



The Presentation of the Lord - Yr C

2nd February, 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 & Ivor P.**

We pray for the recently deceased and for those who have
an anniversary at this time.

May they rest in peace



Please email Tam if you would like an Anniversary included.

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

01/02/25 Saturday 6pm Mass – Gisborne
02/02/25 Normal Sunday Masses
04/02/25 5pm – Weekday Mass – Gisborne
05/02/25 9:15am – Weekday Mass – Gisborne
05/02/25 6:30pm – Baptism Information Evening
06/02/25 **NO Weekday Mass**
06/02/25 10:40am - Sacred Heart School Mass
06/02/25 7pm – Liturgy Meeting – Parish Office
07/02/25 9:15am – Weekday Mass – Gisborne
08/02/25 Saturday 6pm Mass – Gisborne
09/02/25 **150th Anniversary Mass – Gisborne**
Parish Feast Day
10:30am – photo's on screen
11am – Mass begins
12-4pm – Celebration & Activities

REFLECTION by Fr. Michael Tate

In a time (in the Western world at least) when there seems to be a growing gap between the old and the young, it is good to reflect on this Gospel incident.

A young woman, still in her teens, a newly-wed cradling her newborn son in her arms, places that baby in the arms of a very old stranger who embraces her child with all the fervour of a now fulfilled hope.

Is this the model for overcoming the distance between young and old in our culture? Can the young, like Mary, listen to the wisdom of tradition from an elder? Can the old like Simeon still be open to a moment of serendipity mediated by the young?

The answer is: 'Yes, when young and old come together around Jesus.' As Pope Francis remarks of this encounter: 'Jesus is at the centre.' (Homily 2 Feb 2018)

At whatever age we find ourselves, Mary is only too willing to place Jesus in our arms to fulfil our hopes and our yearnings.

Perhaps we could pause for a moment to accept the gift of Jesus placed in our arms and hearts so that we can say with Simeon: 'Now, Master, you can let your servant go in peace...'

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FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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



THANK YOU TO ALL VOLUNTEERS FOR SERVING DURING JANUARY WHEN REQUIRED.
IF YOU COULD PLEASE CONTINUE DOING THIS UNTIL AFTER OUR 150 CELEBRATION IT WOULD BE
VERY MUCH APPRECIATED.



Rosters & Events



Ministers for next weekend's Masses

VOLUNTEERS for the 150 Celebration have been arranged.

6:00pm Mass St. Brigid's Reader: Eucharist:	8:00am Mass St. Ambrose's Welcomer: J. White Reader:	Flowers: Rosters for February 2025 onwards will be distributed next week. Please make yourself available if you see a need.
9:30am Mass St. Patrick's Reader: Eucharist:	11:00am Mass St. Brigid's Reader: Eucharist:	



St Vincent de Paul Society
VICTORIA

good works

Christmas Appeal SVDP

On behalf of the Gisborne Conference of St Vincent De Paul I would like to extend a huge thank you to Parishioners of St Brigid's for their contribution to our Christmas Appeal. You have been most generous and supportive to SVDP and thus local families in need in the Macedon ranges.

Christmas card sales totaled \$350. That money is greatly appreciated and will be channeled back to local families. Thanks to the Liturgy Committee for nominating SVDP as the recipient of the Parishes "Giving Tree" and "Pennies from Heaven" Christmas Campaign for 2024.

The Giving Tree gift cards totaled \$1830. The Pennies from Heaven a further \$895 which will be converted into gift cards from local retailers. This gives a massive total of \$2725 which is distributed to our families in need both at Christmas and during the year and this helps the Gisborne Conference of SVDP to be sustainable throughout the year. We have found gift cards from local grocery retailers valuable to distribute, and it returns your contribution back to the community by supporting local jobs.

My last request is if anyone would like to join our outreach program you would be most welcome. We are looking for people of any age and any skill level who would like to help those in need in our community. It takes a small amount of your time to make a massive difference in the lives of some families in our community who are doing it hard.

If you are interested, please contact our president Neville Spiers on 0417 117 151. Fr Vincent or Tam in the Parish office can also pass your details to the Conference. You will find it a most worthwhile and fulfilling experience. Thank you one and all.

Neville Spiers

Gisborne Conference President SVDP

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.

WEEKLY SOCIAL CARDS NIGHT

St. Brigid's Hall – Tuesday 7:30pm start -
Entry \$10 per player

Light supper served on completion of play
EVERYONE WELCOME

KARATE CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

Thursday evenings 6pm - 1st TWO lessons
free then \$7 per class

No term commitment required; pay as you come.

Enquiries: Kathryn Aprile—0404 340 892

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.

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.

SCRIPTURE STUDIES

Thursday – 10am

For all enquiries please contact
Bernie 0414 890 377

St Brigid's Parish Weekly Giving

Collections last week: Presbytery \$376
Thanksgiving \$885

Thank you for your ongoing support through the Thanksgiving Program.

