



Third Sunday of Advent Yr C

15th December, 2024

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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** melbcatholic.org/s/gisborne**Secretary Hours** Tuesday & Thursday 9:00am – 5:00pm**CONTINUING PRAYER LIST:**

Please pray for those who are in ill health:

**Eileen S, Corine V,
Anthony S, Fran S, Helen K,
Shane R, George T, Henslee C,
Doris S, Jacqueline D, Sebastian M,
Diane M, Eddie G & Ivor P.**

We pray for the recently deceased, especially **Megan Branigan** and for those who have an anniversary at this time, especially **Alan Fisher, Desmond Dunne, Joseph & Melita Bugeja, Joseph & David Consiglio & Darren Nisbett.**

May they rest in peace*Please email Tam if you would like an Anniversary included.***UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS**

14/12/24	Saturday 6pm Mass – Gisborne
15/12/24	Normal Sunday Masses
15/12/24	12pm – Baptism – Gisborne
17/12/24	9:15am – St. B's School end of year Mass
17/12/24	5pm – Weekday Mass - Gisborne
18/12/24	9:15am – Weekday Mass – Gisborne
18/12/24	7pm – Communal Service of Forgiveness
19/12/24	9:15am – Weekday Mass
19/12/24	10am – Scripture Study – see ad
20/12/24	9:15am – Healing Mass
21/12/24	Saturday 6pm Mass – Gisborne
22/12/24	Normal Sunday Masses

REFLECTION by Fr. Michael Tate

Some people have an image of God who must be obeyed out of fear. Rules of behaviour are kept as part of a deal to avoid punishment. But St Paul was imitating God when he told the Philippians that all he wanted was their 'happiness'. God's deepest desire is that we share divine bliss. St Thomas Aquinas tells us that the goal of human life is this beatific happiness.

Of course, there is a way of life which responds to the Divine Lover. John the Baptist insists on rules of social justice, particularly those which forbid taking advantage of the vulnerable. But these are the minimum. He envisages a response of extravagant generosity. It will take Baptism in the Holy Spirit and Fire to make this possible.

This was effected by the One foretold by John. He doesn't name him, but we know it was Jesus of Nazareth who had the power to unleash such over-the-top generosity. Jesus sent his Holy Spirit at Pentecost as if in wind and fire. This created a new community which, the Acts of Apostles tells us, responded with acts of unrestrained generosity to the vulnerable and needy.

We might pause for a moment to pray for a generous spirit responding in gratitude to the Divine Lover who, as Risen Lord, has the power and will to enable us to be filled with Divine Bliss.

mtate@bigpond.com**Weekday Mass Cancellation List**

This time of year gets very busy in the parish with extra school Masses for students and teachers, Graduation Masses and special Advent services. Weekday Masses can be cancelled at short notice and although an email will be sent out as soon as possible, notice doesn't always get to the parishioners that need it. If you would like to be placed on a contact list to be phoned if a Weekday Mass has been cancelled at short notice, please contact Tam at the office. Details above.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Tuesday, December 24th – 6pm Gisborne – Family Mass
Tuesday, December 24th – 8:30pm Macedon – Nativity of the Lord (Carols begin 7:45pm)
Tuesday, December 24th – 11pm Gisborne – Nativity of the Lord (Carols begin 10:30pm)
Wednesday, December 25th – 8:30am Riddell's Creek – Christmas Day Mass
Wednesday, December 25th – 10:30am Gisborne – Christmas Day Mass



Rosters & Events



Ministers for next weekend's Masses

Fourth Sunday of Advent – Year C

21st & 22nd December, 2024

6:00pm Mass St. Brigid's Reader: K. Aprile Eucharist: L. Wilson	8:00am Mass St. Ambrose's Welcomer: J. White Reader: M. Hall	Flowers: K. Page & L. DeBono Greenery only during Advent
9:30am Mass St. Patrick's Reader: K. Petherbridge Eucharist: M. Cooper	11:00am Mass St. Brigid's Reader: J. Holmes & C. Holmes Eucharist: T. Armstrong	

HOME VISITS TO THE SICK

Parishioners wanting to have a home visit from Fr. Vincent should please contact the office by phone or email to arrange a suitable time.

Our Safeguarding Policy does not allow for a Priest or volunteer to attend a home to provide Communion or counsel without consent of the person directly involved.

2024 GIVING TREE

This year we will again be 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 and Aldi in Gisborne to any value. Also included is 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 – 30th Nov / 1st Dec. ***Could donations please be returned no later than Sunday 15th December***, so the Gift Cards can be distributed to families for Christmas. Gift cards can be returned to any Mass, Parish Office and both Schools.

