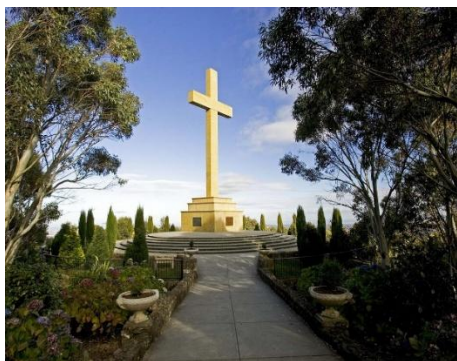




**WELCOME TO THE CATHOLIC PARISHES OF
ST AMBROSE WOODEND,
ST AMBROSE RIDDELLS CREEK,
ST BRIGID'S GISBORNE,
ST MARY'S LANCEFIELD/ROMSEY &
ST PATRICK'S MACEDON**

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR A

1st March, 2026

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

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

Sunday - 8am Riddells Creek, 9am Romsey, 9.30am Macedon, 11am Woodend and Gisborne

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

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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 LITURGY SCHEDULE

2nd March – 7th March

Tuesday 3rd: 6pm Woodend.

Wednesday 4th: 10:15am Beginning school Mass Lancefield.

Thursday 5th: 9.15am Gisborne.

Thursday 5th: 9:30am Romsey

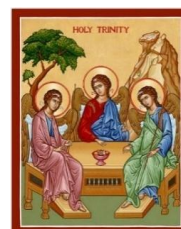
Friday 6: 8:30am Boarders Mass Kilmore

Friday 6th: 10:30am World Day of Prayer – Anglican Church Gis

Friday 6th: 7pm Stations of the Cross – Lancefield

Saturday 7th: 10:30am Anointing Mass – Romsey

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

Second Sunday of Lent, Year A

1 March 2026

First Reading Gn 12:1-4

The call of Abraham, the father of God's people.

The Lord said to Abram, 'Leave your country, your family and your father's house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing.

'I will bless those who bless you:
I will curse those who slight you.
All the tribes of the earth
shall bless themselves by you.'

So Abram went as the Lord told him.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 32:4-5. 18-20. 22. R. v.22

*(R.) Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.*

1. The word of the Lord is faithful
and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right
and fills the earth with his love. *(R.)*
2. The Lord looks on those who
revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine. *(R.)*
3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
The Lord is our help and our shield.
May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you. *(R.)*

Second Reading 2 Tm 1:8-10

God has saved us, and called us to be holy.

With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy – not because of anything we ourselves have done but for his own purpose and by his own grace. This grace had already been granted to us, in Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time, but it has only been revealed by the Appearing of our saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 17:5

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:

this is my beloved Son, hear him.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel Mt 17:1-9

His face shone like the sun.

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order. 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

We have to get rid of the idea that the soul is a dot of energy in some hidden core of our body. In fact, the body is in the soul. There is no part of my body which is not immersed in my soul. It is my whole person, bodysoul, which needs to be saved. As Thomas Aquinas says: 'If only my soul is saved, I am not saved.'

Today's Gospel does not portray an out-of-body experience of religious ecstasy. Jesus' body was translucent, totally radiant with Divine Light. Further, this transfiguration was not a solitary experience for Jesus. Peter, James and John witnessed it precisely because it told them what our Heavenly Father desired as their destiny beyond martyrdom, if only they would listen to Jesus.

Heavenly salvation will involve my whole person, bodysoul, being transformed. But could a person, during their earthly existence, share in the transfiguration experience of Christ?

We could pause for a moment to 'Google' or otherwise get hold of my favourite story of a saint – St Seraphim of Sarov – and pray that we may share with his disciple the bodily experience of 'immeasurable wellbeing' – 'infinite joy in our hearts'.

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Rosters & Events

Ministers for next weekend's Masses

3rd Sunday of Lent – Year A

7th & 8th March, 2026

6:00pm Mass	St. Brigid's	8:00am Mass	St. Ambrose's	Flowers: Greenery only during Lent please
Reader:	K. Aprile	Welcomer:	L. Saunders	
Eucharist:	L. Scott	Reader:	P. Lacy	
9:30am Mass	St. Patrick's	11:00am Mass	St. Brigid's	
Reader:	B. O'Callaghan	Reader:	J. & C. Holmes	
Eucharist:	K. Petherbridge	Eucharist:	K. Page	

