



WELCOME TO THE CATHOLIC PARISHES OF ST AMBROSE WOODEND, ST AMBROSE RIDDELLS CREEK, ST BRIGIDS GISBORNE, ST MARY'S LANCEFIELD/ROMSEY & ST PATRICK'S MACEDON

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

13th September, 2026

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday – 5pm Woodend, 6pm Gisborne, 6.30pm Lancefield

Sunday - 8am Riddells Creek, 9am Romsey, 11am Woodend and Gisborne

PLEASE NOTE: St. PATRICK'S MACEDON CLOSED FOR STORM DAMAGE REPAIRS

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Please see the Mass schedule below

ANointing MASS – 1st Saturday of the month 10.30am St Mary's Romsey

RECONCILIATION 10am – 10.30am 2nd Saturday of the month Woodend, 3rd Saturday of the month Gisborne, 4th Saturday of the month Lancefield

HOLY HOUR AND EVENING PRAYER 7pm – 8pm 1st Friday of the month. See Mass schedule for church

PARISH STAFF

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OFFICE HOURS

Woodend: Monday and Friday 9am – 4pm,

Lancefield: Wednesday and Friday 8am – 5pm,

Gisborne: Tuesday and Thursday 8am – 5pm

PARISH WEBSITES

Woodend: www.stambrosewoodend.com.au

Lancefield: www.melbcatholic.org/s/lancefield

Gisborne: www.melbcatholic.org/s/gisborne

SCHOOL COMMUNITIES St Ambrose Woodend: www.sawoodend.catholic.edu.au , St Mary's Lancefield: www.smlancefield.catholic.edu.au , St Brigid's Gisborne: www.sbgisborne.catholic.edu.au , Holy Cross New Gisborne: www.hcnewgisborne.catholic.edu.au

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday 15th NO Mass

Wednesday 16th NO Mass

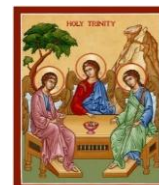
Thursday 17th NO Mass

Friday 18th NO Mass

Saturday 19th 9.30am Mass **Gisborne** 10am Reconciliation **Gisborne**

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During 2026 our focus as a community of faith will be based on the image of the Trinity. An image reflecting the community of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, calling us to be community of **WELCOME and HOSPITALITY.**



The Living Word

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

13 September 2026

First Reading Sir 27:30-28:7

Forgive your neighbour's faults and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.

Resentment and anger, these are foul things, and both are found with the sinner.

He who exacts vengeance will experience the vengeance of the Lord,

who keeps strict account of sin.

Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you, and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.

If a man nurses anger against another, can he then demand compassion from the Lord?

Showing no pity for a man like himself, can he then plead for his own sins?

Mere creature of flesh, he cherishes resentment;

who will forgive him his sins?

Remember the last things, and stop hating, remember dissolution and death, and live by the commandments.

Remember the commandments, and do not bear your neighbour ill-will; remember the covenant of the Most High, and overlook the offence.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 102:1-4, 9-12. R. v.8

(R.) *The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to anger and rich in compassion.*

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my being, bless his holy name. My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings. (R.)
2. It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion. (R.)
3. His wrath will come to an end; he will not be angry for ever. He does not treat us according to our sins nor repay us according to our faults. (R.)
4. For as the heavens are high above the earth so strong is his love for those who fear him. As far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our sins. (R.)

Second Reading Rom 14:7-9

Whether alive or dead, we belong to the Lord.

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life, it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 13:34

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment:

love one another as I have loved you.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 18:21-35

I tell you that you forgive not seven times but seventy times seven.

Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times.'

'And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master's feet. "Give me time," he said "and I will pay the whole sum." And the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. "Pay what you owe me", he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, "Give me time and I will pay you." But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. "You wicked servant," he said. "I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?" And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.'



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

I don't like the phrase: 'Forgive and forget'. Remembering can be an important part of healing. Forgiving is about giving up the desire 'to get even', making sure that the 'punishment fits the crime'. It is that sort of forgiveness which we dare to ask of God for ourselves. But here's the catch: it is that sort of forgiveness which we must practise towards others.

When we don't, we are like the principal debtor in Jesus' story. In harshly dealing with a minor debtor, he refused to share his king's quality of forgiveness. If we don't pass on this aspect of God's life to others, then we are warned that we will end up in a hellish situation unable to share in the fullness of Divine life.

It is easy to talk 'Big Picture' forgiveness. It is much harder within the family or circle of acquaintances. It seems impossible to simply will it. But we have to ask for the grace to do it.

We could pause for a moment to pray:

'Our Father who art in Heaven . . . forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.'

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EVERYONE WELCOME

Ministry	12/09/26	13/09/26	13/09/26
	6pm	8am	11am
Reader	N Spiers	P. Lawry	T. Kelly
Spec Min	L. Scott	-----	V. Firman
Flowers	J. Shumack	-----	-----
Location	Gisb	R/Creek	Gisb
Ministry	19/09/26	20/09/26	20/09/26
	6pm	8am	11am
Reader	L. Scott	A-M Drummond	D. Egan
Spec Min	N. Spiers	-----	K. Page
Flowers	M. Clifford & W. Kays	-----	-----
Location	Gisb	R/Creek	Gisb

Could those listed on the roster please advise if you are unavailable.

ST PATRICK'S CHURCH MACEDON

will be closed until
further notice for
repairs.