WEEKLY CARDS GROUP

Thank you to all those who have supported the Cards Group this year. We will recommence on January 21st, 2025.

2025 VOLUNTEERS

Thank you to all volunteers who have advised they are happy to continue with their service next year.

In order to produce effective rosters, could you please advise if you have made any holiday plans and know of times when you will be away so I don't roster you on during that time. I've found that many of us head north for the winter to find a bit of sun. The more I can get right now, the less we have to change next year.

FINANCE COMMITTEE NEEDS YOU!!

Nomination forms will be available in the coming weeks to express interest in joining the Parish Finance Committee. Please contact the office if you are interested.

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.

CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR S.V.D.P.

Christmas cards now available in church.
 Packet of 5 cards - \$5

SCRIPTURE STUDIES

Thursday – 10am
 For all enquiries please contact
 Bernie 0414 890 377

OPEN HOUSE

Meet after 11am
 Sunday Mass at the
 Kaffeine Bar for a
 coffee and chat.
Everyone Welcome!

2024 CCPR RAFFLE - LIST OF WINNERS SATURDAY 7TH DECEMBER AT 7:30PM AT RESURRECTION PARISH 402 CORRIGAN ROAD, KEYSBOROUGH Permit No – 10159/24

Prize	Ticket Number	Winner	Organisation selling ticket
1 st Prize Kia	2472	Kean Chan Yew Poa	Holy Family Parish Mt. Waverley
2 nd Prize \$5000 Coles Myer Voucher	67713	Marj Coghlan	Lifeboat Geelong
3 rd Prize \$3000 Coles Myer Voucher	13770	Dao Nguyen	St. Damians' Parish Bundoora
4 th Prize \$1000 Coles Myer Voucher	4478	Louisa Ngo	Holy Family Parish Mt. Waverley
5 th Prize \$1000 Coles Myer Voucher	9902	Leigh Carleton	Holy Trinity Parish East Bentleigh
6 th Prize \$500 Coles Myer Voucher	44491	Josie Fanti	St. Simon's Parish Rowville
7 th Prize \$500 Coles Myer Voucher	3430	Stan Greengrass	St. Anthony's Parish Noble Park

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

Should you have a loved one gravely ill and in need of anointing or the services of a priest, please call the Parish Landline on 5428 2591.

St Brigid's Parish Weekly Giving

Collections last week: Presbytery \$689
 Thanksgiving \$1901

Thank you for your ongoing support through the Thanksgiving Program.

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.

Introduction: On this third Sunday of Advent our focus is on the call of John the Baptist to prepare the way of the Lord, who comes among us now as we gather for the Word and Sacrament.

We welcome..... to light the Advent Candles on behalf of the community.

The 3rd Sunday of Advent symbolizes JOY with the SHEPHERDS CANDLE reminding us of the joy the world experienced at the coming birth of Jesus.

(Pink candle)

3rd week

Lighting of the Advent Candle.

Rejoice in the Lord always again, I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.

Response: Christ, son of the living God. Have mercy on us Lord.

1st Reading: Zephaniah 3:14-18

In listening to the prophet Zephaniah we hear a word of hope, when Israel seemed to be in gloom and doom. His thoughts are full of joy.

2nd Reading: Philippians 4:4-7

Paul urges the Philippians and us to be aware of promoting the unity of the community and proclaim a Christian outlook on life.

Gospel: Luke 3:10-18

Luke portrays the role of John the Baptist. Jesus came to baptise with the Holy Spirit and fire as the final stage in the story of salvation history.

Prayer of Intercession: Let us pray for the mission of the Church: For the work of missionaries everywhere and for a deeper faithfulness in proclaiming the Gospel.

1. In this Advent time of waiting, we pray for the gift of hope, confident that God who led the people of Israel from exile into the light of his glory will be our salvation and joy.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

2. Paul encourages us, “if there is anything you need, pray for it.” May there be peace in our hearts, peace in our families, and peace in our world when we share the great gift of peace himself, Jesus the Lord.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

3. As Christmas approaches we pray that our preparations be not a burden or chore. May they be the levels of service in which we promote the deepest Christian wish for the peace and joy of Christ.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

4. For those who are oppressed, for refugees and those who suffer war: that we will reach out in service, financial support and prayer to bring comfort and compassion to those in need.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

5. In the spirit of the season we pray for ourselves and the special needs of all in our parish community. We pray for those who are sick – especially those on our parish prayer list – the frail, and for all who care for them. For the faithful departed: for those who have died recently, especially **Megan Branigan** and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially **Alan Fisher, Desmond Dunne, Joseph & Melita Bugeja, Joseph & David Consiglio & Darren Nisbett.**

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

Please join in the Parish Prayer.

