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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. & Nell Templeton.*

We pray for the recently deceased, especially Neil Dowling and for those who have an anniversary at this time, especially Jim Bodsworth and Alan Fisher.

**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.

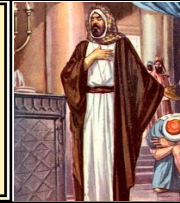
*In line with our Safeguarding Policy, all volunteers do need a current Working with Children Check. Help provided if required.*

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

**Departing Parishioner -**  
We'll miss you.



**3rd Sunday of Advent**  
**11th December**  
**Year A 2022**



**Fr. Vinoth Santiago**  
**66 Aitken Street**  
**Gisborne Vic 3437**  
**Phone: 5428 2591**

**THE GOSPEL MATTHEW 11:2-11**

*The Right Question*

John was languishing in prison, held captive by the local agent of the Roman Empire. Perhaps he was looking for evidence that Jesus was the One who would throw off Roman despotism. In answer to his questing, Jesus replied that John should rather look at what was happening on the ground in His healing ministry and orientation to the poor. *Those* are the signs that the reign of God has begun.

I admire John the Baptist because he was prepared to seek and accept the answer to the question which was crucial to him, even though the answer might upset his preconceptions. He was a true seeker after Truth.

All our activities as a parish in building community, forming faith, serving the poor, participating in the liturgy, should be undertaken so that a seeker after Truth might see and hear the evidence of the presence and mission of the risen Lord Jesus Christ amongst us.

We could pause for a moment to simply pray in the spirit of Advent: 'Come, Lord Jesus' to satisfy the restlessness of the questing heart.

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**Reflection by the Artist:**

John asks for confirmation of Jesus' status as Messiah. Jesus shows



his credentials by pointing to the messianic aspects of his ministry – healing and strengthening miracles, and the emergence of new meanings signify the coming of the kingdom. .

Jenny Close

**Church Cleaners—Volunteers**

*Beginning in 2023 we are looking to build our network of volunteer church carers for our parish just to spread the workload a little.*

*If you had a spare hour or two that could be used to vacuum and tidy the church of your choice on a rostered basis, we would love to hear from you.*

*Once a month, once a quarter, whatever you could contribute would be much appreciated. Kindly contact the office if you are able to help.*

Thank you.

**New Parishioner -**  
Welcome to St Brigid's Parish





# Rosters and Events



Ministers for next weekend's Masses

Fourth Sunday of Advent

18th December

Year A 2022

## 6.00pm Mass: St Brigid's

**Reader:** L. Scott & M. McCormick  
**Offertory:** To be chosen on the day  
**Eucharist:** L. Wilson

## 8:00am Mass: St Ambrose's

**Welcomer:** Jim White  
**Readers:** Marie Hall  
**Offertory:** To be chosen on the day  
**Eucharist:** Eileen Seric



## 9.30am Mass: St Patrick's

**Readers:** C. Trist & H. Legro  
**Offertory:** To be chosen on the day  
**Eucharist:** K. Vandenberg & E. Plowman

## 11.00am Mass: St Brigid's

**Readers:** C. Fry & T. Armstrong  
**Offertory:** To be chosen on the day  
**Eucharist:** D. Egan & T. Armstrong

**Counters:** Not needed at this stage

**Flowers:** Marie Clifford



## 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](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.

## 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	11th	3rd Sunday Advent
Sunday	11th	Special Collection: Melb Overseas Mission
Friday	16th	Healing Mass 10am
Sunday	18th	4th Sunday Advent
	18th	Baptism



PARISH CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES			
24/12/22	6:30pm	Carols	St. Brigid's Gisborne
	7:00pm	Family Mass	St. Brigid's
24/12/22	8:15pm	Carols	St. Patrick's Macedon
	9:00pm	Mass	St. Patrick's
24/12/22	10:30pm	Carols	St. Brigid's Gisborne
	11:00pm	Mass	St. Brigid's
25/12/22	9:00am	Mass	St. Ambrose R/Creek
25/12/22	10:30am	Mass	St. Brigid's Gisborne

## SCRIPTURE STUDIES

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

## 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 Kaffee Bar— 30 Aitken Street for a coffee and chat.  
*Everyone Welcome*

## Weekday Masses: 13th Decvember - 16th December 2022

Tues	5:00 pm to 5:30 pm - Mass
Wed	9:15 am to 10:00 am - Mass
Thurs	9:15 am to 10:00 am - Mass
Fri	10:00am to 11:00 am - Healing Mass
Fri	11:30am to 12:30pm - Holy Cross



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](http://www.cam.org.au/gisborne)

## EUCHRE CARD GROUP

The Tuesday night card group is up and running well. We can still take more players and you don't have to commit to every week.

Thank you very much for the terrific raffle donations that we have received. It is very exciting for the recipients to have such a variety of items to choose from.

We will go into recess for some weeks with our last night for 2022 being **Tuesday 13th December**.

We will recommence Tuesday 31 January 2023 (after the tennis has finished)

**Thanks to everyone for your support.**

Janice

## St Brigid's Parish Weekly Thanksgiving for Sunday 4 December 2022

Total Amount Pledged	\$	1269
Total Amount received	\$	933 (envelopes)
Total Amount received	\$	170 (credit cards)
Total Amount received	\$	165 (direct debit)
Presbytery Collection	\$	515



*Thank you for your ongoing support through the Thanksgiving Program.*