

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

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica, Year C

9th November, 2025



ST AMBROSE 18 Templeton Street
Woodend



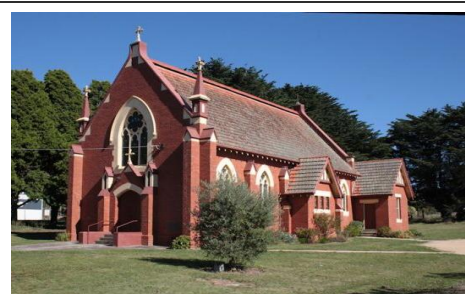
ST AMBROSE 10 Sutherland Street
Riddells Creek



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, **Anointing 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

Parish Staff

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The Living Word

Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

9 November 2025

First Reading Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12

I see water flowing from the temple and all who were touched by it were saved.

The angel brought me to the entrance of the Temple, where a stream came out from under the Temple threshold and flowed eastwards, since the Temple faced east. The water flowed from under the right side of the Temple, south of the altar. He took me out by the north gate and led me right round outside as far as the outer east gate where the water flowed out on the right-hand side. The man went to the east holding his measuring line and measured off a thousand cubits; he then made me wade across the stream; the water reached my ankles. He measured off another thousand and made me wade across the stream again; the water reached my knees. He measured off another thousand and made me wade across again; the water reached my waist. He measured off another thousand; it was now a river which I could not cross; the stream had swollen and was now deep water, a river impossible to cross. He then said, 'Do you see, son of man?' He took me further, then brought me back to the bank of the river. When I got back, there were many trees on each bank of the river. He said, 'This water flows east down to the Arabah and to the sea; and flowing into the sea it makes its waters wholesome. Wherever the river flows, all living creatures teeming in it will live. Fish will be very plentiful, for wherever the water goes it brings health, and life teems wherever the river flows. Along the river, on either bank, will grow every kind of fruit tree with leaves that never wither and fruit that never fails; they will bear new fruit every month, because this water comes from the sanctuary. And their fruit will be good to eat and the leaves medicinal.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 45:2-3, 5-6, 8-9. R. v.5

(R.) The waters of the river gladden the city of God.

1. God is for us a refuge and strength,
a helper close at hand, in time of distress:
so we shall not fear though the earth should
rock,
though the mountains fall into the depths of
the sea. (R.)
2. The waters of a river give joy to God's city,
the holy place where the Most High dwells.
God is within, it cannot be shaken;
God will help it at the dawning of the day. (R.)
3. The Lord of hosts is with us:
the God of Jacob is our stronghold,
Come, consider the works of the Lord,
the redoubtable deeds he has done on the
earth. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Cor 3:9-11, 16-17

You are the temple of God.

You are God's building. By the grace God gave me, I succeeded as an architect and laid the foundations, on which someone else is doing the building. Everyone doing the building must work carefully. For the foundation, nobody can lay any other than the one which has already been laid, that is Jesus Christ.

Didn't you realise that you were God's temple and that the Spirit of God was living among you? If anybody should destroy the temple of God, God will destroy him, because the temple of God is sacred; and you are that temple.

Gospel Acclamation 2 Chr 7:16

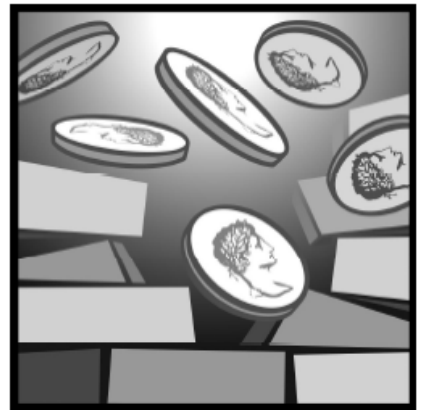
Alleluia, alleluia!

*I have chosen and sanctified this house,
says the Lord,
that my name may remain in it for all time.
Alleluia!*

Gospel Jn 2:13-22

He spoke about the temple of his own body.

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market'. Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up'. The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said.



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

The tabernacle in our churches should look like a tent with a cloth covering and 'tent flaps' at the front.

Why a tent? Because when the Jewish people escaped slavery in Egypt, they wandered through the wilderness for forty years carrying a tent where God's presence was especially strongly experienced. It was where they went for guidance and to pray for protection – to the travelling dwelling place of God.

At the beginning of St John's Gospel, we usually translate it to read that the Word of God 'became flesh and dwelt amongst us'. (John 1:14) The Greek word translated 'dwelt' could be better translated 'pitched his tent among us'. The Divine Presence is once again travelling around, this time embodied in Jesus of Nazareth. He *personally* is the true tent of God's Presence.

Death temporarily dismantled this tent but, as our Lord foresaw, the tent would be raised again in three days.

There is another way in which God's Presence is especially focused in the world, namely in you and me! St Paul calls the Christian community at Corinth: 'A holy building or temple in which God's Spirit dwells.'

Does our parish, does our Church, rise to the challenge and act in ways which reveal to the world who we are:

Tabernacles of God's Presence in the world,

Tents in whom God has chosen to dwell.

