

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

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, Year C

23rd November, 2025



ST AMBROSE 18 Templeton Street
Woodend



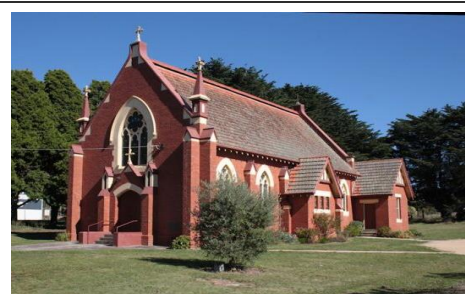
ST AMBROSE 10 Sutherland Street
Riddells Creek



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

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The Living Word

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, Year C

23 November 2025

First Reading 2 Sm 5:1-3

They anointed David king of Israel.

All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron. 'Look' they said 'we are your own flesh and blood. In days past when Saul was our king, it was you who led Israel in all their exploits; and the Lord said to you, "You are the man who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you shall be the leader of Israel."' So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David made a pact with them at Hebron in the presence of the Lord, and they anointed David king of Israel.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 121:1-5. R. see v.2

(R.) Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

1. I rejoiced when I heard them say:
'Let us go to God's house.'
And now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem. (R.)
2. Jerusalem is built as a city
strongly compact.
It is there that the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord. (R.)
3. For Israel's law it is,
there to praise the Lord's name.
There were set the thrones of
judgement
of the house of David. (R.)

Second Reading Col 1:12-20

He has taken us into the kingdom of his beloved Son.

We give thanks to the Father who has made it possible for you to join the saints and with them to inherit the light.

Because that is what he has done: he has taken us out of the power of darkness and created a place for us in the kingdom of the Son that he loves, and in him, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins.

He is the image of the unseen God
and the first-born of all creation,
for in him were created
all things in heaven and on earth:
everything visible and everything
invisible,

Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignities,
Powers –

all things were created through him and
for him.

Before anything was created, he existed,
and he holds all things in unity.
Now the Church is his body,
he is its head.

As he is the Beginning,
he was first to be born from the dead,
so that he should be first in every way;
because God wanted all perfection
to be found in him
and all things to be reconciled through
him and for him,
everything in heaven and everything on
earth,
when he made peace
by his death on the cross.

Gospel Acclamation Mk 11:9. 10

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Blessed is he who inherits the
kingdom of David our Father;
blessed is he who comes in the name
of the Lord.**

Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 23:35-43

Lord remember me when you come into your kingdom.

The people stayed there before the cross watching Jesus. As for the leaders, they jeered at him. 'He saved others,' they said, 'let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One.' The soldiers mocked him too, and when they approached to offer him vinegar they said, 'If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.' Above him there was an inscription: 'This is the King of the Jews.'

One of the criminals hanging there abused him. 'Are you not the Christ?' he said, 'Save yourself and us as well.' But the other spoke up and rebuked him. 'Have you no fear of God at all?' he said. 'You got the same sentence as he did, but in our case we deserved it: we are paying for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong. Jesus,' he said, 'remember me when you come into your kingdom.' 'Indeed, I promise you,' he replied, 'today you will be with me in paradise.'



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

If you memorise a tune or your 'times tables', you are said to 'know it by heart'. The sort of person who will always remember me is someone who 'knows me by heart'.

Here, a tortured criminal starts his plea: 'Jesus . . .'. This is one of only two instances where Jesus is addressed by his name which means 'The Lord saves'. The good thief went on: 'remember me when you come into Your Kingdom'. Jesus 'knows him by heart' and promises that He will re-member him in Paradise.

This is an exercise of sovereignty which befits 'Christ the King'. This is all the Kingly power which you or I will ever need, but to confidently invoke it we need to position ourselves alongside Jesus, like the 'good thief'. We do this by our practical concern for the poor and by coming to Mass which re-members the Body of Christ.

We could pause for a moment to pray: 'Jesus, remember me, know me by heart, for when you do I will be in Paradise.'

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Rosters & Events

Ministers for next weekend's Masses

1st Sunday of Advent – Year A

29th & 30th November, 2025

6:00pm Mass	St. Brigid's	8:00am Mass	St. Ambrose's	Flowers: J. Shumack 
Reader:	L. Jackanic	Welcomer:	L. Saunders	
Eucharist:	K. Aprile	Reader:	M. Henry	
9:30am Mass	St. Patrick's	11:00am Mass	St. Brigid's	
Reader:	M. Redman	Reader:	C. Fry	
Eucharist:	K. Vandenberg	Eucharist:	V. Firman	

Upcoming Parish Masses & Events

Sat 22/11/25	6pm Mass – Gisborne	WR
Sun 23/11/25	Normal Sunday Masses	WR
Sun 23/11/25	12pm – Baptism's – Gisborne	WR
Tue 25/11/25	5pm – Weekday Mass – Gisborne	WR
Wed 26/11/25	9am – Weekday Mass - Gisborne	WR
Thu 27/11/25	9:15am – Weekday Mass – Gisborne	WR
Thu 27/11/25	7pm – PPC meeting – Parish Office	
Fri 28/11/25	9:15am – Weekday Mass – Gisborne	WR
Sat 29/11/25	6pm Mass – Gisborne	MF
Sun 30/11/25	Normal Sunday Masses	JH
Tue 02/12/25	NO Weekday Mass	
Tue 02/12/25	Holy Cross Graduation Mass & Dinner	

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.

