



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

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

19th July, 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

ANNOINTING 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

PARISH STAFF

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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

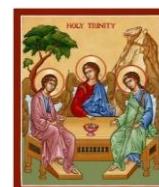
SCHOOL COMMUNITIES St Ambrose Woodend: www.sawoodend.catholic.edu.au , St Mary's Lancefield: www.smlancefield.catholic.edu.au , St Brigid's Gisborne: www.sbgisborne.catholic.edu.au , Holy Cross New Gisborne: www.hcnewgisborne.catholic.edu.au

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday 21st	11am Funeral Woodend	5pm Mass Woodend
Wednesday 22nd	10am Bupa Woodend	NO Mass Gisborne or Woodend
Thursday 23rd	10:30am Romsey Aged Care	NO Mass Gisborne
Friday 24th	9:15am Mass Gisborne	NO Mass Lancefield 2:30pm Burial Woodend
Saturday 25th	9:30am Lancefield	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

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

19 July 2026

First Reading Wis 12:13-16-19

In the place of sin, you give repentance.

There is no god, other than you, who cares for everything,
to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly.
Your justice has its source in strength,
your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all.
You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned
and you expose the insolence of those who know it;
but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement,
you govern us with great lenience,
for you have only to will, and your power is there.
By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people
how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men,
and you have given your sons the good hope that after sin you will grant repentance.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 85:5-6. 9-10. 15-16. R. v.5

(R.) Lord, you are good and forgiving.

1. O Lord, you are good and forgiving,
full of love to all who call.
Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer
and attend to the sound of my voice. *(R.)*
2. All the nations shall come to adore you
and glorify your name, O Lord:
for you are great and do marvellous deeds,
you who alone are God. *(R.)*
3. But you, God of mercy and compassion,
slow to anger, O Lord,
abounding in love and truth,
turn and take pity on me. *(R.)*

Second Reading Rom 8:26-27

The Spirit himself pleads for us in a way that could never be put into words.

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

Gospel Acclamation See Mt 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Blessed are you, Father, Lord of
heaven and earth;*

*you have revealed to little ones the
mysteries of the kingdom.*

Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 13:24-43

(or shorter form Mt 13:24-30)

Let them grow together until the harvest.

Jesus put a parable before the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and said, "Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?" "Some enemy has done this" he answered. And the servants said, "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn."

He put another parable before them, 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed which a man took and sowed in his field. It is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the biggest shrub of all and becomes a tree so that the birds of the air come and shelter in its branches.'

He told them another parable, 'The kingdom of heaven is like the yeast a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour till it was leavened all through.'

In all this Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables; indeed, he would never speak to them except in parables. This was to fulfill the prophecy:

*I will speak to you in parables
and expound things hidden since the
foundation of the world.*

Then, leaving the crowds, he went to the house; and his disciples came to him and said, 'Explain the parable about the darnel in the field to us.' He said in reply, 'The sower of the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world; the good seed is the subjects of the kingdom; the darnel, the subjects of the evil one; the enemy who sowed them, the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; the reapers are the angels. Well then, just as the darnel is gathered up and burnt in the fire, so it will be at the end of time, The Son of Man will send his angels and they will gather out of his kingdom all things that provoke offences and all who do evil, and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth. Then the virtuous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Listen, anyone who has ears!'



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

One loves someone so much – a child, a parent, a spouse or partner – yet when one tries to pray for that person the words seem only a pale shadow of the intensity of feeling and total love one feels. Stop! Simply put the person or situation before God and say nothing. The Holy Spirit will express our heartfelt prayer for us.

One's heart is breaking with grief for someone close who is very ill or dying. Or one feels a terrible anxiety or anguish. Words don't come easily even though one wants to pray. Stop! Put the person or situation before God and say nothing. The Holy Spirit will express our heartfelt prayer for us.

Perhaps accentuated by the constant messaging of social media, when trying to pray we can get anxious when there is a lull in the noise and no words come.

We could pause for a moment to relax and to allow the Spirit to express our plea in a way which could never be put into words.

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EVERYONE WELCOME

Ministry	18/07/26	19/07/26	19/07/26
	6pm	8am	11am
Reader	N. Spiers	P. Lawry	T. Armstrong
Spec Min	L. Scott	-----	V. Firman
Flowers	J. Shumack	-----	-----
Location	Gisb	R/Creek	Gisb
Ministry	25/07/26	26/07/26	26/07/26
	6pm	8am	11am
Reader	L. Scott	A-M Drummond	T. Kelly
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!

Power Point operator
Reader of the Word
Special Minister
Church Cleaning & Gardening

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 *Mary De Lai & Irene McMurray*. ☩

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 \$587 Thanksgiving \$1351
1st collection: Presbytery & Priest 2nd collection: Thanksgiving (envelope)

Welcome Fr. Arnold

We welcome and thank Fr. Arnold who will be celebrating Masses in Gisborne this weekend.

What's happening this week in the Parish

Fr Zaher will be away on holidays for the next 3 weeks. Please check the bulletin each week as there will be changes to where weekday Mass will be celebrated.

18/07/26 10am – Reconciliation – **Gisborne**
23/07/26 7pm – Liturgy Meeting – **Gisborne** Parish House
25/07/26 10am – Reconciliation – **Lancefield**

Note: See front page of bulletin for Mass times.



St Vincent de Paul Conference Gisborne - needs your help

The Gisborne Conference responds to the needs of those in the Macedon Ranges, which includes our three Parish Communities. Often their request for support involved food and clothing, a sign of the times has brought about a new area of support, firewood.

The conference has had numerous requests for firewood to provide essential heating for those who may be struggling at this time of the year. They have run out of their current source of firewood. If anyone can help with a donation of firewood and kindling, please contact the Gisborne Parish Office on the following email: gisborne@cam.org.au.

Thank you to the Woodend Men's Shed who have responded with the support of kindling.

FEAST DAY THIS WEEK

Saturday 25th

St Thomas the Apostle



MELBOURNE SYNOD

The Melbourne Synod will meet from Friday December 4th to Sunday December 6th. Delegates from across the archdiocese will gather to reflect on three themes:

- Missionary Leadership
- Formation and Participation
- Young Discipleship

In preparation for that gathering the Parishes of the Archdiocese are invited to gather, reflect and provide feedback that will form the conversation at the Synod. This parish consultation is to take place between July and mid-August. It is impossible to have a meeting about the three themes in each of our parishes individually, thus there will be one meeting per theme across our three parishes.

Tuesday 21st July MISSIONARY LEADERSHIP

7pm St Ambrose Woodend School Staffroom

Tuesday 28th July FORMATION AND PARTICIPATION

7pm St Mary's School Lancefield School Staffroom

Tuesday 4th August YOUNG DISCIPLESHIP

7pm St Brigid's School Gisborne School Staffroom

You are invited to come and reflect with fellow parishioners on these three themes.

The weekend prior to the meeting the Synod Papers will be available for people to read in preparation for the meeting. Each of the meetings will be finished by 8.30pm, which will include a cuppa.

St Patrick's Choir Macedon

As St Patrick's Church is currently closed due to water damage and will be closed for some time till an assessment on the building is made and suggested repairs are approved, the choir will sing on the 4th Sunday of the month at St Ambrose at 11am in Woodend.

CENSUS CARDS

It is not too late to fill out a census card to register your details with the parish. If you are new to the parish or have been here for years and just haven't had a chance yet, please see your Sacristan for a card or find one at the church entrance. Completed cards can be returned via the collection bags. Thank you.



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

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!

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.