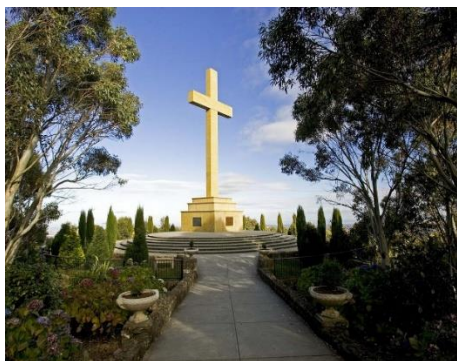




**WELCOME TO THE CATHOLIC PARISHES OF
ST AMBROSE WOODEND,
ST AMBROSE RIDDELLS CREEK,
ST BRIGIDS GISBORNE,
ST MARY'S LANCEFIELD/ROMSEY &
ST PATRICK'S MACEDON**

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

21st June, 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:

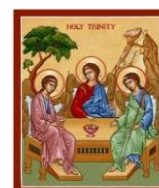
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WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday 23rd	5pm Mass Gisborne	5pm Mass Woodend
Wednesday 24th	9:15am Mass Gisborne	9:30am Mass Woodend
Thursday 25th	9:15am Mass Gisborne	NO Mass Romsey Aged Care
	10:40am Mass Sacred Heart College Kyneton	
Friday 26th	NO Mass Gisborne	9:30am Mass Lancefield
Saturday 27th	9:30am Mass Lancefield – followed by 10am Reconciliation Lancefield	

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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

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

21 June 2026

First Reading Jer 20:10-13

*A reading from the prophet Jeremiah
He has delivered the soul of the needy from the
hands of those who are evil.*

Jeremiah said:

'I hear so many disparaging me,
"Terror from every side!
Denounce him! Let us denounce him!"
All those who used to be my friends
watched for my downfall,
"Perhaps he will be seduced into error.
Then we will master him
and take our revenge!"
But the Lord is at my side,
a mighty hero;
my opponents will stumble, mastered,
confounded by their failure;
everlasting, unforgettable disgrace
will be theirs.
But you, Lord of Hosts, you who probe
with justice,
who scrutinise the loins and heart,
let me see the vengeance you will take
on them,
for I have committed my cause to you.
Sing to the Lord,
praise the Lord,
for he has delivered the soul
of the needy
from the hands of evil men.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 68:8-10. 14. 17. 33-35. R. v.14

(R.) *Lord, in your great love,
answer me.*

1. It is for you that I suffer taunts,
that shame covers my face,
that I have become a stranger to my
brothers,
an alien to my own mother's sons.
I burn with zeal for your house
and taunts against you fall on me.
(R.)
2. This is my prayer to you,
my prayer for your favour.
In your great love, answer me, O God,
with your help that never fails:
Lord, answer, for your love is kind;
in your compassion, turn towards me.
(R.)
3. The poor when they see it will be glad
and God-seeking hearts will revive;
for the Lord listens to the needy
and does not spurn his servants in
their chains.
Let the heavens and the earth give
him praise,
the sea and all its living creatures.
(R.)

Second Reading Rom 5:12-15

*A reading from the letter of St Paul
to the Romans*

God's gift to us is nothing like our sin against him.

Sin entered the world through one man,
and through sin death, and thus death
has spread through the whole human race
because everyone has sinned. Sin existed
in the world long before the Law was given.
There was no law and so no one could be
accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet
death reigned over all from Adam to Moses,
even though their sin, unlike that of Adam,
was not a matter of breaking a law.

Adam prefigured the One to come, but
the gift itself considerably outweighed the
fall. If it is certain that through one man's
fall so many died, it is even more certain
that divine grace, coming through the one
man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an
abundant free gift.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 15:26. 27

Alleluia, alleluia!

*The Spirit of Truth will bear witness
to me, says the Lord,
and you also will be my witnesses.
Alleluia!*

Gospel Mt 10:26-33

*A reading from the holy Gospel
according to Matthew*

Do not fear those who can kill the body.

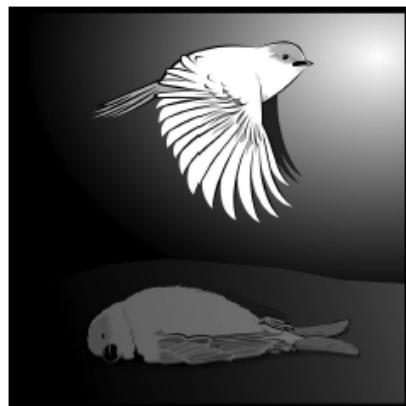
Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows:

'Do not be afraid. For everything that is now
covered will be uncovered, and everything
now hidden will be made clear. What I say to
you in the dark, tell in the daylight;
what you hear in whispers, proclaim from
the house-tops.

'Do not be afraid of those who kill the body
but cannot kill the soul; fear him rather
who can destroy both body and soul in hell.
Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny?
And yet not one falls to the ground without
your Father knowing. Why, every hair on
your head has been counted. So there is no
need to be afraid; you are worth more than
hundreds of sparrows.

'So if anyone declares himself for me in
the presence of men, I will declare myself
for him in the presence of my Father in
heaven. But the one who disowns me in
the presence of men, I will disown in the
presence of my Father in heaven.'

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Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Our Gospel reads: '... not one [sparrow] falls to the ground without your Father knowing.'

But that is a bad translation. The Greek simply says 'not one [sparrow] will fall to the ground without your Father.' Full stop! Our Heavenly Father accompanies a dying sparrow as it dies! That is the measure of the Creator's love for all creatures. God wants to – does – enter into the moment of death, our moment of death.

Now, that *would* be consoling if I were facing what Jesus was foreseeing for his disciples in the first century.

