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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 pray for the recently deceased, especially Nell Templeton and for those who have an anniversary at this time, especially Frank Hvala, Julia Chicarelli, E.K. Danister, John de Lai, Norrie Gardiner & Desmond Dunne.

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.*

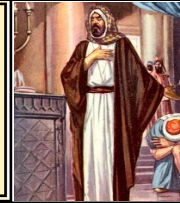
Departing Parishioner -

We'll miss you.



**4th Sunday of Advent**

**18th December  
Year A 2022**



**Fr. Vinoth Santiago**  
66 Aitken Street  
Gisborne Vic 3437

**Phone: 5428 2591**

### THE GOSPEL MATTHEW 1:18-24

#### Just Man Dreaming

Joseph could not ignore Mary's pregnancy, but he had an exceptional large-heartedness, so that he preserved a future for Mary even though she had apparently wronged him.

If he had gone to sleep in a frame of mind to avenge his honour, he would not have been ready to have the deepest levels of his consciousness stirred in the way God wanted. In the deep sleep of a just and good man, Joseph was enlightened as to the divine dimension of Mary's pregnancy. The old cycle of human history, literally generation after generation, was being broken. Something utterly new had happened.

You and I are just as likely to receive an intuition as to God's plan for us in the depths of sleep: who we really are, who we are destined to be, where we fit in to God's plan for transforming the whole of creation. When we get these instructive moments in our sleep, what can we do when we wake up? We can do what Joseph did: get up and do what is needed to fulfil the message.

We could pause for a moment to thank Joseph for showing what dreams can be made of. Tonight might be the night!

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#### Reflection by the Artist:



Joseph takes the active role in Matthew's infancy narrative. It is Joseph, rather than Mary, who encounters an angel. In a dream, Joseph is reassured by a heavenly messenger that Mary's pregnancy is legitimate, albeit unconventional. .

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

The Nativity of the Lord

25th December

Year A 2022

## 6.00pm Mass: St Brigid's

**Reader:** F. Murone & K. Aprile  
**Offertory:** To be chosen on the day  
**Eucharist:** M. McCormick & L. Scott

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

**Welcomer:** Jim White  
**Readers:** Lucinda Lawry  
**Offertory:** To be chosen on the day  
**Eucharist:** Lola Rowe



## 9.30am Mass: St Patrick's

**Readers:** E. Kilgariff & K. Petherbridge  
**Offertory:** To be chosen on the day  
**Eucharist:** M. Redman & M. Cooper

## 11.00am Mass: St Brigid's

**Readers:** J. Holmes & C. Holmes  
**Offertory:** To be chosen on the day  
**Eucharist:** K. Page & B. Myers

**Counters:** Not needed at this stage

**Flowers:** G. O'Dea & K. Page



## 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

## 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

## St Brigid's Parish Calendar of Events—December

Friday	16th	Healing Mass 10am
Sunday	18th	4th Sunday Advent
	18th	Baptisms 12noon
	18th	Parish Carols in the Hall 6pm
Wednesday	21st	Reconciliation Service 7pm
Saturday	24th	Individual Reconciliation 10am

## KARATE CLASSES FOR CHILDREN

Recommencing Term 1 2023 on Thursday evenings 6pm  
1st lesson free then \$5 per class  
No term commitment required, pay as you come.  
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*

## BAPTISM PRAYER

We pray for  
**Scarlett & Paige Booth**

who will be Baptised in our parish this week.

The parishioners of St. Brigid's parish

Welcome and support you.

## SCRIPTURE STUDIES

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

## Weekday Masses: 20th Decvember - 23rd 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	9:15am 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](http://www.cam.org.au/gisborne)

## St Brigid's Parish Weekly Thanksgiving for Sunday 11 December 2022

Total Amount Pledged	\$	1269
Total Amount received	\$	851 (envelopes)
Total Amount received	\$	110 (credit cards)
Total Amount received	\$	125 (direct debit)
Presbytery Collection	\$	640



Thank you for your ongoing support through the Thanksgiving Program.