



Second Sunday of Advent - Year B

10th 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
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 *Nell Templeton,
Alan Fisher & Frank Hvala.*
May they rest in peace ✠
Please email Tam if you would like an Anniversary included.

Weekday Mass has returned

Tuesday – 5pm
Wednesday 9:15am
Thursday 9:15am
Friday 9:15am
For those who may like a time of quiet prayer prior to
Mass, the church will be open at 9am each Wednesday,
Thursday & Friday to do so.
Mass will commence at 9:15am so school families can
attend after drop off and classes have the opportunity to
attend for school Masses.

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
for more info
Email 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

John immersed, baptised, his followers in water,
symbolising the washing away of the sins of the past. But
he could not empower people by drenching them in the
dynamic life of God. John anticipates 'Someone' (not
named!) who does have the power to inundate, baptise,
people with the Holy Spirit.
From the heading of St Mark's Gospel, we know that that
'Someone' is 'Jesus Christ, Son of God' who came to flood
our lives with that Divine Power which can effect a
completely new future for humanity.
That is why St Mark took the term 'gospel' (good news)
which was used on inscriptions announcing an Emperor's
birth or victory, and used it to describe his inspired
rendering of the mission of Jesus Christ, which was to
inaugurate the 'Kingdom of God', overcoming the
pretensions of all Emperors of any kind throughout history.
We could pause for a moment to thank God for the Good
News of our being baptised with water in the 'Name of the
Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.'
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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 –
4th Sunday of Advent Mass
Sun 24 Dec - 11am - St. Brigid's Church -
4th 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

Third Sunday of Advent – Year B

16th & 17th December, 2023

6:00pm Mass **St. Brigid's**
Reader: L. Jackanic & K. Aprile
Offertory: to be chosen on the day.
Eucharist: **Volunteer required please**

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

Flowers:
J. Shumack

9:30am Mass **St. Patrick's**
Reader: K. Petherbridge
Offertory: to be chosen on the day.
Eucharist: B. Stanchinotti

11:00am Mass **St. Brigid's**
Reader: B. Meyers
Offertory: to be chosen on the day.
Eucharist: D. Egan



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

- 10/12/23** Baptism's – 12pm – Gisborne Church
- 13/12/23** St. Brigid's School Graduation Mass – 6pm- Gisborne Church
- 14/12/23** Parish Pastoral Council meeting – 7pm – Parish Office
- 17/12/23** Baptism's – 12pm – Gisborne Church

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.

FAREWELL TO THE McCORMACK FAMILY

Many of you will be aware that the McCormack family have recently left the parish and moved to the Sunshine Coast. Sadly for us, their departure date was moved forward so we can't say thank you in person now but both Madalin and Marcus have made an enormous contribution to our parish over many years and on behalf of the parish I'd like to extend our sincere appreciation for their efforts at St. Brigids over the last decade. Their ministries included prayer group, Alpha Group, Music, Reader of the word and Special Minister. We wish you well for your next adventure in sunny Queensland!

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 17th December, so the Gift Cards can be distributed to Families for Christmas. Gift cards can be returned at any Mass or the Parish Office.

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.

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.

SCRIPTURE STUDIES

Thursday's 10am

Enquiries: Bernie 0414 890 377

Weekly Social Cards Night

Thank you to everyone who has supported the Euchre Club this year, we hope you had a wonderful time.

Card night will wrap up on 12/12/23 and recommence next year on 30/01/24.

Special mention to Jan & Bill Shumack for their efforts in hosting this event each week – THANK YOU!!

St Brigid's Parish Weekly Thanksgiving Sunday – 3 December, 2023

Total Amount received	\$ 754	<i>(envelopes)</i>
Total Amount received	\$ 150	<i>(credit cards)</i>
Total Amount received	\$ 205	<i>(direct debit)</i>
Presbytery Collection	\$ 510	<i>(cash, c/c & d/d combined)</i>

Thank you for your ongoing support through the Thanksgiving Program.

May the Lord bless you all

Introduction: With the Second Sunday of Advent, the Church gives us the preaching of John the Baptist and his call to prepare a way for the Lord. Are we, too, ready to accept this challenge as we move towards Christmas?

Lighting of Advent Candle Christ, son of the living God, have mercy on us.
Response: *We must decrease that you may increase.*

1st Reading: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11
These words from the prophet Isaiah are used by John the Baptist, when he announced that salvation is at hand.

2nd Reading: 2 Peter 3:8-14
In the early Christian community the expectation of Christ's return led to great fear and anxiety as to when that would take place. St. Peter urges the people to follow the teachings of the apostles.

Gospel: Mark 1:1-8
With the beginning of St. Mark's Gospel he begins by referring to Isaiah's preaching which he quotes, to call the people to listen.