One of the first Christian groups to hear this Gospel was that set around the Tigris River running through Baghdad in modern day Iraq. During the warfare that raged there, that Christian community faced terrible persecution from fanatical Muslims. We can barely imagine hearing today's Gospel amongst the remnant, left in Baghdad today. How does 'Do not be afraid' really sound to them?

So, we could pause for a moment to pray for those for whom today's Gospel is a challenge beyond our imagining.

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EVERYONE WELCOME

Ministry	20/06/26	21/06/26	21/06/26
	6pm	8am	11am
Reader	B. Floreani	P. Sammut	T. Kelly
Spec Min	L. Scott	-----	V. Firman
Flowers	J. Shumack	-----	-----
Location	Gisb	R/Creek	Gisb
Ministry	27/06/26	28/06/26	28/06/26
	6pm	8am	11am
Reader	K. Aprile	P. Lacy	D. Egan
Spec Min	N. Spiers	-----	K. Page
Flowers	M. Clifford & W. Kays	-----	-----
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 **Julie Antoine-Salay, Nathan McGrath & Anna Jackanic.** †

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 \$588 Thanksgiving \$1034
1st collection: Presbytery & Priest 2nd collection: Thanksgiving (envelope)

What's happening this week in the Parish

Welcome to **Fr Brendan Lane** who is celebrating the 6pm Mass at Gisborne.

Note: See front page of bulletin for Mass times.

UPDATE ON THE REPAIRS TO ST BRIGIDS

The recent update was received from InsureBuild re the repairs to St Brigids Church. We are still waiting on an update for St Patrick's Macedon.

- 22 June:** Site establishment and project commencement. We will begin with roof cleaning, which is expected to take approximately 4–5 days.
- 29 June:** Commencement of furniture relocation and internal painting repairs in the sacristy, anticipated to be completed within 2 days.

Practical completion is currently forecast for 3 July. Working at heights has been identified as a high-risk activity. To ensure safety, an exclusion zone will be established to facilitate these works. This will mean that access to the Church for weekday Mass will be through the entrance on Fisher St.

2026 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday Mass

Sunday 5 July 2026 - 11.00am–12.00pm

St Patrick's Cathedral

1 Cathedral Place, East Melbourne

On the first Sunday of July each year, the Catholic Church in Australia celebrates Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday.

On this day, we gather as one to honour and celebrate the rich cultural heritage and spirituality of our First Nations peoples, and the contributions they make the life of the Church.

The theme for this year's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday is 'Walking together in Christ: 40 years on!'

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.

All 9:30am Saturday Masses will be followed by Reconciliation.

UPDATE ON MELBOURNE SYNOD 2026

The Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Synod will hold its main assembly across the weekend of 4–6 December 2026, following its formal convocation by Archbishop Peter A Comensoli. Preparations are now in full swing, with the consultation phase opening in June and July, followed by feedback on the working document scheduled for October.

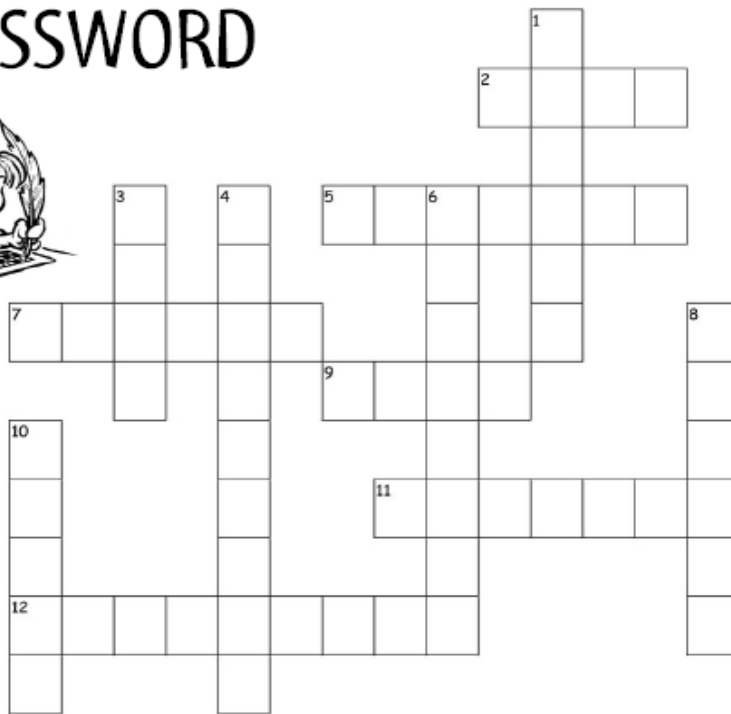
The Synod process is focused on three foundational themes:

- Young Discipleship
- Missionary Leadership
- Formation and Participation

Theme papers and related resources are currently being released to guide parish-level discussions and assist the faithful in discernment.

As a parish community we will be consulted in the papers that will be presented.

CROSSWORD



Across

- 2: the part of your body that has eyes and ears
 5: wreck, break apart
 7: frightened
 9: to hurt another person
 11: Jesus says even the hairs on your head are _____
 12: the roofs of houses (two words)

Down

- 1: something you do not tell anyone
 3: the absence of light
 4: to have spoken very quietly
 6: you are worth more to God than these small birds
 8: Jesus said "Everything that is _____ will be found out"
 10: this allows you to see in the darkness

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Monday 22nd - Sts John Fisher and Thomas More

Wednesday 24th The Nativity of St John the Baptist.



Combined Choir Performance

St. Patrick's Macedon Choir will be joining forces with *St. Ambrose Woodend Choir* and singing together as part of Sunday Mass at St. Ambrose in Woodend at the 11am Mass on June 28th.

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 Kaffee Bar for a coffee and chat.
Everyone Welcome!