

Pecan-crusted French toast with tahini & maple whipped mascarpone

SERVES 2-4 PREP 10-15 mins COOK 5-10 mins EASY V

Indulge in this decadent brunch dish that makes the most of leftover brioche, panettone or challah bread. **Cassie Best**

3 eggs
150ml whole milk, plus a splash if needed
1 tsp vanilla extract
2 tsp maple syrup
¼ tsp ground cinnamon
4 thick slices of brioche, panettone or challah bread

- 1 Heat the oven to 160C/140C fan/gas 3. Whisk the eggs, milk, vanilla, maple syrup, cinnamon and a pinch of salt in a shallow dish. Dip each slice of brioche bread into the egg mixture, making sure both sides are well coated. Leave each slice to soak for a few minutes.
- 2 Spread the chopped pecans out on a separate plate. Press the soaked bread slices into the chopped pecans, coating both sides well.
- 3 Melt a little of the butter in a large frying pan over a medium heat. Add the pecancrusted bread slices in batches and cook until golden brown and crispy, about

75g pecans, finely chopped2 tbsp unsalted butterFor the whipped mascarpone150g mascarpone2 tbsp tahini3 tbsp maple syrup, plus extra

to serve

½ tsp vanilla extract

- 2-3 mins each side. Add more butter as needed for each batch. Once cooked, transfer to a baking tray and put it in the oven to keep warm while you prepare the whipped mascarpone. (Don't leave it for more than 10 mins as it will dry out).
- 4 Combine the mascarpone, tahini, maple syrup, and vanilla extract in a mixing bowl. Whisk until smooth, adding a splash of milk if it's too thick.
- **5** Arrange the toast on serving plates. Serve warm, topped with a generous dollop of the mascarpone and a drizzle of maple syrup.

PER SERVING (4) 775 kcals • fat 55g • saturates 24g • carbs 51g • sugars 23g • fibre 4g • protein 16g • salt 0.9g