



First Sunday of Advent - Year C

1st 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, Megan B,
Anthony S, Fran S, Helen K,
Shane R, George T, Gerard H,
Henslee C, Doris S, Jacqueline D,
Sebastian M, Diane M & Eddie G.**

We pray for the recently deceased, especially **Glenys O'Dea**
and for those who have an anniversary at this time,
especially **Neil Dowling, Lucy Sullivan, Armando Aprile
& Maria Consiglio.**

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

30/11/24 Saturday 6pm Mass – Gisborne
01/12/24 Normal Sunday Masses
01/12/24 **5:30pm - Carols in the Hall**
03/12/24 **NO Weekday Mass**
03/12/24 6pm – Holy Cross Graduation Mass - Gis
04/12/24 9:15am – Weekday Mass – Gisborne
05/12/24 9:15am – Weekday Mass – Gisborne
05/12/24 7pm – Liturgy meeting – Parish office
06/12/24 9:15am – Weekday Mass & Benediction
06/12/24 10am – Scripture Study – see ad
07/12/24 Saturday 6pm Mass – Gisborne
08/12/24 Normal Sunday Masses
08/12/24 6pm - Community Carols – Dixon Field

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

*Congratulations and special blessings to all those
celebrating birthdays and anniversaries during the month
of December. 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.*



A special mention to Fr. Vincent as he celebrates his
21st Anniversary of Ordination this week.
Congratulations on this milestone and thank you for your
wonderful service.

REFLECTION by Fr. Michael Tate

Sometimes our own lives, the life of the Church, the life
of societies and nations cry out for Our Lord Jesus Christ
to come again right now and rescue us right now.

In some instances we can become conscious of Jesus'
saving, transforming power in a particular situation. But,
for the whole of humanity across the millennia, we do not
know the day or the hour when death and all its warriors
such as disease and violence, will be absolutely
vanquished by Christ in glory.

This can lead to a type of pain which finds solace in all
those things which dull the spirit. Our Lord gives
examples: debauchery, drunkenness. Today he might
have added 'living in the virtual world'. Rather, Our
Lord wants us to live in the real world on high alert.

In the meantime each one of us can be a signal of what is
to come. Each time we exhaust ourselves heroically
loving someone whom others might abandon, each time
we take a risk because we cry out against injustice, and in
a myriad other ways, we signal that the Kingdom is
already being established on earth.

We could pause for a moment to pray for the strength to
be on high alert for the opportunities to translate the
legacy of Jesus into our own time and place, thus giving
reasons to each other for our faith and hope that Christ
has come, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

mtate@bigpond.com**CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR S.V.D.P.**

Christmas cards now available in church.

Packet of 5 cards - \$5

All proceeds will go to the operations of the Gisborne
Conference of St. Vincent De Paul.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS**at St. BRIGID'S PARISH HALL**Sunday 1st December, 2024 at 5:30pm

Please see flyers in church or the last page of the bulletin
if read via email for further details.

ALL WELCOME



Rosters & Events



Ministers for next weekend's Masses

Second Sunday of Advent – Year C

7th & 8th December, 2024

6:00pm Mass St. Brigid's Reader: T. Wilson Eucharist: N. Spiers	8:00am Mass St. Ambrose's Welcomer: J. White Reader: P. Lawry	Flowers: M. Clifford Greenery only during Advent	
9:30am Mass St. Patrick's Reader: M. Redman Eucharist: D. Briffa	11:00am Mass St. Brigid's Reader: D. Egan Eucharist: V. Firman		

WEEKLY CARDS GROUP

Thank you very much to everyone who has made our Tuesday card nights such an enjoyable and successful event.

We are grateful to those who donate prizes and to those who share their company with us.

Our last cards evening for 2024 will be held on December 10th and we will recommence in 2025 on January 21st.

Janice

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.

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.

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.

Feast of St Ambrose - 7 December

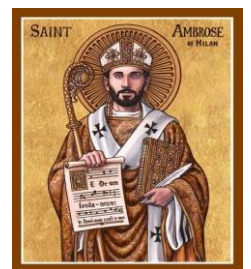
St Ambrose (339-397 CE) was born in Belgica, Gaul (now Trier, Germany) where his father was the Imperial Viceroy. This provided Ambrose with a privileged position in society. Coming from a senatorial family, he grew up in a Roman palace and in about 370 was appointed governor of the provinces of Aemilia-Liguria in northern Italy, living in Milan.

