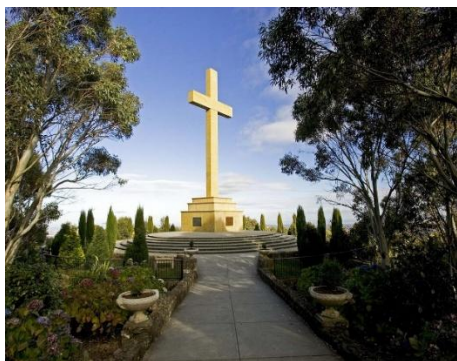




**WELCOME TO THE CATHOLIC PARISHES OF
ST AMBROSE WOODEND,
ST AMBROSE RIDDELLS CREEK,
ST BRIGIDS GISBORNE,
ST MARY'S LANCEFIELD/ROMSEY &
ST PATRICK'S MACEDON**

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST - YEAR A

7th June, 2026

WEEEEKEND 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:

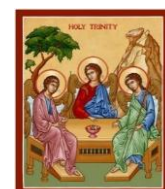
www.hcnewgisborne.catholic.edu.au

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday 9th	10am Mass BUPA Woodend	NO Mass at The Oaks
	11.15am Assumption College Kilmore - whole school Mass	
	5pm Mass Gisborne	5pm Mass Woodend
Wednesday 10th	9:15am Mass Gisborne	9:30am Mass Woodend
Thursday 11th	9:15am Mass Holy Cross School	9:30am Mass Romsey
Friday 12th	8:30am Boarders Mass – Assumption College Kilmore	
	9.15am Mass Gisborne (school in attendance)	
	NO 9:30am Mass in Lancefield	11am Funeral Romsey
Saturday 13th	9:30am Mass Woodend – followed by 10am Reconciliation	

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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

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, Year A

7 June 2026

First Reading Dt 8:2-3, 14-16

He gave you food which you and your ancestors did not know.

Moses said to the people: 'Remember how the Lord your God led you for forty years in the wilderness, to humble you, to test you and know your inmost heart – whether you would keep his commandments or not. He humbled you, he made you feel hunger, he fed you with manna which neither you nor your fathers had known, to make you understand that man does not live on bread alone but that man lives on everything that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

'Do not then forget the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery: who guided you through this vast and dreadful wilderness, a land of fiery serpents, scorpions, thirst; who in this waterless place brought you water from the hardest rock; who in this wilderness fed you with manna that your fathers had not known.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 147:12-15, 19-20. R. v.12

(R.) Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.

or

(R.) Alleluia!

1. O praise the Lord, Jerusalem!
Zion, praise your God!
He has strengthened the bars of your gates,
he has blessed the children within you. *(R.)*
2. He has established peace on your borders,
he feeds you with finest wheat.
He sends out his word to the earth
and swiftly runs his command. *(R.)*
3. He makes his word known to Jacob,
to Israel his laws and decrees.
He has not dealt thus with other nations;
he has not taught them his decrees. *(R.)*

Second Reading 1 Cor 10:16-17

Though we are many, we form a single body because we share this one loaf.

The blessing-cup that we bless is a communion with the blood of Christ, and the bread that we break is a communion with the body of Christ. The fact that there is only one loaf means that, though there are many of us, we form a single body because we all have a share in this one loaf.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 6:51-52

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the living bread from heaven,

says the Lord;

whoever eats this bread will live for ever.

Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 6:51-58

My flesh is real food and my blood is real drink.

Jesus said to the Jews:

'I am the living bread which has come down from heaven.

Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever;

and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world.'

Then the Jews started arguing with one another: 'How can this man give us his

flesh to eat?' they said, Jesus replied:

'I tell you most solemnly,

if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man

and drink his blood,

you will not have life in you.

Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood

has eternal life,

and I shall raise him up on the last day.

For my flesh is real food

and my blood is real drink.

He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me

and I live in him.

As I, who am sent by the living Father,

myself draw life from the Father,

so whoever eats me will draw life from me.

This is the bread come down from

heaven;

not like the bread our ancestors ate:

they are dead,

but anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.'



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

I once saw a young mother discreetly breastfeeding her baby during Mass, and thought ... 'What a wonderful thing!' There could not be a better illustration, a better acting out of what Jesus says in today's Gospel: 'The one who eats me will live.'

Of course, even mothers who find they cannot breastfeed offer the same gift for nine months as the baby draws its life from the mother's body in the womb.

This is a good analogy for what Our Lord was teaching in today's Gospel.

'Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me and I in them.' Notice the very maternal language. The risen Lord truly abides in us, we truly abide in the risen Lord. This is as intimate as the baby dwelling in the womb of its mother.

Moreover, it is a Holy communion which is both a present reality and a foretaste and promise about our place in God's future: 'The one who eats this bread will live forever.'

We could pause for a moment to pray with St Thomas Aquinas: 'Oh Sacred Banquet in which Christ is received and a pledge of future glory is given to us.'

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EVERYONE WELCOME

Ministry	06/06/26 6pm	07/06/26 8am	07/06/26 11am
Reader	L. Jackanic	F. Belleville	B. Myers
Spec Min	K. Aprile	-----	T. Armstrong
Flowers	T. Armstrong	-----	-----
Location	Gisb	R/Creek	Gisb
Ministry	13/06/26 6pm	14/06/26 8am	14/06/26 11am
Reader	T. Wilson	M. Hall	T. Armstrong
Spec Min	L. Wilson	-----	D. Egan
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
Fr. Zaher Al Mhanna
Tammie Dalgleish

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!

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,
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 **Robert Morton, Geraldine Milton & Gwendolyn Carroll.** ☩

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 \$667 Thanksgiving \$1684
1st collection: Presbytery & Priest 2nd collection: Thanksgiving (envelope)

Saturday Morning Mass

Mass will now be celebrated on a Saturday Morning.

1st Saturday 10.30am Romsey (Anointing Mass), 2nd Saturday 9.30am Woodend,
3rd Saturday 9.30am Gisborne and 4th 9.30am Lancefield.

This regular addition of Mass begins this Saturday with the Anointing Mass

REFLECTION ON THE FEAST OF THE SACRED HEART

The Feast of the Sacred Heart awakens us to how deeply God loves us. Imagine being among the Israelites and hearing “that the Lord set his heart on you.” Indeed they have been chosen to enter into a special relationship as people sacred to God.

Remembering the promise made to their ancestors, God has brought them out of bondage into freedom in a land of their own, Why? Because God loved them (Deut 7:7-8).

Imagine being in the crowd hearing Jesus give praise to God for bringing the lowly into knowledge of God. Imagine Jesus looking around at each person one by one, making clear his words are intended for them. Then he looks in your eyes as he says, “Come to me, all you who labour and are burdened, and I will give you rest”

(Matt 11: 25,28). Who could forget such everlasting kindness and compassion. And what about us? While we know these words of Scripture extend far and wide to include us, at times we may find ourselves wishing we could have been in the biblical crowds to hear these words of love directly with our own ears. We need not worry. We, too, experience God firsthand when we love one another, for all love is from God. Love transforms us as we rest in the very being of God.

This Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus invites us to remember and to rejoice in the depths of Christ's love for us. How have you experienced God's love in your life?

What blessings flow from Christ's Heart to yours?

And from your heart to those around you?

Reflection by Kimberly Baker, Professor in Theology.



Wordsearch

Try to find these words:



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FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

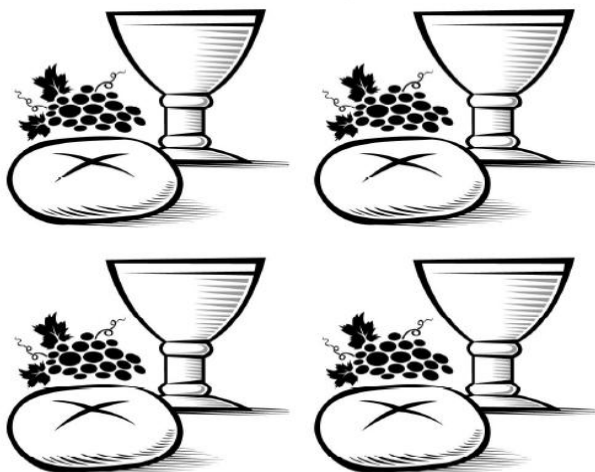
Tues 9th: St Colmcille
Thur 11th: St Barnabas
Fri 12th: Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
Sun 13th: St Anthony of Padua

What's happening this week in the Parish

Wed 10/06/26 6:30pm – Baptism information meeting – **Gisborne**

Note: See front page of bulletin for Mass times.

Can you work out which two of these pictures are the same?



Who was Saint Colmcille?

He was an Irish abbot and missionary in the 6th century who spread the Gospel in Scotland. Locally, there was once a church in Bullengarook dedicated to St Colmcille. The church was built in 1870 and the final Mass celebrated in September 1956. The church was demolished in 1960.

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 House – 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!