

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

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

5th October, 2025



ST AMBROSE 18 Templeton Street
Woodend



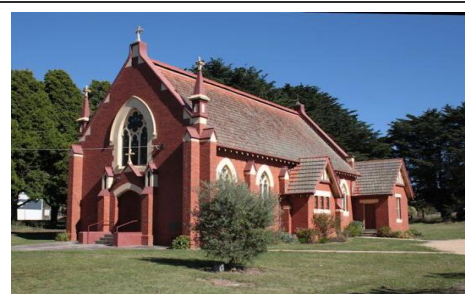
ST AMBROSE 10 Sutherland Street
Riddells Creek



ST BRIGID'S 66 Aitken Street
Gisborne



ST MARY'S (Our Lady of Lourdes)
27 Chauncey St Lancefield



ST MARY'S (Immaculate Conception)
85 Main St Romsey



ST PATRICK'S Victoria Street
Macedon

Weekend Mass Times

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

Sunday - 8am Riddells Creek, 9am 1st & 3rd Romsey, 2nd, 4th & 5th Lancefield, 9.30am Macedon, 11am Woodend & Gisborne

Weekday Mass Times

Tuesday - 5pm Gisborne, 6pm Woodend followed by the Rosary

Wednesday - 9.15am Gisborne, 9.30am Woodend; **Thursday** - 9.15am Gisborne, 9.30am Romsey

Friday - 9.15am Gisborne, 9.30am Lancefield, **Healing Mass Romsey**: 1st Saturday of the month 10.30am

Reconciliation

Woodend: 2nd Saturday of the month 10am-10.30am, Gisborne 3rd Saturday of the month 10am- 10.30,

Lancefield: 4th Saturday of the month 10am-10.30am

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The Living Word

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

5 October 2025

First Reading Hab 1:2-3; 2:2-4

The just will live by faithfulness.

How long, Lord, am I to cry for help
while you will not listen;
to cry 'Oppression!' in your ear
and you will not save?
Why do you set injustice before me,
why do you look on where there is tyranny?
Outrage and violence, this is all I see,
all is contention, and discord flourishes.
Then the Lord answered and said,

'Write the vision down,
inscribe it on tablets
to be easily read,
since this vision is for its own time only:
eager for its own fulfilment, it does not
deceive;
if it comes slowly, wait,
for come it will, without fail.
See how he flags, he whose soul is not
at rights,
but the upright man will live by his
faithfulness.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 94:1-2. 6-9. R. v.8

*(R.) If today you hear his voice, harden
not your hearts.*

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord. *(R.)*
2. Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made
us
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand. *(R.)*
3. O that today you would listen to his
voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my
work.' *(R.)*

Second Reading 2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14

Never be ashamed of witnessing the Lord.

I am reminding you to fan into a flame
the gift that God gave you when I laid my
hands on you. God's gift was not a spirit
of timidity, but the Spirit of power, and
love, and self-control. So you are never to
be ashamed of witnessing to the Lord, or
ashamed of me for being his prisoner; but
with me, bear the hardships for the sake
of the Good News, relying on the power
of God.

Keep as your pattern the sound teaching
you have heard from me, in the faith and
love that are in Christ Jesus. You have been
trusted to look after something precious;
guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who
lives in us.

Gospel Acclamation 1 Pt 1:25

Alleluia, alleluia!

*The word of the Lord stands for ever;
it is the word given to you, the Good News.
Alleluia!*

Gospel Lk 17:5-10

If you had faith!

The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our
faith.' The Lord replied, 'Were your faith the
size of a mustard seed you could say to this
mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in
the sea", and it would obey you.

'Which of you, with a servant ploughing
or minding sheep, would say to him when
he returned from the fields, "Come and
have your meal immediately"? Would he
not be more likely to say, "Get my supper
laid; make yourself tidy and wait on me
while I eat and drink. You can eat and drink
yourself afterwards"? Must he be grateful
to the servant for doing what he was told?
So with you: when you have done all you
have been told to do, say, "We are merely
servants: we have done no more than our
duty."'



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

The loving gaze of a mother
towards her newborn simply gives
rise to the obligation to feed the
baby. There is no special reward
for doing her motherly duty. This is
how Jesus sees 'good works'. If we
perceive our relationships with
people correctly, then so-called
'good works' are no more than our
duty and don't deserve special
congratulatory access to Heaven.

If we saw human beings as 'formed
from the dust of the earth, . . . a
manifestation of God in the world,
a sign of his presence, a trace of
his glory' (St John Paul II,
Evangelium Vitae 34.2), then that
perception leads to certain ways of
relating which are obliging. Like the
servant in the story, we will have
done no more than our duty.

Nevertheless, doing that sort of
duty you and I are becoming the
sort of creature who can love
unreservedly. We are being readied
to receive the free gift of heavenly
life.

We might take a moment to pause
to get our perception of human
beings correct so that our response
may prepare us for the free gift of
heavenly life.

