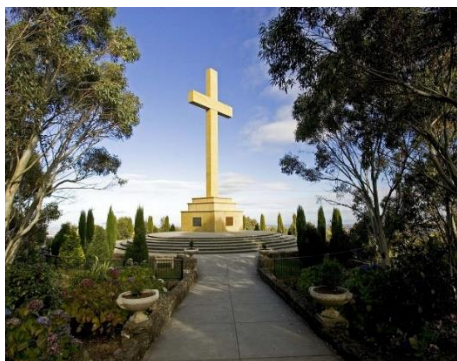




**WELCOME TO THE CATHOLIC PARISHES OF
ST AMBROSE WOODEND,
ST AMBROSE RIDDELLS CREEK,
ST BRIGIDS GISBORNE,
ST MARY'S LANCEFIELD/ROMSEY &
ST PATRICK'S MACEDON**

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR A

10th May, 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

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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

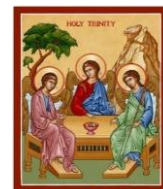
SCHOOL COMMUNITIES **St Ambrose Woodend:** www.sawoodend.catholic.edu.au , **St Mary's Lancefield:** www.smlancefield.catholic.edu.au , **St Brigid's Gisborne:** www.sbgisborne.catholic.edu.au , **Holy Cross New Gisborne:** www.hcnewgisborne.catholic.edu.au

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday 12th	5pm Mass Gisborne	5pm Mass Woodend
Wednesday 13th	9:15am Mass Gisborne	9:30am Mass Woodend
Thursday 14th	9:15am Mass Holy Cross	9:30am Mass in Romsey
Friday 15th	9:15am Mass Gisborne	9:30am Mass Lancefield
Saturday 16th	10:00am Reconciliation Gisborne	

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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

Sixth Sunday of Easter, Year A

10 May 2026

First Reading Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

They laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town.

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 65:1-7. 16. 20. R. see v.1

(R.) *Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.*

or

(R.) *Alleluia.*

1. Cry out with joy to God all the earth,
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise.
Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds! (R.)
2. 'Before you all the earth shall bow;
shall sing to you, sing to your name!
Come and see the works of God,
tremendous his deeds among men. (R.)
3. He turned the sea into dry land,
they passed through the river dry-shod.
Let our joy then be in him;
he rules for ever by his might. (R.)
4. Come and hear, all who fear God.
I will tell what he did for my soul:
Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer
nor withhold his love from me. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Pt 3:15-18

In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong.

Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

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 Jn 14:15-21

I shall ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If you love me you will keep my commandments.
I shall ask the Father,
and he will give you another Advocate
to be with you for ever,
that Spirit of truth
whom the world can never receive
since it neither sees nor knows him;
but you know him,
because he is with you, he is in you.
I will not leave you orphans;
I will come back to you.
In a short time the world will no longer see me;
but you will see me,
because I live and you will live.
On that day
you will understand that I am in my Father
and you in me and I in you.
Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them
will be one who loves me;
and anybody who loves me will be loved
by my Father,
and I shall love him and show myself to him.'



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Today's Gospel speaks of an advocate. This translates a Greek word: 'paraclete'. Our Lord says: 'I will send you another Paraclete to be with you forever.' Our Lord was a Paraclete, and he would send another.

What does this strange sounding word mean? Here is a hint. We all know that parallel lines run, well, parallel. They run alongside each other. A paraclete is a person who stands alongside someone and pleads their case.

That is how our Lord Jesus Christ saw himself. His role was not to condemn but to plead the case for mercy and compassion, to be the intercessor *par excellence*.

Our Lord promises another Paraclete dwelling within us, individually and as the body of Christ's disciples, the Holy Spirit advocating our cause, assisting us to live Truth-fully by the measure of the One who is the Way, the Truth and the Life. This Paraclete particularly assists us by acting as the Spirit of Truth.

We could pause for a moment to thank God for the two Paracletes, constantly pleading our case before the Throne of Mercy.

