

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-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

19th October, 2025



ST AMBROSE 18 Templeton Street
Woodend



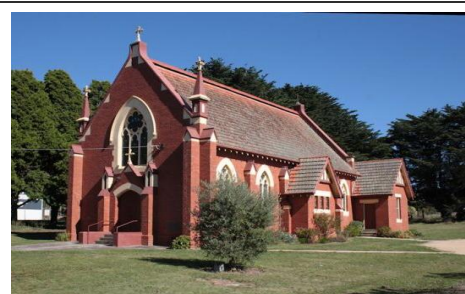
ST AMBROSE 10 Sutherland Street
Riddells Creek



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

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First Reading Ex 17:8-13

As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage.

The Amalekites came and attacked Israel at Rephidim. Moses said to Joshua, 'Pick out men for yourself, and tomorrow morning march out to engage Amalek. I, meanwhile, will stand on the hilltop, the staff of God in my hand.' Joshua did as Moses told him and marched out to engage Amalek, while Moses and Aaron and Hur went up to the top of the hill. As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage; when he let his arms fall, the advantage went to Amalek. But Moses' arms grew heavy, so they took a stone and put it under him and on this he sat, Aaron and Hur supporting his arms, one on one side, one on the other; and his arms remained firm till sunset. With the edge of the sword Joshua cut down Amalek and his people.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 120. R. v.2

*(R.) Our help is from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.*

1. I lift up my eyes to the mountains:
from where shall come my help?
My help shall come from the Lord
who made heaven and earth. (R.)
2. May he never allow you to stumble!
Let him sleep not, your guard.
No, he sleeps not nor slumbers,
Israel's guard. (R.)
3. The Lord is your guard and your shade;
at your right side he stands.
By day the sun shall not smite you
nor the moon in the night. (R.)
4. The Lord will guard you from evil,
he will guard your soul.
The Lord will guard your going and
coming
both now and for ever. (R.)

Second Reading 2 Tm 3:14-4:2

This is how the people of God become equipped and ready for every good work.

You must keep to what you have been taught and know to be true; remember who your teachers were, and how, ever since you were a child, you have known the holy scriptures – from these you can learn the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by

God and can profitably be used for teaching, for refuting error, for guiding people's lives and teaching them to be holy. This is how the man who is dedicated to God becomes fully equipped and ready for any good work.

Before God and before Christ Jesus who is to be judge of the living and the dead, I put this duty to you, in the name of his Appearing and of his kingdom: proclaim the message and, welcome or unwelcome, insist on it. Refute falsehood, correct error, call to obedience – but do all with patience and with the intention of teaching.

Gospel Acclamation Heb 4:12

Alleluia, alleluia!

*The word of God is living and active;
it probes the thoughts and motives
of our heart.*

Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 18:1-8

God will see those who cry to him vindicated.

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the need to pray continually and never lose heart. 'There was a judge in a certain town' he said 'who had neither fear of God nor respect for man. In the same town there was a widow who kept on coming to him and saying, "I want justice from you against my enemy!" For a long time he refused, but at last he said to himself, "Maybe I have neither fear of God nor respect for man, but since she keeps pestering me I must give this widow her just rights, or she will persist in coming and worry me to death."'

And the Lord said, 'You notice what the unjust judge has to say? Now will not God see justice done to his chosen who cry to him day and night even when he delays to help them? I promise you, he will see justice done to them, and done speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on earth?'



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

The judge in this story only gives in to the distraught widow when she threatens 'to give him a black eye' (in the Greek)! Jesus is *not* saying God is like the judge who needs to be battered into submission. Jesus is saying we need to pray like that widow.

Think of what widows in Syria or Iraq are praying for tonight. Then think of one's own prayer. God is not the slightest bit interested in my usual trivial, self-promoting prayers. But He is interested in my being such a woeful pray-er and wants to change me.