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Rosters & Events

Ministers for next weekend's Masses

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C

11th & 12th October, 2025

6:00pm Mass	St. Brigid's	8:00am Mass	St. Ambrose's	Flowers: M. Clifford & W. Kays 
Reader:	T. Wilson	Welcomer:	J. White	
Eucharist:	L. Wilson	Reader:	M. Henry	
9:30am Mass	St. Patrick's	11:00am Mass	St. Brigid's	
Reader:	K. Petherbridge	Reader:	T. Armstrong	
Eucharist:	B. Stanchinotti	Eucharist:	K. Page	

Upcoming Parish Masses & Events

Sat 04/10/25	Saturday 6pm Mass – Gisborne
Sun 05/10/25	Normal Sunday Masses
Tue 07/10/25	5pm – Weekday Mass – Gisborne
Wed 08/10/25	9:15am – Weekday Mass – Gisborne
Thu 09/10/25	9:15am – Weekday Mass – Gisborne
Thu 09/10/25	7pm – PFC Meeting – Parish Office
Fri 10/10/25	9:15am – Weekday Mass – Gisborne
	St. Brigids Whole School Welcome Mass
Sat 11/10/25	Saturday 6pm Mass – Gisborne
Sun 12/10/25	Normal Sunday Masses

2025 COMBINED CATHOLIC PARISHES RAFFLE

All tickets sales support our parish and have a chance of winning one (or more) of 7 great prizes.
1st prize being a new *Kia Picanto* car.
Tickets are \$2 each or (preferred) \$20 for a book of 10 and can be bought at each of our Masses.
St. Brigid's Sat 6pm – Kathryn Aprile
St. Ambrose Sun 8am – Carolyn Peterson
St. Patrick's Sun 9:30am – Kirsten Vanderberg
St. Brigid's Sun 11am – Kathy Page
Tickets are now available at all Masses - Good luck!

CONTINUING PRAYER LIST:

Please pray for those who are in ill health:

*Eileen S, Corrine V, Anthony S, Fran S, Helen K, Diane M,
Marg P, Zoe F, Beth T &, Willow O.*

We pray for the recently deceased, especially *Ashton McCormack, George Toth & Yvonne Young* and for those who have an anniversary at this time, especially *Walter Carroll & Fr. Noel Oliver*.

May they rest in peace. ☩

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 especially *Ashton McCormack, George Toth & Yvonne Young* and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially *Walter Carroll & Fr. Noel Oliver*.

Please join in the parish Prayer.

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.

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

Next week's readings:

2 Kings 5:14-17; 2Timothy 2:8-13; Luke 17:11-19

Reconciliation across our Parish Communities.

Reconciliation is celebrated at the following times:

Second Saturday of the month, 10am – 10.30am St Ambrose Woodend

Third Saturday of the month, 10am – 10.30am St Brigid's Gisborne

Fourth Saturday of the month, 10am – 10.30am St Mary's Lancefield

ALL WELCOME



Feast Days this week



Tuesday 7th October: Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary

Saint Pius V established the feast of Our Lady of Victory to thank God for the Christian defeat of the Turks at Lepanto—a victory attributed to praying the rosary. Pope Gregory XIII changed the name to Feast of the Holy Rosary—originally celebrated on the first Sunday in October—in 1573. Pope Clement XI extended the feast to the universal Church in 1716 and in 1913, Saint Pius X set the date for the feast that we know today of October 7. The development of the rosary has a long history. First a practice developed of praying 150 Our Fathers in imitation of the 150 Psalms. Then there was a

parallel practice of praying 150 Hail Marys. Soon a mystery of Jesus' life was attached to each Hail Mary. Though Mary's giving of the rosary to Saint Dominic is recognized as a legend, the development of this prayer form owes much to the followers of Saint Dominic. One of them, Alan de la Roche, was known as "the apostle of the rosary." He founded the first Confraternity of the Rosary in the 15th century. In the 16th century, the rosary was developed to consist of 15 mysteries: joyful, sorrowful and glorious. In 2002, Pope John Paul II added the five Mysteries of Light to this devotion.

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.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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



Pilgrimage Mass

For those booked in for the Year of Jubilee Mass next Saturday: Mass will be celebrated at St Mary Magdalen's in Trentham at 11.30am on Saturday October 11th, followed by lunch at the Pig and Whistle.

Jubilee of Migrants: Missionaries of Hope

Saturday 4 October 2025, 9.00am

Loyola College Hall 325 Grimshaw Street, Watsonia

Sunday 5 October 2025, 11.00pm

St Patrick's Cathedral, 1 Cathedral Place, East Melbourne

Celebrate the vibrancy of Melbourne's ethnic communities on this Jubilee of Migrants weekend! On Sat 4 Oct, a migrant festival gathering will take place at Loyola College in Watsonia from 9am to 4pm, featuring cultural presentations and talks, prayer, music and good food.

On Sun 5 Oct, come to St Patrick's Cathedral for the annual Mass for All Nations. As Pope Leo says, 'Many migrants, refugees and displaced persons are privileged witnesses of hope ... they demonstrate this daily through their resilience and trust in God.' Let us celebrate the hope and joy that our migrant communities offer!



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 \$5 per class
No term commitment required;
pay as you come.
Enq: Kathryn Aprile—0404 340 892

OPEN HOUSE

Meet after 11am Sunday Mass at the
Kaffeine Bar for a coffee and chat.
Everyone Welcome!

SCRIPTURE STUDIES

Thursday – 10am
For all enquiries please contact
Bernie 0414 890 377

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.

Collections last week

Presbytery \$487

1st collection: Presbytery & Priest

Thanksgiving \$1098

2nd collection: Thanksgiving (envelope)