

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-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

28th September, 2025



ST AMBROSE 18 Templeton Street
Woodend



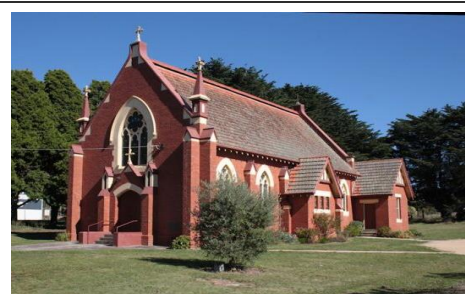
ST AMBROSE 10 Sutherland Street
Riddells Creek



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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28 September 2025

First Reading Am 6:1, 4-7

You who give yourself to licentiousness and revelry will be exiled.

The almighty Lord says this:
Woe to those ensconced so snugly in Zion
and to those who feel so safe on the
mountain of Samaria.

Lying on ivory beds
and sprawling on their divans,
they dine on lambs from the flock,
and stall-fattened veal;
they bawl to the sound of the harp,
they invent new instruments of music like
David,
they drink wine by the bowlful,
and use the finest oil for anointing
themselves,
but about the ruin of Joseph they do not
care at all.

That is why they will be the first to be exiled;
the sprawlers' revelry is over.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 145:6-10. R. v.2

(R.) Praise the Lord, my soul!

or

(R.) Alleluia!

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord, who sets prisoners free. (R.)
2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bowed down.
It is the Lord who loves the just,
the Lord, who protects the stranger. (R.)
3. He upholds the widow and orphan
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Tm 6:11-16

Obey the commandments until the coming of the Lord.

As a man dedicated to God, you must aim
to be saintly and religious, filled with faith
and love, patient and gentle. Fight the good
fight of the faith and win for yourself the
eternal life to which you were called when
you made your profession and spoke up for
the truth in front of many witnesses. Now,
before God the source of all life and before
Jesus Christ, who spoke up as a witness for
the truth in front of Pontius Pilate, I put to
you the duty of doing all that you have been
told, with no faults or failures, until the
Appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ,

who at the due time will be revealed
by God, the blessed and only Ruler of all,

the King of kings and the Lord of lords,
who alone is immortal,
whose home is in inaccessible light,
whom no man has seen and no man is
able to see:
to him be honour and everlasting power.
Amen.

Gospel Acclamation 2 Cor 8:9

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor,
to make you rich out of his poverty.*

Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 16:19-31

*During your life good things came your way just as bad things
came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted while you
are in agony.*

Jesus said to the Pharisees: 'There was a
rich man who used to dress in purple and
fine linen and feast magnificently every day.
And at his gate there lay a poor man called
Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed
to fill himself with the scraps that fell from
the rich man's table. Dogs even came and
licked his sores. Now the poor man died and
was carried away by angels to the bosom
of Abraham. The rich man also died and
was buried.

'In his torment in Hades he looked up and
saw Abraham a long way off with Lazarus
in his bosom. So he cried out, "Father
Abraham, pity me and send Lazarus to dip
the tip of his finger in water and cool my
tongue, for I am in agony in these flames."
"My son," Abraham replied "remember that
during your life good things came your way,
just as bad things came the way of Lazarus.
Now he is being comforted here while you
are in agony. But that is not all: between us
and you a great gulf has been fixed, to stop
anyone, if he wanted to, crossing from our
side to yours, and to stop any crossing from
your side to ours."

'The rich man replied, "Father, I beg you
then to send Lazarus to my father's house,
since I have five brothers, to give them
warning, so that they do not come to this
place of torment too." "They have Moses
and the prophets," said Abraham "let them
listen to them." "Ah no, father Abraham,"
said the rich man "but if someone comes to
them from the dead, they will repent." Then
Abraham said to him, "If they will not listen
either to Moses or to the prophets, they will
not be convinced even if someone should
rise from the dead."



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

The rich man ('Dives') is so totally
self-absorbed in the self-indulgence of his wealth that he
does not even notice poor Lazarus
at his gate. He created such a huge
chasm between himself and the
poor that not one crumb of food or
companionship could cross over to
Lazarus.

This chasm, created by Dives, was
fixed at the moment of his death
so that not one part of the life of
Paradise could cross over to him –
not even a drop of water. Hell is
not a punishment sent by God. It is
simply the continuation of the
Divide which some have chosen as
that which defines who they are.
Hell is of our own making.