Celebrant: Come Holy Spirit into our lives. Help us to know more clearly the ‘Good News’ of Jesus our Saviour. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Next weeks’ readings: Micah 5:1-4; Hebrews 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-44

ST. BRIGID'S GISBORNE PARISH PRAYER

God our Father, we thank you for all the blessings we enjoy in our parish family of St. Brigid's Gisborne.

Many have laboured to build our parish. May we all work together and hand in hand stand together.

May our parish be filled with holiness and prayer, faith and love.

May all who come here find a welcoming home, comfort in their needs and strength for their journey.

St. Brigid, St. Patrick, St. Ambrose and St. Colmcille watch over us always we pray, that with faith we grow and learn.

We make our prayer in Jesus name.

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

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First Reading

Zephaniah 3:14-18

A reading from the prophet Zephaniah.

With gladness the Lord will rejoice over you.

Shout for joy, daughter of Zion, Israel, shout aloud!

Rejoice, exult with all your heart,
daughter of Jerusalem!

The Lord has repealed your sentence;
he has driven your enemies away.

The Lord, the king of Israel, is in your midst;
you have no more evil to fear.

When that day comes, word will come to Jerusalem:
Zion, have no fear, do not let your hands fall limp.

The Lord your God is in your midst,
a victorious warrior.

He will exult with joy over you,
he will renew you by his love;

he will dance with shouts of joy for you as on a day of
festival.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Is 12:2-6 R. v.6

(R.) Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is
the great and Holy One of Israel.

1. Truly, God is my salvation,
I trust, I shall not fear.
For the Lord is my strength, my song,
he became my saviour.
With joy you will draw water
from the wells of salvation. (R.)

2. Give thanks to the Lord, give praise to his name!
Make his mighty deeds known to the peoples!
Declare the greatness of his name. (R.)

3. Sing a psalm to the Lord
for he has done glorious deeds,
make them known to all the earth!
People of Zion, sing and shout for joy
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.
(R.)

Second Reading Philippians 4:4-7

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Philippians.

The Lord is near.

I want you to be happy, always happy in the Lord; I repeat,
what I want is your happiness. Let your tolerance be
evident to everyone: the Lord is very near. There is no
need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it,
asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that
peace of God, which is so much greater than we can
understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in
Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation Is 61:1 (Lk 4:18)

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;
he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 3:10-18

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

What, then, must we do?

When all the people asked John, 'What must we do?' he
answered, 'If anyone has two tunics he must share with the
man who has none, and the one with something to eat must
do the same.' There were tax collectors too who came for
baptism, and these said to him, 'Master, what must we do?'
He said to them, 'Exact no more than your rate.' Some
soldiers asked him in their turn, 'What about us? What
must we do?' He said to them, 'No intimidation! No
extortion! Be content with your pay!'

A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who
were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so
John declared before them all, 'I baptise you with water,
but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful
than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals;
he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His
winnowing-fan is in his hand to clear his threshing-floor
and to gather the wheat into his barn; but the chaff he will
burn in a fire that will never go out.' As well as this, there
were many other things he said to exhort the people and to
announce the Good News to them.

The Gospel of the Lord.



Wordsearch

Try to find these words:

baptise
different
fire
food

Messiah
money
sandals
satisfied

share
soldiers
teacher
water

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**Choir of the Anglican Parish of Gisborne
Young Voices of Macedon
with singers from St Patrick's, Macedon
and St Ambrose, Woodend**

Alan Grinton, organ

**Sunday 15 December at 7.30 pm
Church of the Resurrection
Corner of Honour Ave and Mt Macedon Rd, Macedon**

St. Brigid's Catholic Church, Gisborne

CELEBRATING 150 YEARS 1875 - 2025



You are invited to celebrate this wonderful moment in our history.

Our Celebration will include Mass at 11.00am
(also live-streamed for those who cannot attend in person),
a memorabilia display, activities and food vendors.

This day of festivities is an opportunity to learn more about our St. Brigid's Church
story and meet, or reconnect with present and past parishioners.

Location: St. Brigid's Parish Church
Aitken Street, Gisborne, Victoria

Date: Sunday 9th February, 2025
Time: 11.00am Mass

Followed by activities and events (12-4.00pm approx)

Bring along your family and friends and any others you know of with
a St. Brigid's connection to this special event.

We would love as much memorabilia or information about our wonderful history as
possible, so if you have any stories, memories, photos or memorabilia that you can
share, please contact us at trishannarmstrong@gmail.com / 0417 526 945

