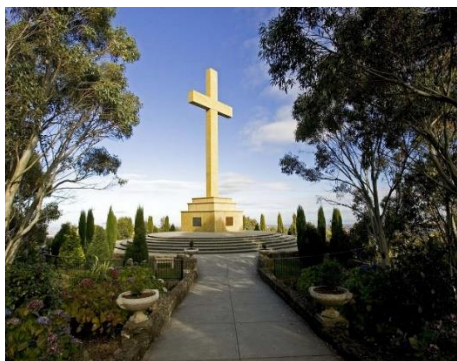




**WELCOME TO THE CATHOLIC PARISHES OF
ST AMBROSE WOODEND,
ST AMBROSE RIDDELLS CREEK,
ST BRIGID'S GISBORNE,
ST MARY'S LANCEFIELD/ROMSEY &
ST PATRICK'S MACEDON**

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

1st February, 2026

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

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

Sunday - 8am Riddells Creek, 9am Romsey, 9.30am Macedon, 11am Woodend and Gisborne

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

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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

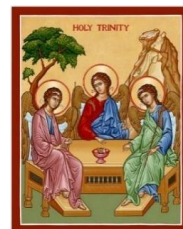
WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

2nd February – 7th February

Tuesday: 6pm Woodend, **Wednesday:** 9.15am Gisborne – opening school Mass, **Thursday:** 10.40am Sacred Heart – Kyneton, opening school Mass, **Please note: there is no Romsey Mass today**, **Friday:** 9.15am Holy Cross - opening school Mass, **Please note: there is no Lancefield Mass today**.

Saturday: Anointing Mass 10.30am Romsey.

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

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

1 February 2026

First Reading Zep 2:3; 3:12-13

In your midst I will leave a humble and a lowly people.

Seek the Lord
all you, the humble of the earth,
who obey his commands.
Seek integrity,
seek humility:
you may perhaps find shelter
on the day of the anger of the Lord.
In your midst I will leave
a humble and lowly people,
and those who are left in Israel will seek
refuge in the name of the Lord.
They will do no wrong,
will tell no lies;
and the perjured tongue will no longer
be found in their mouths.
But they will be able to graze and rest
with no one to disturb them.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 145:7-10. R. Mt 5:3

*(R.) Happy the poor in spirit:
the kingdom of heaven is theirs!*
or

(R.) Alleluia!

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith forever,
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,
the Lord, who protects the stranger
and upholds the widow and orphan. (R.)
3. It is the Lord who loves the just
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Cor 1:26-31

God has chosen what is weak by human reckoning.

Take yourselves, brothers, at the time when
you were called: how many of you were
wise in the ordinary sense of the word,
how many were influential people, or came
from noble families? No, it was to shame
the wise that God chose what is foolish
by human reckoning, and to shame what
is strong that he chose what is weak by
human reckoning: those whom the world

thinks common and contemptible are the
ones that God has chosen – those who
are nothing at all to show up those who are
everything. The human race has nothing to
boast about to God, but you, God has made
members of Christ Jesus and by God's
doing he has become our wisdom, and our
virtue, and our holiness, and our freedom.
As scripture says: if anyone wants to boast,
let him boast about the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 5:12

Alleluia, alleluia!

Rejoice and be glad;

Your reward will be great in heaven.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 5:1-12

Happy are the poor in spirit.

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill.
There he sat down and was joined by his
disciples. Then he began to speak. This is
what he taught them:

'How happy are the poor in spirit:
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Happy the gentle:

they shall have the earth for their
heritage.

Happy those who mourn:

they shall be comforted.

Happy those who hunger and thirst for
what is right:

they shall be satisfied.

Happy the merciful:

they shall have mercy shown them.

Happy the pure in heart:

they shall see God.

Happy the peacemakers:

they shall be called sons of God.

Happy those who are persecuted in the
cause of right:

theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Happy are you when people abuse you
and persecute you and speak all kinds
of calumny against you on my account.
Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be
great in heaven.'



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Jesus doesn't start in a fantasy
dream world of perfection. Jesus
looks at the world as it often is for
many people, perhaps for most
people around the world: 'the poor
in spirit', 'those who mourn', 'those
who are gentle', 'those who hunger
and thirst for justice'.

Jesus astonishes the crowd by
saying that such people are
'Blessed'. How can this be? The
answer lies in our Lord's emphasis
on the new community he is
establishing under the reign of
God: what he calls 'the Kingdom of
God'.

Those in such wretched
circumstances *will* have things set
right, but only if followers of Jesus
do everything possible to lift the
poor out of the poverty which
crushes their spirit, do everything
possible to comfort those who
mourn, do everything possible to
make sure the gentle share the
earth's resources, do everything
possible to satisfy the craving for
justice.

We could pause for a moment to
pray the 'Our Father' pledging
ourselves to help construct this
new society where the Beatitudes
can come true:

'Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be
done on *earth* as it is in heaven.'

