



Epiphany of the Lord - Yr C

5th January, 2025

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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 who have
an anniversary during the month of January, especially

**Pat Lawry, Ruby Bodsworth, Anne & Ted Bourke
& Fr. Kevin Bates.**

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

04/01/25 Saturday 6pm Mass – Gisborne
05/01/25 Normal Sunday Masses
07/01/25 No weekday Mass
08/01/25 No weekday Mass
09/01/25 No weekday Mass
10/01/25 No weekday Mass
11/01/25 Saturday 6pm Mass – Gisborne
12/01/25 Normal Sunday Masses

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

*Congratulations and special blessings to all those celebrating
birthdays and anniversaries during the month of January. May
your journey through life be filled with daily treasures, and may
you always be open, willing and ready to share your blessings
with others.*

**REFLECTION by Fr. Michael Tate**

Unlike the writers of the horoscope columns in our newspapers, these Wise Men were scholar astrologers, probably from Syria or Iraq. They believed that the stars controlled the destiny of human beings, but they were open enough to the Hebrew scriptures to be led to the amazing discovery of a star-child in Bethlehem.

They knelt before this baby, doing homage, because they realised that the stars did not control this infant, but that there was something of this baby which caused the night sky to respond! They preserved the child from the deadly schemes of Herod, and then they returned to their home country, 'by a different way'. They were on a different journey after encountering the Child.

Who can doubt that the Holy Spirit led these wise men from the East to the manger? In fact, the Holy Spirit is at work in every human being, prompting each and every one to become seekers after Truth.

As a person responds to this prompting and tries to lead a good humane life, then the Church teaches that the Holy Spirit can draw them into the saving life of God. Thus, billions in China and India who have never heard the Gospel, can be saved. But, such persons do not savour the fullness of Truth as we do with the privilege of having the scriptures and the sacraments. Where it is possible, we are obliged to offer them the road map to the Truth.

We can take a moment to affirm our faith in the baby in the manger as the One of whom Dante spoke: 'the Love which moves the sun and other stars'. Come, let us adore him.

mtate@bigpond.com**JANUARY ROSTERS**

A 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.

SECRETARY ANNUAL LEAVE

Tam will be taking some time off throughout January but will still attend the office one day per week to do the most urgent of tasks. 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.

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

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.

St Brigid's Parish Weekly Giving

Collections last week: Presbytery \$1190
Thanksgiving \$1030

Thank you for your ongoing support
through the Thanksgiving Program.

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!



Introduction: This Feast of the Epiphany is the heart of Christmas celebrations. In their vision the coming of the magi with their gifts for the new born king was the major public manifestation of the promised messiah to all the nations of the world. This message is still one of hope for the Church and its mission to the world.

1st Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

We hear the common perception for the Jewish style of prayer that the fullness of God's promise is manifested in the blessings bestowed upon Jerusalem.

2nd Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6

We hear St Paul's passionate words of being entrusted by God with a grace God means for all of us. The revelation is that God's plan is not restricted to the Jews, but all people can share the same inheritance.

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

We hear St Matthew quoting the words of Micah, the prophet, who indicated that out of Bethlehem in Judah would come a leader who would shepherd the people of Israel. The magi go to Bethlehem seeking him.

Prayer of the Faithful: Gathered here, we share a living tradition, a glorious promise, for the light of Christ continues to shine for all peoples. Let us pray for men and women of all languages, races and cultures.

1. For the holy Catholic Church, that she may welcome all who seek peace and truth in her fold.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our Prayer.

2. For the nations of a world in darkness, that their leaders may be drawn to the dawning brightness of Jesus Christ.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our Prayer.

3. For a spirit of humble worship in our own lives, that we may adore Jesus in the Eucharist with the devotion of the Magi who brought gifts.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our Prayer.

4. We pray for unity among all believers in Christ, that their mutual love be the witness to God's plan that his Son be recognised in all the world.

(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 during the month of January, especially

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(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

Please join in the Parish Prayer.

Celebrant: Almighty God and Father,
your Son is "light from light," your glowing sign to all nations.
As we pray for the peoples of your world, help us to strengthen the bonds of unity,
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Next week's readings: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11 Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7 Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

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 Epiphany of the Lord

5 January 2025

First Reading

Isaiah 60:1-6

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

The glory of the Lord shines upon you.

Arise, shine out, Jerusalem, for your light has come,
the glory of the Lord is rising on you,
though night still covers the earth
and darkness the peoples.

Above you the Lord now rises
and above you his glory appears.
The nations come to your light
and kings to your dawning brightness.

Lift up your eyes and look round:
all are assembling and coming towards you,
your sons from far away
and your daughters being tenderly carried.

At this sight you will grow radiant,
your heart throbbing and full;
since the riches of the sea will flow to you;
the wealth of the nations come to you;
camels in throngs will cover you,
and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah;
everyone in Sheba will come,
bringing gold and incense
and singing the praise of the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 71:1-2. 7-8. 10-13, R. see v.11

(R.) Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

1. O God, give your judgement to the king,
to a king's son your justice,
that he may judge your people in justice
and your poor in right judgement. (R.)
2. In his days justice shall flourish
and peace till the moon fails.
He shall rule from sea to sea,
from the Great River to earth's bounds. (R.)
3. The kings of Tarshish and the sea coasts
shall pay him tribute.
The kings of Sheba and Seba
shall bring him gifts.
Before him all kings shall fall prostrate,
all nations shall serve him. (R.)
4. For he shall save the poor when they cry
and the needy who are helpless.
He will have pity on the weak
and save the lives of the poor. (R.)

Second Reading

Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6

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

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You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery. This mystery that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and that the same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the gospel.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 2:2

Alleluia, alleluia!

We have seen his star in the East;
and have come to adore the Lord.

Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 2:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

We have come from the East to worship the king.

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.' When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him, 'for this is what the prophet wrote:

And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah,
for out of you will come a leader
who will shepherd my people Israel.'

Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.