

ST. BRIGID'S PARISH GISBORNE



MEMBER OF THE NORTHERN DEANERY

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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.**

We pray for the recently deceased and for those whose
anniversaries occur at this time.

May they rest in peace



Please email Tam if you would like an Anniversary included.

**Please note Mass times for the remainder of January
listed to the Right. → → → →**

There will be no further bulletins for January.

**Prayers of the Faithful and The Living Word
will be available in church.**

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS – JANUARY 2025

11/01/25	Saturday 6pm Mass – Gisborne
12/01/25	Normal Sunday Masses
14/01/25	5pm – Weekday Mass - Gisborne
15/01/25	9:15am – Weekday Mass - Gisborne
16/01/25	9:15am – Weekday Mass - Gisborne
17/01/25	9:15am – Weekday Mass - Gisborne
18/01/25	Saturday 6pm Mass - Gisborne
19/01/25	Normal Sunday Masses
21/01/25	5pm – Weekday Mass – Gisborne
22/01/25	9:15am – Weekday Mass - Gisborne
23/01/25	9:15am – Weekday Mass - Gisborne
24/01/25	9:15am – Weekday Mass - Gisborne
25/01/25	Saturday 6pm Mass – Gisborne
26/01/25	Normal Sunday Masses
28/01/25	5pm – Weekday Mass – Gisborne
29/01/25	9:15am – Weekday Mass - Gisborne
30/01/25	9:15am – Weekday Mass - Gisborne

JANUARY ROSTERS

As there are no duties rostered during 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.

SECRETARY ANNUAL LEAVE

From January 1st to the 31st the office will only be manned on Thursdays.

If you have any queries during this time, email would be the best option and I can reply as time permits.

SAVE THE DATE - 9th FEBRUARY 2024

Our 150th Anniversary of Gisborne Church will incorporate Parish Day.

Please note there will be NO other Masses that Sunday. Come and Celebrate the Feast of St. Brigid.

EVERYONE WELCOME

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.

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.



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.

Introduction: This Feast of the Baptism of the Lord serves as the completion of the Advent – Christmas season. Like last week's Epiphany, we focus on a major public manifestation of the divine mission of Jesus at his baptism.

1st Reading: Isaiah 40:1-5. 9-11

We hear the words of Isaiah when he proclaims to Jerusalem, and so now to the Church, that a voice will cry prepare a way for the Lord. This was the role of John the Baptist to prepare for the mission of Jesus.

2nd Reading: Titus 2:11-14. 3:4-7

We hear the words of St Paul with his summary of how, in God's plan, the revelation of salvation for all people has been achieved in the mission of Jesus.

Gospel: Luke 3:15-16.21-22

We hear St Luke's account of the baptism of Jesus, a rare event featured in all four gospels. Jesus is revealed as the beloved Son on whom God's favour rests.

Prayers of Intercession: Through baptism we share in the priestly prayer of Jesus Christ. In his name we bring before God our petitions for light, healing, peace, and justice.

1. We pray for all the baptised, so that across all traditions everyone may recognise that we profess one baptism of the forgiveness of sins and there is one Lord, one faith, one baptism.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

2. We pray for all who are baptised in the Church. May they be conscious, that living out the many roles we share through baptism into Christ's Body, we manifest our unity with Christ who was baptised priest, prophet and king.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

3. We pray for our local parish, that its baptism policies and the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults will empower others to feel welcome into the community of faith.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

4. We pray for all who live in fear or with mistrust, those burdened by poverty and homelessness, that they will receive God's grace and peace in order to live in hope.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

5. 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 and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

Please join in the Parish Prayer.

Celebrant: God of Mercy, through your son Jesus Christ, may our prayers today express our concern to live as a covenant people and to be a sign of your love in the world. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Next week's readings: Isaiah 62:1-5; 1Corinthians 12:4-11; John 2:1-11

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

The Baptism of the Lord, Year C

12 January 2025

First Reading

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it.

‘Console my people, console them’, says your God.
‘Speak to the heart of Jerusalem and call to her that her time of service is ended, that her sin is atoned for, that she has received from the hand of the Lord double punishment for all her crimes.’

A voice cries, ‘Prepare in the wilderness a way for the Lord. Make a straight highway for our God across the desert. Let every valley be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, let every cliff become a plain, and the ridges a valley; then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all mankind shall see it; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.’

Go up on a high mountain, joyful messenger to Zion.
Shout with a loud voice, joyful messenger to Jerusalem.
Shout without fear, say to the towns of Judah, ‘Here is your God.’

Here is the Lord coming with power, his arm subduing all things to him. The prize of his victory is with him, his trophies all go before him. He is like a shepherd feeding his flock, gathering lambs in his arms, holding them against his breast and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-30. R v.1

(R.) Oh, bless the Lord, my soul!

1. Lord God, how great you are,
clothed in majesty and glory,
wrapped in light as in a robe!
You stretch out the heavens like a tent. (R.)
2. Above the rains you build your dwelling.
You make the clouds your chariot,
you walk on the wings of the wind,
you make the winds your messengers
and flashing fire your servants. (R.)
3. How many are your works, O Lord!
In wisdom you have made them all.
The earth is full of your riches.
There is the sea, vast and wide,
with its moving swarms past counting,
living things great and small. (R.)
4. All of these look to you
to give them their food in due season.
You give it, they gather it up;
you open your hand, they have their fill. (R.)

5. You take back your spirit, they die,
returning to the dust from which they came.
You send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the earth. (R.)

Second Reading

Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7

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

He saved us through the water of rebirth and renewal in the Holy Spirit.

God’s grace has been revealed, and it has made salvation possible for the whole human race and taught us that what we have to do is to give up everything that does not lead to God and all our worldly ambitions; we must be self-restrained and live good and religious lives here in this present world, while we are waiting in hope for the blessing which will come with the Appearing of the glory of our great God and saviour Christ Jesus. He sacrificed himself for us in order to set us free from all wickedness and to purify a people so that it could be his very own and would have no ambition except to do good.

When the kindness and love of God our saviour for mankind were revealed, it was not because he was concerned with any righteous actions we might have done ourselves; it was for no reason except his own compassion that he saved us, by means of the cleansing water of rebirth and by renewing us with the Holy Spirit which he has so generously poured over us through Jesus Christ our saviour. He did this so that we should be justified by his grace, to become heirs looking forward to inheriting eternal life.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

cf. Luke 3:16

Alleluia, alleluia!

John said: He who is to come is mightier than I;
he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

When Jesus had been baptised and had been praying, the heavens were opened and the Holy Spirit came upon him.

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’

Now when all the people had been baptised and while Jesus after his own baptism was at prayer, heaven opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily shape, like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, ‘You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you’.

The Gospel of the Lord.