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EVERYONE WELCOME				ST PATRICK'S CHURCH MACEDON		CHILD PROTECTION
Ministry	09/05/26 6pm	10/05/26 8am	10/05/26 11am	will be closed until further notice for repairs.		is <u>everyone's</u> responsibility The St. Brigids Safeguarding Children and Young People Policy can be found on the Parish Website.or via the parish office. <i>All children leaving the church during Mass must be accompanied by a parent.</i>
Reader	F. Murone	A. Dewar	T. Kelly	COLLECTIONS AT MASS 1 st Collection – Priest & Presbytery 2 nd Collection – Thanksgiving & Church.		Child Safety Committee Fr. John Healy Fr. Zaher Al Mhanna Tammie Dalgleish
Spec Min	K. Aprile	-----	T.Armstrong			
Flowers	T. Armstrong	-----	-----			
Location	Gisb	R/Creek	Gisb			
Ministry	16/05/26 6pm	17/05/26 8am	17/05/26 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.						
CONTINUING PRAYER LIST: <i>Please pray for the following who are in continuing need of our prayers:</i> Eileen S, Corrine V, Anthony S, Fran S, Jonathan S, Helen K, Diane M, Marg P, Beth T, Willow O, Fleur H, Thomas C & Michael W.						
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 Marie Owen, Victor Bissett & Patricia Shelly. ☩						
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 \$707 Thanksgiving \$1555 1 st collection: Presbytery & Priest 2 nd collection: Thanksgiving (envelope)						
OFFERTORY PROGRAM Dear Parishioners, Thank you to everyone who promptly collected their offertory giving envelopes last weekend. If you have not yet retrieved yours, we kindly remind you to do so this weekend. For those who wish to submit their filled-out pledge cards, there are several convenient options: • Place them in the first or second collections during Mass • Drop them off at the parish office • Deposit them in the designated box located in the foyer Your ongoing generosity and dedication to our parish is appreciated. If you do not find your name on an envelope, it means we do not have your details on our census. Please take a blank envelope which contains a similar letter. If there are none there, there will be more available next week. This weekend a parishioner will share some thoughts. God bless. Fr John						

Baptism As arranged with the Parish Secretary on the 4 th 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!

A note from the Secretary

It has been brought to my attention that the giving amounts on some of the letters to current givers may be incorrect. This would be more likely to affect those who give weekly. Please do not worry if this is the case with your letter. The letters were produced by the Stewardship Office at the Archdiocese from data they collect from our PACEM system. The PACEM system is where I load all of the envelope and direct debit giving each week. I was not aware of the contents of the Thanksgiving letter and did not know it would contain an average weekly giving amount for each contributor. I have not read your letters as they were sealed so I do not know which of your letters has been affected.

As I have had four annual leave this year, I had not entered the weekly giving amounts in the data base for this year prior to the letters being produced. This has affected the average weekly giving figures significantly. I have now caught up on data entry so your records are complete and correct but as mentioned, not in time for the letters to be printed. I apologise for any upset this has caused you and am happy to provide you with a correct figure if requested. Please reach out if you would like an itemised printout of your giving over the last year and I will happily print one off for you or send via email.

Kind regards, Tam

May is a month devoted to the Blessed Virgin Mary



Mary's path of faith and hope serves as an example to all.

This is just one of the reasons that the Universal Church dedicates the Month of May to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

The month serves as an opportunity to reflect upon the season of the Liturgical Year which largely corresponds with the 50 days of Easter. Therefore, time should be taken to reflect on Our Lady's participation in the Paschal mystery. The Christian custom of dedicating the month of May to the Blessed Virgin arose at the end of the 13th century.

To celebrate this month dedicated to Mary you are invited to a scriptural reflection on the rosary and benediction. As our Lancefield & Romsey Churches are dedicated to Mary, we will celebrate this month dedicated to Mary on:

Sunday 24th May at 3pm at St Mary's Church Lancefield
followed by a cuppa. *All are welcome.*

The National Mass Count of Attendance for 2026 will be taking place over the first four weeks of May.

Upcoming Parish Events

Sat 09/05/26 10am –

Reconciliation – **Woodend**

Tue 12/05/26 10am – BUPA –

Communion visit – **Woodend**

Tue 12/05/26 10am – The Oaks

– Mass – **Gisborne**

Sat 16/05/26 10am –

Reconciliation - **Gisborne**

Note: See front page of bulletin for Mass times.

TUESDAY EVENING MASS TIME CHANGE: WOODEND

During these colder months the 6pm Tuesday evening Mass at Woodend has moved to 5pm.

This will take effect as on Tuesday 12th May.



PARISH PASTORAL NEWSLETTER

The latest edition of our Parish Pastoral Newsletter is available in our Church entrance. One copy per family. Catch up on the latest news across the Parishes of the Macedon Ranges.

A Mother's Day Prayer
Happy Mother's Day
In the name of
JESUS CHRIST,
we lift up all
MOTHERS today.
Best Wishes
We thank them for their
sacrifices so that we can
have a life of contentment.
Grant them favour, Lord
and may they have a
wonderful place in existence
in Your heart of **GRACE.**

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Marriage Encounter Event

St. Dominic's Parish Melton

When: June 26-28th 2026

Starts Friday evening at 7pm and finishes Sunday around 4:30pm

Further details:

Mercy & James Bvirakare

0409 183 676

vicbookings@wwme.org.au

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. Brigid's Hall – Tuesday 7:30pm start -
Entry \$10 per player

Light supper served on completion of play

EVERYONE WELCOME

SCRIPTURE STUDIES

Thursday – 10am

For all enquiries please contact
Bernie 0414 890 377

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!

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.