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Check the Parish Website for:

- Child Safety and Code of Conduct Policy
- Parish Privacy Act / Professional Standards

Prayers We pray for those who are in ill health, *Eileen Seric, Corrine Van der Merwe, Walter Carroll, Megan Brannigan, Andrew Moore, Sophie Wisniewski, Michael Wisniewski, Glenys O'Dea, Mary Bauer, Tanja Schnitzler, Brian Dullard, Anthony Seric & Ryan Fitzgerald.*

We also pray for the Flanagan Family

We pray for the recently deceased, especially Joan Bourke and for those who have an anniversary at this time, especially Lucy Sullivan & Armando Aprile.

May they rest in peace ☩

GIVING TREE 2022

This year St. Brigid's Parish giving Tree is supporting the newly reformed Gisborne branch of St. Vincent de Paul.

They are asking for donations of Food Gift Cards, which can be purchased from Foodworks, IGA and Coles in Gisborne and to any value. We will include a "Pennies from Heaven" option and any monies will be used to purchase Gift Cards. The Gift Cards will be used to support families in need over the Christmas period. All donations will be greatly appreciated.

The Giving Tree program will commence on the first week of Advent—26th / 27th November. Could donations please be returned no later than Sunday 18th December, so the Gift Cards can be distributed to Families for Christmas.

Gift cards can be returned at any Mass, to the Parish Office, the Presbytery or to either school.

Thank you for your support.

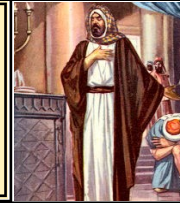
2023 ROSTERS The 2023 Rosters will be prepared in the coming weeks. Volunteers always welcomed to help with Flower Arrangements at Gisborne, Offertory / Eucharistic Minister or Lector at all churches.

Please contact the Parish Office on 5428 2591 or gisborne@cam.org.au or see Fr. Vinoth if you would like to be part of the team.

In line with our Safeguarding Policy, all volunteers do need a current Working with Children Check. Help provided if required.

Your time and talent is much needed and will be appreciated.

2nd Sunday of Advent
4th December
Year A 2022



Fr. Vinoth Santiago
66 Aitken Street
Gisborne Vic 3437

Phone: 5428 2591

THE GOSPEL MATTHEW 3:1-12

Inaugurating a New Humanity

John proclaimed that the reign of God was 'at hand' as he immersed and plunged followers into the waters of the Jordan River. (His nickname was John the Immerser, or 'baptiser' in the Greek.) He used flowing water to symbolise the washing away of the past for those who repented so that they could be totally focused on the 'at hand' person who would inaugurate God's kingdom.

In this passage, John does not identify the 'Someone'! But he realised that this 'Someone' would have divine power to affect the future by immersing, baptising, his followers with the Holy Spirit and with fire.

At this stage of Advent, we should be like John's disciples, filled with a sense of anticipation, looking forward to the *coming towards us* ('Advent' in Latin) of the One who can flood our minds and bodies with the Holy Spirit and can immerse our hearts in Divine Fire.

We could pause for a moment to thank God that, even though we are unworthy to carry His sandals, there is One who is coming towards us wanting to transform us with Divine Power.

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Reflection by the Artist:

Like John the Baptist, we await the coming of the kingdom in the person of the Messiah. John says that the Messiah will baptise 'with the Holy Spirit and fire'.



Jenny Close

Reflection of the Week

Very little is needed to make a happy life; it is all within yourself, in your way of thinking. .

Marcus Aurelius

Departing Parishioner -
We'll miss you.



New Parishioner -
Welcome to St Brigid's Parish





Rosters and Events



Ministers for next weekend's Masses

Third Sunday of Advent

11th December

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6.00pm Mass: St Brigid's

Reader: N. Spiers & C. Spiers

Offertory: To be chosen on the day

Eucharist: N. Spiers

8:00am Mass: St Ambrose's

Welcomer: Jim White

Readers: Catherine Moore

Offertory: To be chosen on the day

Eucharist: Paul Lawry



9.30am Mass: St Patrick's

Readers: B. O'Callaghan

Offertory: To be chosen on the day

Eucharist: J. O'Callaghan & D. Briffa

11.00am Mass: St Brigid's

Readers: B. Myers & D. Egan

Offertory: To be chosen on the day

Eucharist: K. Page & B. Myers

Counters: Not needed at this stage

Flowers: Janice Shumack



St Brigid's Parish Carols

When: Sunday the 18th of December from 6pm

Where: St Brigid's Parish Hall, Gisborne

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

BYO food and drink to share

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.

Gisborne Community Care Foodbank

Please bring donations of non perishable groceries and place in the boxes at the doors. They will be passed on to the local foodbank and provided to families from the local area. All grocery items needed—whatever you buy each week for your own family is what is needed for other families.

'Gisborne Foodbank' on Facebook to see weekly updates of the groceries they are low on.

website: <https://www.gisbornefoodbank.org.au/>.

Needed items: long life milk, pasta and pasta sauces, peanut butter, jam, lunch snacks, tinned fish, dry and sweet biscuits, dishwashing liquid and laundry detergent.

The Foodbank are very grateful for donations that continue to come from our parish.

Thank you for your support, Carolyn

St Brigid's Parish Calendar of Events—Nov/Dec

Sunday	4th	2nd Sunday Advent
Monday	5th	PPC Info meeting
Tuesday	6th	Holy Cross Mass 6pm
Tuesday	6th	2023 Sacramental Meeting 7pm
Thursday	8th	School Graduation 6pm - Parish Hall
Sunday	11th	Special Collection: Melb Overseas Mission
Friday	16th	Healing Mass 10am



WEEKLY SOCIAL CARDS NIGHT

Every Tuesday - 7:15pm - St. Brigid's Hall
Enquiries: Janice Shumack 5428 4315

KARATE CLASS FOR CHILDREN - FREE OF CHARGE

Every Thursday—6pm—St. Brigid's Hall
Enquiries: Kathryn Aprile—0404 340 892

Open House—meet after 11.00 am Sunday Mass at the Kaffeine Bar— 30 Aitken Street for a coffee and chat.
Everyone Welcome

SCRIPTURE STUDIES

Every Thursday—10am—St. Brigid's Church
Enquiries: Bernie Floreani—0414 890 377

From Sr Maria at St Elisabeth Convent in Minsk, Belarus. Greetings to you from Belarus. I'm writing to you to express our sincere gratitude for a wonderful welcoming in your parish. We heartily thank the Lord for your hospitality and precious help. It was truly a blessing because it enabled us to continue our work. Let us assure you that you are always in our prayers and you are always welcome here at St. Elisabeth Convent.

Weekday Masses: 6th December - 9th December 2022

Tues	5.00 pm to 6.00 pm — Mass
Wed	9.15 am to 10.00 am — Mass
Thurs	9.15 am to 10.00 am — Mass
Fri	9.15 am to 10.00 am — Mass



Reconciliation & Spiritual Direction:

APPOINTMENT ONLY—please call Parish Office 5428 2591 to book a time)
Please see parish website for any changes—www.cam.org.au/gisborne

St Brigid's Parish Weekly Thanksgiving for Sunday 20th November 2022

Total Amount Pledged	\$	1269.23
Total Amount received	\$	749.00 (envelopes)
Total Amount received	\$	224.00 (credit cards)
Total Amount received	\$	270.00 (direct debit)
Presbytery Collection	\$	619.00



Thank you for your ongoing support through the Thanksgiving Program.