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Rosters & Events

Ministers for next weekend's Masses

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C

15th & 16th November, 2025

6:00pm Mass	St. Brigid's	8:00am Mass	St. Ambrose's	Flowers: T. Armstrong 
Reader:	N. Spiers	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:	B. Myers	
Eucharist:	M. Cooper	Eucharist:	T. Armstrong	

Upcoming Parish Masses & Events

Sat 08/11/25	Saturday 6pm Mass – Gisborne	WR
Sun 09/11/25	Normal Sunday Masses	WR
Tue 11/11/25	10am – The Oaks Mass	WR
Tue 11/11/25	5pm – Weekday Mass – Gisborne	WR
Wed 12/11/25	9:15am – Weekday Mass – Gisborne	WR
Thu 13/11/25	9:15am – Weekday Mass – Gisborne	WR
Fri 14/11/25	9:15am – Weekday Mass – Gisborne	WR
Sat 15/11/25	10am – Reconciliation – Gisborne	WR
Sat 15/11/25	Saturday 6pm Mass – Gisborne	JH
Sun 16/11/25	Normal Sunday Masses	JH
Sun 16/11/25	2:30pm – Riddells Creek Cemetery	WR
Sun 16/11/25	2:30pm – Gisborne Cemetery	JH
Sun 16/11/25	3:45pm – Macedon Cemetery	WR

Collections at Sunday Mass.

Please note recent changes to our collection process. Effective now, as per Archdiocese Policy, our collections will be in the order of:

1st Collection – Priest & Presbytery

2nd Collection – Thanksgiving & Church.

Fr. John on Retreat

Monday 17th November to Friday 21st November, 2025

Reconciliation – Gisborne – Fr. Wahid

10:30am – Saturday 15th November

All Welcome

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.**

Next weeks readings: Malachi 3:19-20; 2

Thessalonians 3:7-12; Luke 21:5-19

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 **Eleanor Bryant**. May they be welcomed into the house of the Lord forever. ✠

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

November the month of All Souls – Cemetery Prayers

To celebrate the month of November as a time we remember our family and friends who have gone before us we will celebrate a prayer service in each of our cemeteries.

We will gather together for a prayer service and invite those in attendance to visit the graves of their family & friends.

Dates and times are as follows:

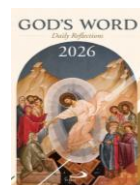
Sunday 9th November: 2.30pm Woodend JH - 3.45pm Lancefield JH.

Sunday 16th November: 2.30pm Gisborne & Riddells Creek - and 3.45pm Macedon. **All are invited.**

God's Word 2026: Daily Reflections

This wonderful resource for daily prayer and reflection is now available at the cost of \$20

Please email gisborne@cam.org.au or call 5429 2130 to secure your copy.





Feast Days this Week

Sunday 9th November: The Lateran Basilica – officially known as the Archbasilica of the Most Holy Saviour and of Saints John the Baptist and John the Evangelist in the Lateran, is the oldest and most important basilica in Rome. It was originally dedicated in 324 A.D. by Pope Sylvester I on land donated by Emperor Constantine. This basilica serves as the cathedral of the Bishop of Rome, making it the highest-ranking church in the Catholic Church.

Tuesday 10th November: St. Martin of Tours, born in 316 AD in Pannonia (modern-day Hungary), grew up in a Roman military family that practiced paganism. Despite this, Martin felt drawn to Christianity from a young age and secretly began to study the faith. St. Martin's journey from soldier to saint has made him one of the most beloved figures in Christian history, known for his profound compassion, humility, and courage.

Wednesday 12th November: St. Josaphat, known as the "Martyr of Ecumenism," is revered for his unwavering commitment to the unity of the Church and his dedication to the Eastern Catholic faithful. Born in 1580 in Volodymyr, Ukraine (sometimes spelled Vladimir), Josaphat was given the name John Kunsevych. His life would be marked by his bold and often dangerous mission to bridge divisions between the Eastern Orthodox and Roman Catholic Churches, making him one of the most impactful saints of his time.

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.

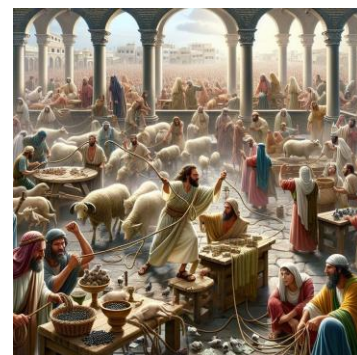
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The Gisborne Singers - Final concert of 2025

Sunday, 23rd November – 2:30pm - Church of the Resurrection in Macedon

The theme of the program is "**Songs of Connection**". Introducing Musical Director Christopher Roache with piano accompaniment from Anna Clarke-Zuidland, the choir will share old and new favourites.

Afternoon tea will follow the concert.

Booking Details: Tickets are available via: www.trybooking.com/DGRUM

Ticket prices: \$35 full, \$30 concession, under 12 free.

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

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.

Collections last week

Presbytery \$667

1st collection: Presbytery & Priest

Thanksgiving \$1140

2nd collection: Thanksgiving (envelope)

The
Gisborne
Singers

SONGS OF CONNECTION

Musical Director
CHRISTOPHER ROACHE

Accompanist
ANNA CLARKE-ZUIDLAND

**CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION,
MACEDON**

Sunday 23rd November 2:30pm

gisbornesingers.org.au



Advent Scripture Reflection Evening

*7pm Thursday
27th November
Our Lady of the
Rosary Church
Kyneton*

*Led By
Sr Liz Dowling,
Sister Of Mercy, Ballarat*