Recall an incident of really urgent, intense prayer. Most likely, it was to do with a traumatic accident or fatal disease of a baby, of a spouse, of a parent too young. Apply that intense urgency to those in the world crying out: 'give us this day our daily bread'. In short, pray The Lord's Prayer with meaning.

We could pause for a moment to pray to live out the consequences of the 'Our Father' lest we are threatened with a black eye!

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Rosters & Events

Ministers for next weekend's Masses

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C

25th & 26th October, 2025

6:00pm Mass	St. Brigid's	8:00am Mass	St. Ambrose's	Flowers: K. Page & L. DeBono 
Reader:	K. Aprile	Welcomer:	J. White	
Eucharist:	L. Scott	Reader:	A-M. Drummond	
9:30am Mass	St. Patrick's	11:00am Mass	St. Brigid's	
Reader:	B. O'Callaghan	Reader:	D. Egan	
Eucharist:	R. Fisher	Eucharist:	V. Firman	

Upcoming Parish Masses & Events

Sat 18/10/25	10am – Reconciliation – Gisborne
Sat 18/10/25	Saturday 6pm Mass – Gisborne
Sun 19/10/25	Normal Sunday Masses
Tue 21/10/25	5pm – Weekday Mass – Gisborne
Wed 22/10/25	9:15am – Weekday Mass – Gisborne
Thu 23/10/25	9:15am – Weekday Mass – Gisborne
Thu 23/10/25	7pm Liturgy Committee Mtg – Parish Office
Fri 24/10/25	NO Weekday Mass
Sat 25/10/25	Saturday 6pm Mass – Gisborne
Sun 26/10/25	Normal Sunday Masses
Sun 26/10/25	12pm – Baptisms - Gisborne

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.

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 **Jack & Jean Wilson and Lynne Connors.**

May they rest in peace. ☩

Next weeks readings: Sirach 35:12-14,16-19;

2 Timothy 4:6-8,16-18; Luke 18:9-14

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;

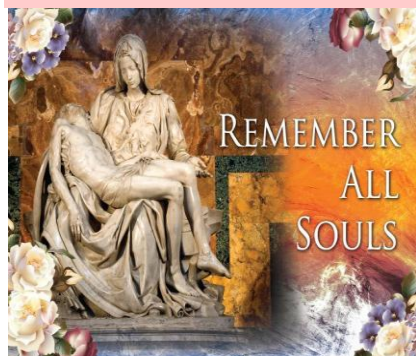
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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



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 then invite those in attendance to visit the graves of their family and friends.

Dates and times are as follows:

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

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

All are invited.

Pilgrimage to St Mary Magdalen's Trentham



Fr John was delighted to see a mixture of parishioners from our six communities gathering together. We look forward to further celebrations.

Thank you to all those who gathered last Saturday to celebrate this Year of Jubilee in one of the dedicated Churches for pilgrimage. Seventy people gathered for the celebration of the Eucharist and fellowship at the Pig and Whistle. A great day was had by all.



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.



A Pastoral Letter to the Catholics of Victoria on Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide

The State Government is seeking to amend Victoria's euthanasia and assisted suicide laws. If passed, the new laws would further weaken protections for vulnerable patients and reduce protections for nurses, doctors and other medical practitioners who conscientiously object. In response, the Bishops of Victoria have written a pastoral letter asking that we contact our local Members of Parliament and urge them to vote against these laws.

You can read the letter online and find out more by scanning the QR code or via: www.bit.ly/EuthanasiaBill.



Resonance String Orchestra, based in Woodend & Castlemaine is looking for new members. String players of all ages and abilities welcome. The Flinders Quartet will be joining with the orchestra at a concert afternoon on Saturday, 22nd of November in Castlemaine.

Information and ticket availability at the link below:

<https://events.humanitix.com/resonance-annual-concert-2025>



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.

A copy of the Pastoral letter to the Catholics of Victoria on Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide is available at our church exits. This is an important issue for us to reflect upon.

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

Collections last week

Presbytery \$547
1st collection: Presbytery & Priest

Thanksgiving \$1066
2nd collection: Thanksgiving (envelope)