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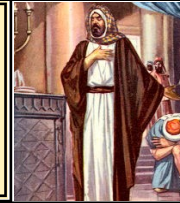
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The Nativity of the Lord
25th December
Year A 2022



Fr. Vinoth Santiago
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Gisborne Vic 3437

Phone: 5428 2591

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 and for those who have an anniversary at this time, especially Ronald Chinnia, Joseph & Melita Bugeja, Joseph & David Consiglio and Darren Nisbett

May they rest in peace †

GIVING TREE 2022

The Gisborne branch of St. Vincent de Paul would like to sincerely thank the St. Brigid's Parish community for their wonderful response to the 2022 Giving Tree.

Parishioners from St. Ambrose in Riddell's Creek, St. Patrick's in Macedon and St. Brigid's in Gisborne have continued to show their generosity by providing a huge variety of Gift Cards that will be used to support families in need over the Christmas period.

Thank you for your support.

JANUARY ROSTERS

As many of us are lucky enough to get away during the Christmas & New Year season there are no rostered duties for the month of January.

It would be appreciated if volunteers could make themselves available at any Mass they attend to ensure all ministry roles are filled.

Fr. Kevin Bourke will be celebrating Masses with us while Fr. Vinoth takes some time off during January.

We welcome Fr. Kevin for the weekends of January 14/15, 21/22 & 28/29.

The Parish Secretary will be on board during January while Fr. Vinoth is away. The parish office will be attended on Tuesday's & Thursday's 9am to 5pm.

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.



THE GOSPEL JOHN 1:1-18

Reflection by Fr Michael Tate:

The glory of God and profound peace reaching out to embrace the whole of humanity are dynamically related in the baby in the manger. This is the song of the angels, and it is our privilege to join in that song at this Christmas Mass.

Every baby is a promise of a new future which fills one with hope. But this baby is unique. This Jewish boy baby is the body language of God. This baby is the sonburst of God entering our dark world. This baby shows us that God is not impossibly remote but, rather, God is as intimately close as a vulnerable infant.

And this baby fulfils all the yearning of the human heart. We want to love to the utmost. We want to be loved to the utmost. This baby enables both because he is without any finite boundaries or restraints: He is infinite love reaching out to us.

Can we grasp all this? Probably not. So, like the little lambs nuzzling up to the manger, we just follow some deep intuition which says: 'I must kneel in adoration, it is good to be here.' We could pause for a moment to pray for the resolve to do our bit to echo the angel's message: 'I bring you good news of great joy to be shared by all peoples.'

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Christmas Blessing



To all of our Parishioners, their families and friends, we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year in 2023.

Thank you for your support and friendship throughout the year. We hope you share some cherished family time over the holiday season.

Blessings from Fr. Vinoth and Tam

New Parishioner -
Welcome to St Brigid's Parish





Events



PARISH DAY

SUNDAY 5th FEBRUARY 2023

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, MACEDON

Commences with Mass at 10:30am in the church

No other masses that Sunday

BYO Picnic lunch, chairs & rugs

Free BBQ / Tea and Coffee supplied



Come and Celebrate the Feast of St. Brigid

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

Gisborne Community Care Foodbank

A big thank you to all parishioners who have contributed to the Gisborne Community Care Foodbank during the past year.

Your donations have been gratefully received by many families in need of assistance in our community.

Please note the Foodbank will be closed from 21/12/22 to 18/01/23

Donations are still welcome and will be dropped off when the Foodbank opens in the New Year.

St Brigid's Parish Carols

This wonderful event was held in the Parish Hall on Sunday 18th of December and was very well attended.

All reports were glowing and all those who came had a wonderful evening.

On behalf of everyone who attended, I extend a very big "THANK YOU" to Kevin & Gerard Carroll and the Macedon Choir for organising this event.

SCRIPTURE STUDIES

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

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 Kaffeine Bar— 30 Aitken Street for a coffee and chat.
Everyone Welcome

Weekday Masses: 27th December - 30th 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	9:15 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

ORGANIC SUNRISE
Christmas
BBQ

ORGANIC GLUTEN-FREE
BBQ POTATO RÖSTIS
W/ SIDE CONDIMENTS

ORGANIC FRESHLY
JUICED FRUITS AND
VEGETABLES

ST. BRIGID'S CHURCH, GISBORNE
DECEMBER 24, 2022
(AFTER THE 7PM CHRISTMAS EVE MASS)

St Brigid's Parish Calendar of Events

Saturday	24th	Individual Reconciliation 10am
Sunday	25th	The Nativity of the Lord
Sunday	1st Jan	Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God

St Brigid's Parish Weekly Thanksgiving for Sunday 18 December 2022

Total Amount Pledged	\$	1269
Total Amount received	\$	699 (envelopes)
Total Amount received	\$	220 (credit cards)
Total Amount received	\$	40 (direct debit)
Presbytery Collection	\$	650



Thank you for your ongoing support through the Thanksgiving Program.