We could pause for a moment to
check that we are making such
choices that we become amongst
those 'carried gently by the angels
into Paradise'.

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Rosters & Events

Ministers for next weekend's Masses

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C

4th & 5th October, 2025

6:00pm Mass
Reader:
Eucharist:

St. Brigid's
L. Jackanic
K. Aprile

8:00am Mass
Welcomer:
Reader:

St. Ambrose's
J. White
A. Dewar

Flowers:
J. Shumack



9:30am Mass
Reader:
Eucharist:

St. Patrick's
B. O'Callaghan
J. O'Callaghan

11:00am Mass
Reader:
Eucharist:

St. Brigid's
J. Holmes & C. Holmes
V. Firman

Upcoming Parish Masses & Events

Sat 27/09/25 Saturday 6pm Mass – Gisborne
Sun 28/09/25 Normal Sunday Masses
Sun 28/09/25 12pm – Baptism
Tue 30/09/25 **NO Weekday Mass**
Wed 01/10/25 9:15am – Weekday Mass – Gisborne
Wed 01/10/25 6:30pm – Baptism Info Night - Gisborne
Thu 02/10/25 9:15am – Weekday Mass – Gisborne
Thu 02/10/25 7pm – PPC Meeting – Parish Office
Fri 03/10/25 9:15am – Weekday Mass – Gisborne
Sat 04/10/25 Saturday 6pm Mass – Gisborne
Sun 05/10/25 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 Seric, Corrine Van der Merwe, Anthony Seric, Fran Steffanoni, Helen Kelly, George Toth, Diane Mills, Marg Payne, Zoe Fisher, Beth Tucker &, Willow O'Callaghan.

We pray for the recently deceased, especially *Shane Ragland* and for those who have an anniversary at this time, especially *Fr. Michael Morgan*.

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 *Shane Ragland* and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially *Fr. Michael Morgan*.

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:

Habakkuk 1:2-3, 2:2-4; 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14; Luke 17:5-10



BAPTISM PRAYER

We ask our God, the giver of life, to bless you all,

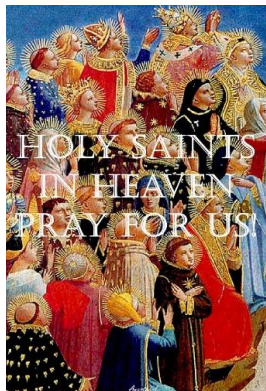
Matilda, Dash & Matthias

who will be baptised in our parish today.

We the community of St. Brigids Parish, welcome and support you.

PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO 5PM WEEKDAY MASS ON TUESDAY 30th of SEPTEMBER.

Feast Days this week



Tuesday 23rd September: St Padre Pio

Monday 29th September: Saints Michael, Gabriel, Raphael, archangels.

Tuesday 30th September: St Jerome

Wednesday 1st October: St Theresa of the Child Jesus

Thursday 2nd October: Guardian Angels

Saturday 4th October: St Francis of Assisi.

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.

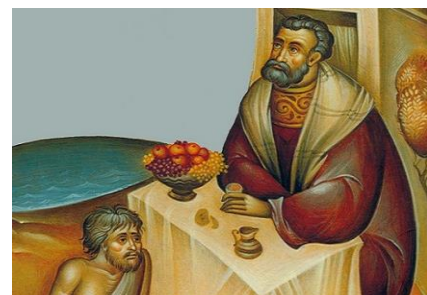
Holy Hour

On the First Friday of every month a Holy Hour has been celebrated alternating between Woodend, Lancefield and Romsey; Gisborne will now be added to that roster. This coming Friday, 3rd October Holy Hour will be at Woodend, beginning at 7pm with evening prayer, time of quiet prayer before the Blessed Sacrament and concluding with benediction. The Holy Hour in November will be celebrated at Gisborne and December at Romsey.

Pilgrimage Mass

To celebrate this Year of Jubilee, 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. St Mary Magdalen's is one of the pilgrimage Churches for the Archdiocese. Please add your name to the clipboard if you would like to attend.

Help the angels take Lazarus up to heaven.



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.

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

OPEN HOUSE

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

KARATE CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

Thursday evenings 6pm - 1st *TWO* lessons free then \$7 per class
No term commitment required;
pay as you come.
Enq: Kathryn Aprile—0404 340 892

SCRIPTURE STUDIES

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

Collections last week

Presbytery \$378
1st collection: Presbytery & Priest

Thanksgiving \$755
2nd collection: Thanksgiving (envelope)