In 374, the people of Milan elected him as their bishop despite his being an unbaptized layman. Within a week he was baptized and consecrated bishop. Ambrose rejected toleration of paganism and fought against the Arian heresy.

His extensive and learned writings, many offering profound insights on scripture and theology – many still referred to today – earned him the title of one of the four Doctors of the Church. He urged that the Old Testament be read to discover its 'spiritual' value. As Bishop of Milan, where the imperial court frequently gathered, his thought and practices were significant in establishing the principles of church-state relations and he often clashed with the Emperor Theodosius. He developed the concept of the emperor as a dutiful son of the Church who took advice from bishops. His actions as bishop also provided a model for other bishops.

St Ambrose is remembered as the person who converted and baptized St Augustine and for his advocacy of 'flexibility' in liturgy and for major contributions to the development of church music, borrowing melodies from the Eastern Roman Empire. He wrote the *Te Deum* and is credited with developing Ambrosian chant. He is also known as an aesthetic and his great care of the poor. He is patron saint of Milan and beekeepers.

The Catholic church at Riddells Creek is dedicated to St Ambrose.



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!

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 \$400
Thanksgiving \$970

Thank you for your ongoing support through the Thanksgiving Program.

Introduction: Welcome to the First Sunday of Advent and a new Church Year. In Advent we celebrate the many comings of Christ, and today we emphasise his future coming when he comes in glory.

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

The 1st Sunday of Advent symbolises HOPE with the PROPHET'S CANDLE reminding us that Jesus is coming.
(Purple candle)

1st week Lighting of the Advent Candle.
 O'house of Jacob, come let us walk in the light of the Lord.
 Response: "Come, Lord Jesus"

1st Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16

In these reassuring words the prophet Jeremiah predicts a dynasty built on the promise made to the Jewish people.

2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:12 – 4:2

St. Paul challenges the church of Thessalonica to show in their mutual love and concern that they may progress in the life he expects of them.

Gospel: Luke 21: 25-28, 34-36

We are reminded in this Lukan passage that even when God's plan seems vague we are challenged to be always vigilant in being ready to stand before the Son of Man.

Prayer of Intercession: Jesus, in his Word, encourages us to look with hope to the future. So, with confidence we seek God's guidance and justice through the intentions entrusted to our care.

1. Jesus prayed for all of us that we might lead others to faith. May we be confident in God's love and strengthened to grow in integrity, justice and peace.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

2. Jesus told us to prepare for his coming in glory. As we prepare in Advent for the coming of Jesus, let us be, for all those we meet, people full of the love of the Lord shining through every action and word.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

3. Jesus assures us that he brings us 'life to the full'. Let us pray for St. Brigid's Parish and for all who have been associated with it. May God's blessing continue to nourish all of us as we endeavour to proclaim his Kingdom.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

4. We pray for those suffering throughout the world from hunger, war, conflict, epidemics, drought and other natural disasters. May they be strengthened and sustained by our prayers and the love of God.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

5. We pray for ourselves and the needs of all in our parish community. We pray for those who are sick – especially those on our parish prayer list – and for all who care for them. For the faithful departed: for those who have died recently, especially *Glenys O'Dea* and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially *Neil Dowling, Lucy Sullivan, Armando Aprile & Maria Consiglio*. May they be comforted in the words of Jesus to be in paradise with him.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

Please join in the Parish Prayer.

Celebrant: O Lord, strengthen our hearts in holiness, and increase our love for one another and for all.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Next weeks readings: Baruch 5:1-9; Philippians 1:3-6, 8-11; Luke 3:1-6

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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1 December 2024

First Reading

Jeremiah 33:14-16

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah.

I will cause a good seed to spring forth from David.

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I am going to fulfil the promise I made to the House of Israel and the House of Judah:

‘In those days and at that time,
I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David,
who shall practise honesty and integrity in the land.
In those days Judah shall be saved
and Israel shall dwell in confidence.
And this is the name the city will be called:
The Lord-our-integrity.’

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 24:4-5. 8-9. 10. 14. R. v.1

(R.) *To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.*

1. Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour. (R.)
2. The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor. (R.)
3. His ways are faithfulness and love
for those who keep his covenant and will.
The Lord’s friendship is for those who revere him;
to them he reveals his covenant. (R.)

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2

A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians.

When Christ comes may he strengthen your hearts in holiness.

