



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

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

25th October, 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

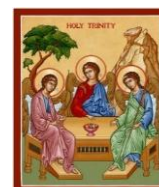
Gisborne: www.melbcatholic.org/s/gisborne

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 27th	5pm Mass Gisborne	5pm Mass Woodend
Wednesday 28th	9.15am Mass Gisborne	9.30am Mass Woodend
Thursday 29th	NO Mass Gisborne	NO Mass Romsey
	30 th Anniversary Mass Holy Cross Primary School	
Friday 30th	9.15am Mass Gisborne	9.30am Mass Lancefield
Saturday 31st	NO Mass or Reconciliation	

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

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

25 October 2026

First Reading Ex 22:20-26

If you are harsh with the widow or the orphan, my anger will rage against you.

The Lord said to Moses, 'Tell the sons of Israel this, "You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans."

"If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him.

"If you take another's cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity."

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 17:2-4, 47, 51. R. v. 2

(R.) *I love you, Lord, my strength.*

1. I love you, Lord, my strength,
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.
My God is the rock where I take refuge;
my shield, my mighty help, my
stronghold.
The Lord is worthy of all praise:
when I call I am saved from my foes. (R.)
2. Long life to the Lord, my rock!
Praised be the God who saves me.
He has given great victories to his king
and shown his love for his anointed. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Thes 1:5-10

You turned away from idols to serve God and await his Son.

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and

Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread – and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

*All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we
will come to them.*

Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 22:34-40

You shall love the Lord your God and your neighbour as yourself.

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: you must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Did you notice that Jesus does not command us to love 'God'? No, we are to love 'the Lord your God', the One who rescued the Jewish people from slavery. The resurrection of Jesus Christ reveals the Lord God as the liberator from the apparent final dominance of death. Loving such a liberator is the natural response. So, 'Love the Lord your God'.

Then Jesus does not command us to love our neighbour! Rather, 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' But who is 'yourself'? In the wonderful story-telling of Genesis, we are told that Adam, an earthen statue, had Divine Breath breathed into the nostrils, creating him as a human being. We earthlings are conceived with the Divine Breath at the core of our being.

The challenge for you and for me is to see 'yourself' in that way, and thereafter every human being whose lives we can affect: the neighbour. And in today's global world, the neighbour can be a person in a society geographically or culturally distant.

We could pause for a moment to see the true dimensions of God, self and the other, to more easily fulfil the dual command.

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EVERYONE WELCOME

Ministry	24/10/26 6pm	25/10/26 8am	25/10/26 11am
Reader	F. Murone	A. Dewar	T. Kelly
Spec Min	K. Aprile	-----	T. Armstrong
Flowers	T. Armstrong	-----	-----
Location	Gisb	R/Creek	Gisb
Ministry	31/10/26 6pm	01/11/26 8am	01/11/26 11am
Reader	J. Farrugia	M. Henry	D. Egan
Spec Min	L. Wilson	-----	V. Firman
Flowers	K. Page & L. DeBono	-----	-----
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 Dalglish

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.**

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 **Sharon Black, Saverio Spano, Fr. Barry Moran & Doris Brassell.** ☩

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 \$651 Thanksgiving \$1353
1st collection: Presbytery & Priest 2nd collection: Thanksgiving (envelope)

What's happening this week in the Parish

24/10/26 3pm **Lancefield** - Wedding

25/10/26 12pm **Gisborne** – Baptism's

29/10/26 Holy Cross 30th Anniversary

29/10/26 7pm **Gisborne** – Liturgy meeting

Note: See front page of bulletin for Mass times.

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

NOVEMBER MONTH OF ALL SOULS

All Souls Day Mass: Monday 2nd November:
9.30am Mass Gisborne & Lancefield, 7pm Mass Woodend

Cemetery Prayers: Sunday 8th November: 2pm Gisborne, 2pm Woodend,
3.30pm Macedon, & 3.30pm Lancefield

Sunday 15th November: 2pm Riddells Creek

UPDATE ON ST PATRICK'S CHURCH MACEDON

On Wednesday I met with Daniel Mount (Senior Infrastructure Advisor from the Archdiocese) as well as a plumber re the roof and the box guttering issue. What follows is part of his report. *"The main issue I found when inspecting the church was the mould infestation to the timber framework. Mould is highly toxic and not something that should be exposed to humans. Thankfully there were areas where the plaster had been removed and the framework exposed to the church and toilet area and the extent of the mould can be seen. I can only assume there would be mould to the other areas along that wall as the issues are along that entire box gutter section. This mould remediation needs to be fixed by company so we will need to explore that further."* I will keep you informed about what is suggested re dealing with the mould issue. **Fr John**

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

Archbishop Comensoli has appointed a Fr Binh Le as the new Vicar General beginning February 2027. Fr Binh is currently the parish priest of Laverton.



FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Wednesday: The Feast of St Simon and Jude.

MELBOURNE SYNOD DECEMBER 4th – 6th 2026



As we journey towards our Archdiocesan Synod we are invited to prayer for its success and the working of the Holy Spirit.

Heavenly Father,

You are our refuge and strength, our hope and our guide. As we journey together towards our Diocesan Synod, we place our trust in You, as the prophet Jeremiah reminds us: "Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord." Plant us like trees beside living water, strengthened in faith, nourished by Your Word, resilient in times of challenge, and ever bearing the fruits of love, wisdom, and service.

Pour out Your Holy Spirit upon our Bishop, clergy, religious, and laity. Help us to listen with open hearts, to speak with humility and courage, and to discern together the path You are calling us to walk. May our Synod be a time of grace, unity, and renewal—for our parishes, our communities, and our Diocese. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help, pray for us.

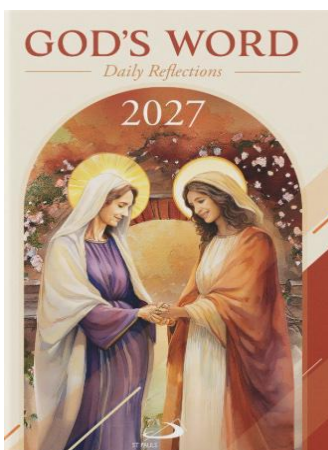
Columban Partnership Group

As has been the case in past years, our group will be raising funds through the sale of Columban Calendars, in the lead up to Christmas. The cost this year will be \$12 per calendar and **all sale proceeds** will be forwarded to the Columbans to support their missionary work.

These calendars are not only useful in our own homes, but make a practical gift to family members.

Parishioners who would like to purchase a calendar/s are asked to place the appropriate money in an envelope, with contact details, and drop that envelope on the collection plate, at mass. Alternatively, contact Jayne on 0427 855 471, to express your interest. We will be placing an order, in a few weeks.

Thanks for your continued support.



GOD'S WORD DAILY REFLECTIONS 2027

is now available. The cost is \$20.

This is a wonderful resource to prayer, reflection and understanding the daily readings.

A great gift for either yourself or someone you know.

If you would like to book a copy, please phone or email the Parish Office and it will be left for you at your preferred Mass location.

gisborne@cam.org.au or 5428 2591

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. Brigids Parish 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

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.

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!