What's on this week across our Parishes

Sat 28/02/26	10am Reconciliation LF	JH
Sat 28/02/26	6pm Mass – Gis	MF
Sun 01/03/26	8am Mass – Riddells Creek	JH
Sun 01/03/26	9:30am Macedon – 11am Gis	MF
Tue 03/03/26	Fr. Zaher arrives	
Tue 03/03/26	6pm - Weekday Mass in Wood	JH
Tue 03/03/25	7:30pm – RCIA LF	
Wed 04/03/26	10.15am Opening School Mass LF	JH
Wed 04/03/26	6:30pm – Baptism Info Mtg – Gis	
Thu 05/03/26	9:15am – Weekday Mass – Gis	JH
Thu 05/03/26	7pm Liturgy Mtg Gis	
Fri 06/03/26	8:30am Borders Mass Kilmore	JH
Fri 06/03/26	10:30am World Day of Prayer – Rom	JH
Fri 06/03/26	4:30pm Wedding Lancefield	JH
Fri 06/03/26	7pm Stations of the Cross Lancefield	JH
Sat 07/03/26	10:30am – Anointing Mass – Rom	
Sat 07/03/26	6pm Mass – Gis	
Sun 08/03/26	Normal Sunday Masses	

Collections at Sunday Mass.

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

THANK YOU Fr. MARTIN

As this is Fr Martin's last weekend of supply, we wish to thank him for his support to the faith life our communities over the last few months. Thank you for celebrating Sunday Eucharist with us. Your welcoming presence has been felt by all who gathered for Sunday Eucharist. May you continue to be blessed as you respond to the needs of other parish communities for the celebration of the Eucharist. At the end of the 11am mass at St Brigid's Fr Martin will be presented with a gift, thanking him for his support across our three parish communities.

WELCOME Fr. ZAHER

We welcome Fr Zaher who will begin his ministry amongst us on Tuesday 3rd March. We look forward to welcoming him over the next two weeks as he celebrates Mass across our six Mass Centres. Fr Zaher will live at Lancefield.

CONTINUING PRAYER LIST:

Please pray for those who are in ill health: *Eileen S, Corrine V, Anthony S, Fran S, Jonathan S, Helen K, Diane M, Marg P, Beth T, Willow O & Anne G.*

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL – RESPONSE: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

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 – 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, especially *Marino Charelli, Joan Robertson, John & Fiona Kilgariff, Maxine O'Connell, Anthony Hede & Joanne Clifford.* †

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.

NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages.

God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. **Amen.**

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Will be celebrated on a rotation through our Mass Centres at 7pm on a Friday evening.

March 6th Lancefield, March 13th Woodend, March 20th Gisborne, March 27th Romsey.

PARISH CENSUS

Census cards are now available in church foyers. Could all parishioners please complete, not just if you are new to the parish.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2026

FRIDAY MARCH 6th

Theme: *I Will Give You Rest: Come*” Matthew 11:28-30

Prepared by WDP Nigeria

This program invites us to recognise that God created each one of us with great attention and loving care. God knows us intimately, and we are special to God in our uniqueness. When we open the doors of our hearts to this truth, everything in our life changes. We glow from within, and we begin treating others as beloved children of God. Through this program, we hope people will be spiritually uplifted as they come to trust the great love of God.

World Day of Prayer will be celebrated at

St Mary's Romsey at 10.30am and

St Paul's Gisborne at 10am.

All are invited to join our local churches in prayer.

BIRTHDAY BLESSING

Congratulations and special blessings to all those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries during March. 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.



POPE LEO XIV LENTEN PRAYER

Prayer for a Gentle Heart this Lent

Word of mercy, and truth, in this holy season of Lent, teach me heart to listen before I speak, to seek understanding before I judge. Help me fast not only from food, but from words that would, from thoughts that divide, and from the pride that blinds me to my neighbour's worth. Fill my silence with Your presence, my speech with kindness, and my actions with peace. May my Lenten journey draw me closer to You, and may my gentleness be a witness to Your boundless love in the world. Amen.

SAVE THE DATE

Celebrating the Feast of St Patrick. Mass will be celebrated at St Patrick's Macedon on Tuesday 17th March at 6pm, followed by a meal at the Macedon Hotel. Please put your name on the clipboard in our church foyers for booking purposes. All are welcome to come and celebrate the patron of our Archdiocese.

LENTEN OBSERVANCES - Fasting and Abstaining from Meat:

On Good Friday we are called to fast and abstain from meat. Fasting means consuming one meal and two smaller meals that together do not equal a full meal, with no eating between meals, unless health or work conditions make it impractical.

SUNDAY MORNING MASS LANCEFIELD/ROMSEY

As we now have a permanent Saturday night Mass in Lancefield, I have decided that the Sunday morning Mass will be permanently at Romsey. The reason for this is when there was only one Mass in the Parish we needed to alternate between the churches, now with two Masses there is no need to alternate.

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 \$5 per class
No term commitment required;
pay as you come.

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!

Collections last week

Presbytery \$573

1st collection: Presbytery & Priest

Thanksgiving \$1105

2nd collection: Thanksgiving (envelope)

CHILD PROTECTION

is **everyone's** responsibility

The St. Brigid's 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.*

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 some
Thanksgiving envelopes.
Thanksgiving contributions by
Direct Debit or Credit Card
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.