Introduction: The Presentation of the Lord is celebrated on 2 February. It remembers the day Mary and Joseph brought baby Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem. This act was part of the Jewish law, which said that every firstborn son should be offered to God. Mary and Joseph humbly obeyed, showing their faith and dedication.

1st Reading: Malachi 3:1-4

The prophet Malachi announces the coming of a messenger who will purify the Temple and prepare the way for the Lord, signifying the cleansing power of Jesus' arrival.

2nd Reading: Hebrews 2:14-18

In his letter to the Hebrews, Paul emphasizes Jesus' humanity and role as High Priest, highlighting his ability to empathise with us.

Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

Luke recounts the presentation of Jesus in the Temple, where Simeon recognizes him as the Messiah and prophesies about his impact on Israel, while Anna also acknowledges Jesus as the Saviour.

Prayer of Intercession: On this feast of the Presentation, we consider what it means to be consecrated to God. We offer these prayers, recognising that our gifts are expressed most fully when they are used in your service.

1. We pray for Pope Francis and all those in ordained ministry. May they serve your people in a spirit of charity and love.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

2. We pray for all national leaders. In the spirit of justice, may they make their mark as peacemakers in our world.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

3. We pray for all who have responded to the Lord's call, whether married, single, ordained to the priesthood or in religious life. May they grow in the grace of their vocations.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

4. As we begin a new school year, we pray for all teachers that they may be blessed in dealing with our young people, encouraging them to work to the best of their abilities and to enjoy success in their studies.

(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. May they enter into the eternal life of God's kingdom, as promised to us all.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

Please join in the Parish Prayer.

Celebrant: Father in heaven, hear the prayers of all of us gathered here as we seek to more fully serve you. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Next weeks readings:

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 Presentation of the Lord

2 February 2025

First Reading

Malachi 3:1-4

A reading from the prophet Malachi.

The Lord whom you seek will come to his temple.

The Lord God says this: Look, I am going to send my messenger to prepare a way before me. And the Lord you are seeking will suddenly enter his temple; and the angel of the covenant whom you are longing for, yes, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. Who will be able to resist the day of his coming? Who will remain standing when he appears? For he is like the refiner's fire and the fuller's alkali. He will take his seat as refiner and purifier; he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and then they will make the offering to the Lord as it should be made. The offering of Judah and Jerusalem will then be welcomed by the Lord as in former days, as in the years of old.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 23:7-10. R. v.10

- (R.) *Who is this king of glory?
It is the Lord!*
1. O gates, lift up your heads;
grow higher, ancient doors.
Let him enter, the king of glory! (R.)
 2. Who is the king of glory?
The Lord, the mighty, the valiant,
the Lord, the valiant in war. (R.)
 3. O gates, lift high your heads;
grow higher, ancient doors.
Let him enter, the king of glory! (R.)
 4. Who is he, the king of glory?
He, the Lord of armies,
he is the king of glory. (R.)

Second Reading

Hebrews 2:14-18

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

He had to be made like us in all things.

Since all the children share the same blood and flesh, Jesus too shared equally in it, so that by his death he could take away all the power of the devil, who had power over death, and set free all those who had been held in slavery all their lives by the fear of death. For it was not the angels that he took to himself; he took to himself descent from Abraham. It was essential that he should in this way become completely like his brothers so that he could be a compassionate and trustworthy high priest of God's religion, able to atone for human sins. That is, because he has himself been through temptation he is able to help others who are tempted.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation Luke 2:32

Alleluia, alleluia!

This is the light of revelation to the nations,
and the glory of your people Israel.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 2:22-40

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

My eyes have seen your saving power.

When the day came for them to be purified as laid down by the Law of Moses, the parents of Jesus took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord – observing what stands written in the Law of the Lord: Every first-born male must be consecrated to the Lord – and also to offer in sacrifice, in accordance with what is said in the Law of the Lord, a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons. Now in Jerusalem there was a man named Simeon. He was an upright and devout man; he looked forward to Israel's comforting and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death until he had set eyes on the Christ of the Lord. Prompted by the Spirit he came to the Temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the Law required, he took him into his arms and blessed God, and he said:

‘Now, Master, you can let your servant go in peace, just as you promised; because my eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared for all the nations to see, a light to enlighten the pagans and the glory of your people Israel.’

As the child's father and mother stood there wondering at the things that were being said about him, Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, ‘You see this child: he is destined for the fall and for the rising of many in Israel, destined to be a sign that is rejected – and a sword will pierce your own soul too – so that the secret thoughts of many may be laid bare.’

There was a prophetess also, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was well on in years. Her days of girlhood over, she had been married for seven years before becoming a widow. She was now eighty-four years old and never left the Temple, serving God night and day with fasting and prayer. She came by just at that moment and began to praise God; and she spoke of the child to all who looked forward to the deliverance of Jerusalem.

When they had done everything the Law of the Lord required, they went back to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. Meanwhile the child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom; and God's favour was with him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