May the Lord be generous in increasing your love and make you love one another and the whole human race as much as we love you. And may he so confirm your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless in the sight of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus Christ comes with all his saints.

Finally, brothers, we urge you and appeal to you in the Lord Jesus to make more and more progress in the kind of life that you are meant to live: the life that God wants, as you learnt from us, and as you are already living it. You have not forgotten the instructions we gave you on the authority of the Lord Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation Ps 84:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Your redemption is near at hand.

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars; on earth nations in agony, bewildered by the clamour of the ocean and its waves; men dying of fear as they await what menaces the world, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand erect, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand. ‘Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened with debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life, and that day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap. For it will come down on every living man on the face of the earth. Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen, and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

Wordsearch

Try to find these words:



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disciples
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Seventh Meeting
St Brigid's Church
150th Anniversary
Working Party
Tuesday, November 19th



Our major focus during the month of September/October was on promoting the sale of pavers to families in both our schools as well as to parishioners past and present. The extended date gave families in schools the opportunity to purchase a paver on their return after the school holidays. This was only a short window of time but it certainly was well responded to across the parish and in the schools. We were extremely happy with the 210 paver orders we received. As I read over the names, there is a real legacy to those families past and present who have supported this Parish endeavour.

The Good news is that monies received for the pavers has covered the cost of the pavers as well as their installation.

As mentioned in our last Report, a donation from the Tuesday Night Card Group in St Brigid's Hall has provided us with the opportunity to add a set of pavers naming the purpose for our pavers, as part of the St Colmcille, Bullengarook Gate Installation.

There were many sites proposed for this installation but it was finally decided by those giving us quotes for the laying of the pavers, that the best site would be outside the main front doors of the church on the same side as the Grotto. The two large shrubs between the rose bushes will be removed and the pavers will be laid between the Rose bushes with the St Colmcille Gate Installation behind; all under the shade of the tall elm tree on the nature strip outside the church. [Image to right]



ST BRIGID'S CHURCH
150TH ANNIVERSARY
1875 – 2025

Over the next week or two, the History of our Parish up until 2000, written by long time parishioner Leo Duggan with an addendum covering 2000-2025 will be printed and presented to the St Brigid's community for purchase. This will occur over the Masses and an A4 and an A5 copy will be made available to each of our schools. Pre-Order Forms will be available and we are hoping that some of the orders can be realised before the end of the year and/or in readiness for our Major Event on Sunday, February 9th. The cost of the A4 will be \$20 and the A5 size \$10. We believe this makes this achievable for all purse strings as a memento of this special day in our parish. Families in our schools will be able to view the two sizes and make their choice. Pre Order Forms will be available to be completed and placed in an envelope with your money. On the front of the envelope please write your name and **Parish Book Order**. Orders made through our schools can be left at the School Office.

In organising for this very special event we have tried to keep our costs to the minimum. Unfortunately, there are three major items that we cannot cover:

1. 4 storyboards to create a History Trail of our Parish
2. Sound System in the Church on the Day
3. Streaming into the Parish Hall & Homes

It is for this reason that we are reaching out to our Parish Community to seek donations to help finance these 3 major items. We have always been able to rely on the generosity of our Parishioners and School Communities when money is needed and this is such a cause. Over the next 3-4 weeks we will have a collection after each Mass at St Patrick's Macedon, St Ambrose Riddell and St Brigid's Gisborne. School families can leave their donation at the School Office in an envelope clearly marked with your **Surname and 150 Anniversary Donation**.

Should you wish to donate to this event by direct debit, details are below:

St. Brigids Church Account NAB **BSB: 083 347**
Acct: 6742 95773
Ref: Surname & 150 Anniversary

St Brigid's Carols in the Hall Open Mic



Christmas Carols @ St Brigid's Hall

Sunday 1st December @ 5:30pm

Fisher St, Gisborne entrance to carpark

Musicians welcome to participate:

contact Kevin or Gerard to book a spot on the Mic

Ph: 54261354 or

thatvideoguyaus@outlook.com

www.facebook.com/ThatVideoGuyAUS

ALL WELCOME! Bring a plate to share!

This event is proudly supported by



Gisborne Community Carols

Sunday 8th Dec
6:00pm

Dixon Field,
Robertson St Gisborne

Carols sung by local Primary Schools & Choir
Pre-entertainment by Burnt Honey & TAKT



Community Bank
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