Special Collection this weekend

There will be a leaving collection at Masses this weekend for the **Columban Partnership** which supports the work of **St Elizabeth Hospital Hyderabad.**

SATURDAY MASS – 29/11/25

Fr. Martin Fleming will be celebrating Mass with us at the 6pm Gisborne Mass next 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.

Next weeks readings: Isaiah 2:1-5; Romans

13:11-14; Matthew 24:37-44

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 **Pauline Hartley, Travis Stephens, Joan Bourke, Dorothea Lindqvist, James Brennan & Glenys O'Dea.** †

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. Amen.

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

Giving Tree 2025

This year St. Brigid's Parish Giving Tree will be supporting the Gisborne branch of St. Vincent de Paul.

They are asking for donations of Food Gift Cards, which can be purchased from Foodworks, IGA, Coles and Aldi in Gisborne and Foodworks in Riddells Creek to any value. Also included is a "Pennies from Heaven" option, and any monies collected will be used to purchase Gift Cards. The Gift Cards will be used to support families in need over the Christmas period. All donations will be greatly appreciated.

The Giving Tree program will commence on the first week of Advent – 29th / 30th November. Could donations please be returned no later than Sunday 14th December, so the Gift Cards can be distributed to families for Christmas.

Gift cards can be returned at any Mass, the Parish Office and both Schools.

Feast Days this Week



Sunday 23rd November: Feast of Christ the King

This feast brings to end the yearly liturgical cycle and concludes with the great festival honouring Christ the King. Established in 1925 by Pope Pius XI. This was a time in our world's history when the first Great War was over. The feast was to be a reminder that through powers may fail, there is a power for peace within the world that will not fail. The reign of Christ has been established, and the values of peace and justice are possible for those who seek this reign of God.



Monday 24th November: Saints Andrew Dung-Lac and his Companions

Listed among 117 canonised martyrs who died in Vietnam between 1820-1862. Remembered as representatives of the thousands of Christians tortured and martyred in Vietnam between the seventeenth and nineteenth centuries.



Tuesday 25th November: St Catherine of Alexandria

According to the *Legend of St. Catherine*, this young woman converted to Christianity after receiving a vision. At the age of 18, she debated 50 pagan philosophers. Amazed at her wisdom and debating skills, they became Christians—as did about 200 soldiers and members of the emperor's family. All of them were martyred. Devotion to her spread as a result of the Crusades. Catherine of Alexandria was invoked as the patroness of students, teachers, librarians and lawyers. Catherine is one of the 14 Holy Helpers, venerated especially in Germany and Hungary.

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

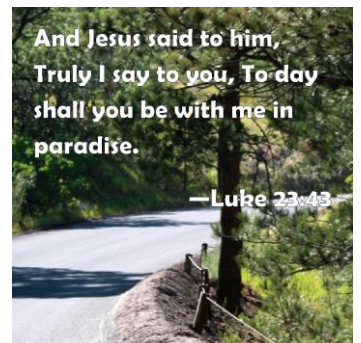
Arranged by appointment with at least 6 months' notice. Please contact parish office.

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.



2025 Christmas Services



Advent Communal Service of Forgiveness

Thursday 18 December – 7pm – Gisborne

Christmas Eve Family Mass

Wednesday 24 December – 6pm – Gisborne

Christmas Eve Mass with Carols

7:45pm – carols, 8:30pm – Mass – Macedon

Christmas Eve Mass with Carols

10:30pm – carols, 11pm – Mass – Gisborne

Christmas Day Mass

Thursday 25 December – 8:30am – Riddells Creek

Thursday 25 December – 10:30am – Gisborne

Christmas Carols @ St Brigid's Hall

Sunday 7th December

2:00 to 4:00pm

Musicians welcome to participate:

Contact Kevin or Gerard

to book a spot on the Mic

Ph: 54261354

ALL WELCOME! Bring a plate to share!

No Hot food please as reheating is not available

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

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 \$604

1st collection: Presbytery & Priest

Thanksgiving \$1050

2nd collection: Thanksgiving (envelope)