Prayer of Intercession: As we embrace this season of Advent we ask God to comfort all who are in need, to gather the lost, and to lead all who seek his way of life.

1. We pray for the Pope and the College of Bishops, that they be like Isaiah's shepherds gathering the lambs, holding them close and leading them home.
(pause) We pray to the Lord. **Lord hear our prayer.**

2. We pray for the assemblies of the Church, wherever they gather in Christ's name, that they may remove the things that hinder them from receiving Christ, but share his wisdom.
(pause) We pray to the Lord. **Lord hear our prayer.**

3. We pray for the Year 6 students at Holy Cross School and St. Brigids School who are celebrating their Graduations at this time. We wish them every happiness and success in their future endeavours and thank our wonderful school staff who have cared for them during their Primary school years.
(pause) We pray to the Lord. **Lord hear our prayer.**

4. We pray for the hungry, the oppressed or those in need: that through the generous support of our parish community every human person will receive what they need to live in dignity and peace.
(pause) We pray to the Lord **Lord hear our prayer..**

5. We pray for Ellie and Jake who will be Baptised in our parish this weekend. As you begin your faith journey, know that we are here to help and support you.
(pause) We pray to the Lord **Lord hear our prayer..**

6. We pray for those who are sick – especially those on our parish prayer list - and for all who care for them. For the faithful departed: those who have died recently and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially *Nell Templeton, Alan Fisher & Frank Hvala*, that the promise of life beyond life and life in death will be the reward of their good and faithful service.
(pause) We pray to the Lord. **Lord hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: In you, O Lord, kindness and truth meet, justice and peace embrace. Hear these petitions which we confidently bring before you today because you are a God who cares. We make our prayers through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Next weeks readings: Isaiah 61:1-2, 10-11; 1 Thess.5:16-24; John 1:6-8, 19-28

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

Rectangular Ship

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First Reading Isaiah

40:1-5. 9-11

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Prepare the way for the Lord.

‘Console my people, console them’ says your God.

‘Speak to the heart of Jerusalem and call to her that her time of service is ended, that her sin is atoned for, that she has received from the hand of the Lord double punishment for all her crimes.’

A voice cries, ‘Prepare in the wilderness a way for the Lord. Make a straight highway for our God across the desert. Let every valley be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, let every cliff become a plain, and the ridges a valley; then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all mankind shall see it; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.’

Go up on a high mountain, joyful messenger to Zion. Shout with a loud voice, joyful messenger to Jerusalem. Shout without fear, say to the towns of Judah, ‘Here is your God.’ Here is the Lord coming with power, his arm subduing all things to him.

The prize of his victory is with him, his trophies all go before him. He is like a shepherd feeding his flock, gathering lambs in his arms, holding them against his breast and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 84:9-14. R. v.8

(R.) *Lord, let us see your kindness,
and grant us your salvation.*

1. I will hear what the Lord God has to say,
a voice that speaks of peace,
peace for his people.
His help is near for those who fear him
and his glory will dwell in our land. (R.)
2. Mercy and faithfulness have met;
justice and peace have embraced.
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth
and justice look down from heaven. (R.)
3. The Lord will make us prosper
and our earth shall yield its fruit.
Justice shall march before him
and peace shall follow his steps. (R.)

Second Reading

2 Peter 3:8-14

A reading from the second letter of St. Peter.

We wait for new heavens and a new earth.

There is one thing, my friends, that you must never forget: that with the Lord, ‘a day’ can mean a thousand years, and a thousand years is like a day.

The Lord is not being slow to carry out his promises, as anybody else might be called slow; but he is being patient with you all, wanting nobody to be lost and everybody to be brought to change his ways. The Day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then with a roar the sky will vanish, the elements will catch fire and fall apart, the earth and all that it contains will be burnt up.

Since everything is coming to an end like this, you should be living holy and saintly lives while you wait and long for the Day of God to come, when the sky will dissolve in flames and the elements melt in the heat. What we are waiting for is what he promised: the new heavens and new earth, the place where righteousness will be at home. So then, my friends, while you are waiting, do your best to live lives without spot or stain so that he will find you at peace.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation Luke 3:4. 6

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:
all people shall see the salvation of God.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 1:1-8

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

Make straight the paths of the Lord.

The beginning of the Good News about Jesus Christ, the Son of God. It is written in the book of the prophet Isaiah:

Look, I am going to send my messenger before
you;
he will prepare your way.
A voice cries in the wilderness:
Prepare a way for the Lord,
make his paths straight,

and so it was that John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. All Judaea and all the people of Jerusalem made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. John wore a garment of camel-skin, and he lived on locusts and wild honey. In the course of his preaching he said, ‘Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