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Rosters & Events

Ministers for next weekend's Masses

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

7th & 8th February, 2026

6:00pm Mass St. Brigid's

Reader:

Eucharist:

8:00am Mass St. Ambrose's

Welcomer:

L. Saunders

Reader:

Flowers:



9:30am Mass St. Patrick's

Reader:

Eucharist:

11:00am Mass St. Brigid's

Reader:

Eucharist:

Upcoming Parish Masses & Events

Sat 31/01/26 6pm Mass – Gisborne BL

Sun 01/02/26 10:30am Parish Feast Day – Gisborne BL

Please note: No other Masses on Sunday 1/2/26

Tue 03/02/26 NO Weekday Mass

Wed 04/02/26 9:15am – Opening School Mass – Gis JH

Wed 04/02/26 6:30pm – Baptism Information – Gis

Thu 05/02/26 10:40am – Sacred Heart – Kyneton JH

Thu 05/02/26 7pm – Liturgy Meeting – Parish Centre

Fri 06/02/26 9:15am – Holy Cross School Mass JH

Fri 06/02/26 7pm – Holy Hour – Woodend JH

Sat 07/02/26 10:30am – Anointing Mass – Romsey JH

Collections at Sunday Mass.

1st Collection – Priest & Presbytery

2nd Collection – Thanksgiving & Church.

SATURDAY – 31/01/26 & SUNDAY – 01/02/26

We Welcome

Fr. Brendan Lane

who will celebrate the Masses with us this weekend.

SATURDAY – 07/02/26 & SUNDAY – 08/02/26

We Welcome

Fr. Robert McCulloch

who will celebrate the Masses with us this weekend.

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 & Jonothan S.

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 **Steve Owen** and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time. 🙏

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.

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Sunday 1st - St Brigid of Ireland

Monday 2nd - Presentation of the Lord

Thursday 5th - St Agatha

Friday 6th - St Paul Miki and Companions

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,

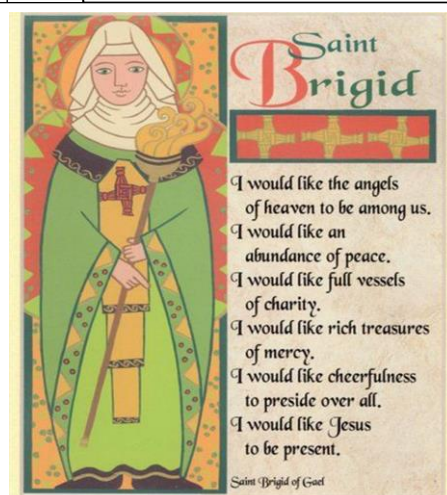
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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



PRAYER FOR BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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



HOLY HOUR

HOLY HOUR – 06/02/26

To be celebrated at
Woodend 7pm – 8pm.
Beginning with exposition
of the Blessed Sacrament,
Evening Prayer, Quiet
time, concluding with
Benediction.
All are invited.

PARISH FEAST DAY - SUNDAY 1st FEBRUARY 2026

ST. BRIGIDS CHURCH - GISBORNE



Commences with Mass at 10:30am in the church

No other Masses this Sunday

Please bring a "Plate to Share" for lunch in the hall

Free Tea, Coffee available & juice for the kids

Come and Celebrate the Feast of St. Brigid

EVERYONE WELCOME

Mass schedule weekend of 31st January/1st February 2026

Vigil Mass - Saturday 31st January - 6pm - Gisborne Church

Sunday 1st February - St. Ambrose - Riddells Creek - **NO** 8am Mass

Sunday 1st February - St. Patrick's - Macedon - **NO** 9:30am Mass

Sunday Mass - Sunday 1st February - 10:30am - Gisborne Church

2026 Rosters

Rosters have not yet been produced as I've been on leave and am currently moving into the new office so my apologies for those who like to be organised. If parishioners could continue to volunteer as needed it would be very much appreciated. Thank you, Tam



The main means of supporting our parish financially is through the Stewardship Program, the second collection. This support is given in two ways; either envelopes or an electronic contribution. It has been sometime since we have visited this means of financial support to the upkeep of our buildings, paying parish staff and day to day costs of running a parish.

This year we will have a Stewardship Program conducted across our three Parishes at the same time. **This program has two components.**

Firstly, Parish Census. On the weekend of 7th/8th and 14th/15th February a census will be conducted. This will happen during Mass, where you will be asked to complete a census card. This is crucial to our Stewardship Program as it allows us to update our parish data capturing any changes to contact details, as well as giving new members to our parish an opportunity to register.

Secondly, Stewardship Program. This will be conducted over four weekends in May. Further information on these four weeks will be given prior to the program beginning. As part of this program a full financial overview of each Parish will be given to its particular community. This program will also focus encourage the electronic way of supporting the parish financially. This program is offered by the Archdiocese at no cost to us. Daniel Wise from the Archdiocese will be supporting us in all aspects of the program.

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.*

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.



SAVE THE DATE



Tuesday 17th February. In preparation for Ash Wednesday, we will gather for a ceremony to burn the palm branches from last year, followed by supper. You are invited to gather in the grounds of St Ambrose Woodend, followed by a shared supper in the presbytery. You are invited to bring a plate to share.

PALM BRANCHES

In preparation of the ashes for Ash Wednesday we invite you to bring your palm branches over the coming weekend. Please place them in the baskets in the foyer of each church.

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.

SCRIPTURE STUDIES

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

OPEN HOUSE

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

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 \$611

1st collection: Presbytery & Priest

Thanksgiving \$738

2nd collection: Thanksgiving (envelope)