Peter 3:8-14; Mark 1:1-8.

**THE GLORIA**

Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you,  
we give you thanks for your great glory.

Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ,

Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

You take away the sins of the world; have mercy on us;

You take away the sins of the world; receive our prayer;

You are seated at the right hand of the Father; have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,

You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,

In the glory of God the Father. 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 **Isaiah 63:16-17; 64:1.3-8**

### A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

*Oh that you would tear the heavens apart and come down.*

You, Lord, yourself are our Father,  
Our Redeemer is your ancient name.

Why, Lord, leave us to stray from your ways and harden  
our hearts against fearing you?

Return, for the sake of your servants, the tribes of your  
inheritance.

Oh, that you would tear the heavens open and come down –  
at your Presence the mountains would melt.

No ear has heard, no eye has seen any god but you act like  
this for those who trust him.

You guide those who act with integrity and keep your ways  
in mind.

You were angry when we were sinners; we had long been  
rebels against you.

We were all like men unclean, all that integrity of ours like  
filthy clothing.

We have all withered like leaves and our sins blew us away  
like the wind.

No one invoked your name or roused himself to catch hold  
of you.

For you hid your face from us and gave us up to the power  
of our sins.

And yet, Lord, you are our Father; we the clay, you the  
potter, we are all the work of your hand.

### The word of the Lord.

## Responsorial Psalm

### Psalm 79:2-3. 15-16. 18-19 R. v.4

R. *Lord, make us turn to you,  
let us see your face and we shall be saved.*

1. O shepherd of Israel, hear us,  
shine forth from your cherubim throne.  
O Lord, rouse up your might,  
O Lord, come to our help. (R.)
2. God of hosts, turn again, we implore,  
look down from heaven and see.  
Visit this vine and protect it,  
the vine your right hand has planted. (R.)
3. May your hand be on the man you have chosen,  
the man you have given your strength.  
And we shall never forsake you again:  
give us life that we may call upon your name. (R.)

## Second Reading **1 Corinthians 1:3-9**

### A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians.

*The revelation we looked for, Christ Jesus our Lord.*

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you  
grace and peace.

I never stop thanking God for all the graces you have  
received through Jesus Christ. I thank him that you have  
been enriched in so many ways, especially in your teachers  
and preachers; the witness to Christ has indeed been strong  
among you so that you will not be without any of the gifts  
of the Spirit while you are waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ  
to be revealed; and he will keep you steady and without  
blame until the last day, the day of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
because God by calling you has joined you to his Son,  
Jesus Christ; and God is faithful.

### The word of the Lord.

## Gospel Acclamation

**Psalm 84:8**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your  
salvation.

Alleluia!

## Gospel

**Mark 13:33-37**

### A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

*Stay awake! You never know when the Lord will come.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Be on your guard, stay awake,  
because you never know when the time will come. It is  
like a man travelling abroad: he has gone from home, and  
left his servants in charge, each with his own task; and he  
has told the doorkeeper to stay awake. So stay awake,  
because you do not know when the master of the house is  
coming, evening, midnight, cockcrow, dawn; if he comes  
unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep. And what I say  
to you I say to all: Stay awake!'

### The Gospel of the Lord.