COLLECTIONS AT MASS

1st Collection –
Priest & Presbytery
2nd Collection –
Thanksgiving &
Church.

CHILD PROTECTION

is **everyone's** responsibility

The St. Brigids Safeguarding
Children and Young People
Policy can be found on the Parish
Website or via the parish office.

*All children leaving the church
during Mass must be
accompanied by a parent.*

Child Safety Committee

Fr. John Healy
Tammie Dalgleish

Baptism

As arranged with the Parish
Secretary on the 4th Sunday
of the month.

Marriages

Arranged by appointment with
at least 6 months' notice.
Please contact parish office.

Funerals

Contact Fr. John directly.

Thanksgiving

Any parishioner wishing to join
the Thanksgiving program is
invited to contact Tammie at the
parish office to arrange.
Thanksgiving contributions by
envelopes, Direct Debit or Credit
Card welcome.

Welcome

St. Brigids Parish community
warmly welcomes visitors and
new parishioners. We invite new
parishioners to introduce yourself
to Fr. John, fill in a census card
located in the church foyer and
place in either collection or
contact Tam directly at the parish
office.

Volunteering Ministries

A current Working with Children
Check is required to volunteer
within the parish.

Help is always welcome!

Power Point operator
Reader of the Word
Special Minister
Church Cleaning & Gardening

CONTINUING PRAYER LIST:

Please pray for the following who are in continuing need of our prayers:

**Eileen S, Corrine V, Anthony S, Fran S,
Jonathan S, Helen K, Diane M, Marg P, Beth T,
Fleur H, Michael W, Janine S & Nardia M.**

R: We pray for ourselves and the special needs of all in our parish community. We pray for those who are sick, those on our parish prayer list 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, especially **Darren Nisbet, David Consiglio, Jim Sullivan, Peter Linton, Patricia Collins & Ashton McCormack.** ☩

CELEBRANT We bring our prayers to a close as we pray,

All **GLORY BE TO THE FATHER, AND TO THE SON, AND TO THE HOLY SPIRIT.**

AS IT WAS IN THE BEGINNING, IS NOW, AND EVER SHALL BE, WORLD WITHOUT END.

AMEN.

Collections last week Presbytery \$364 Thanksgiving \$1223

1st collection: Presbytery & Priest 2nd collection: Thanksgiving (envelope)

What's happening this week in the Parish

Fr. John is on retreat this week. The only weekday Mass this week will be on
Saturday at 9.30am at Gisborne, followed by Reconciliation.

Note: See front page of bulletin for Mass times.

Welcome Fr. James Clarke

We welcome and thank Fr. James Clarke who will be celebrating the First Holy
Communion Mass in Woodend at 11am on Sunday this weekend.

New Assistant Priest

Fr. John is scheduled to meet with the Vicar General this week to confirm
arrangements for a new Assistant Priest to be appointed to our combined parishes.

Details to be announced in the coming weeks.

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Monday 14 th	Feast of the Exultation of the Cross
Tuesday 15 th	Our Lady of Sorrows
Wednesday 16 th	Saints Cornelius and Cyprian
Thursday 17 th	St Hildegard of Bingen



**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE
CHILDREN OF ST MARY'S WHO
CELEBRATED THEIR
FIRST EUCHARIST LAST WEEKEND
AND TO THE CHILDREN OF
ST AMBROSE & ST BRIGIDS WHO THIS
WEEKEND COME TO THE LORD'S
TABLE FOR THE FIRST TIME.**

BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY BLESSING

Congratulations and special blessings to
all those celebrating birthdays and
anniversaries during **September**.
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.
Amen.





Safeguarding Sunday in Australia will be held on 13 September 2026, with the national theme “Love Protects,” highlighting the Catholic Church’s commitment to safety, dignity and wellbeing for children, young people and vulnerable adults.

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference (ACBC) announced “**Love Protects**” as the national theme for 2026.

The theme emphasises:

Safeguarding as a practical expression of Christian love.

Prioritising the safety, dignity and wellbeing of children, young people and adults at risk.

Acting attentively, accountably and compassionately in all Church ministries.

Bishop Greg Bennet highlighted that genuine love is shown through action—listening, responding, and placing others’ wellbeing at the centre of ministry.

National Focus

Across Australia, dioceses encourage reflection, prayer and community engagement:

Acknowledging survivors of abuse and renewing commitments to safe Church environments.

Promoting safeguarding education, audits and professional development.

Encouraging conversations that lead to action in building safe communities.

Purpose

Safeguarding Sunday serves as a reminder that safeguarding is not merely policy—it is a Gospel responsibility expressed through everyday actions, relationships and leadership. It reinforces the Church’s ongoing commitment to creating communities where every person is safe, respected and valued.

SECRETARY HOURS NEXT WEEK

As Fr. John will be on leave next week, I will be taking the opportunity to attend the Parish Admin Forum at the Archdiocese and to do some jobs out of the office at our other church & hall locations. Please contact me via email if you need anything during this time as office attendance will be sporadic.

CENSUS CARDS

It is not too late to fill out a census card to register your details with the parish. If you are new to the parish or have been here for years and just haven’t had a chance yet, please see your Sacristan for a card or find one at the church entrance. Completed cards can be returned via the collection bags. Thank you.

WEEKLY SOCIAL CARDS NIGHT

St. Brigids Parish House – 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 \$5 per class*
No term commitment required;
pay as you come.
Enq: Kathryn Aprile—0404 340 892

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!

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.

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 your TG number as the reference.