



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

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

9th August, 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

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 11th 10am The Oaks 5pm Mass **Gisborne**

Wednesday 12th 9:30am Mass **Woodend**

Thursday 13th Feast Day Mass Assumption College

Friday 14th 9:30am Mass Lancefield

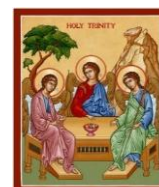
Feast of the Assumption Mass 7pm **Woodend**

Saturday 15th Feast of the Assumption Mass 9.30am **Lancefield** & 9:30am **Gisborne**

10am 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

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

9 August 2026

First Reading 1 Kgs 19:9,11-13

Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord God.

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire, But the Lord was not in the fire, And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 84:9-14. R. v.8

(R.) Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

1. I will hear what the Lord God has to say, a voice that speaks of peace.
His help is near for those who fear him and his glory will dwell in our land. (R.)
2. Mercy and faithfulness have met; justice and peace have embraced.
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth and justice look down from heaven. (R.)
3. The Lord will make us prosper and our earth shall yield its fruit.
Justice shall march before him and peace shall follow his steps. (R.)

Second Reading Rom 9:1-5

I would willingly be condemned if it could help my people.

What I want to say is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ – it is the truth – my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were

made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

Gospel Acclamation Lk 19:38

Alleluia, alleluia!

I hope in the Lord,

I trust in his word.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 14:22-33

Command me to come to you over the water.

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying, 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered. 'Lord,' he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

The disciples had started off from the Jewish side of the Sea of Galilee, familiar territory. Jesus guided them through the stormy situation to 'the other side', the pagan side, unfamiliar territory where they would not have felt at home.

Buffeted by storms, the Church is in the midst of a journey from familiar to unfamiliar territory.

Some of the storms include a new attitude to authority, to gender roles. There is anger and suspicion at sexual abuse and its cover up. Many of our contemporaries are openly hostile or contentedly indifferent.

In all these situations and many more, Our Lord will not allow us the indulgence of nostalgic yearning for the safety of the past country inhabited by the Church. We are not to throw Tradition with a capital 'T' overboard. To jettison the spirit-led experience of the Church over two millennia will not help us. Discerning tradition from nostalgia, we must make our way to the other shore.

We could pause for a moment, resolving to row with courage because we know we are in the same boat as Peter whom our Risen Lord assures:

'Do not be afraid.'

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EVERYONE WELCOME				ST PATRICK'S CHURCH MACEDON		CHILD PROTECTION	
Ministry	08/08/26 6pm	09/08/26 8am	09/08/26 11am	will be closed until further notice for repairs.		is <u>everyone's</u> responsibility	
Reader	T. Wilson	M. Hall	D. Egan			The St. Brigids Safeguarding Children and Young People Policy can be found on the Parish Website.or via the parish office.	
Spec Min	L. Wilson	-----	V. Firman	COLLECTIONS AT MASS		All children leaving the church during Mass must be accompanied by a parent.	
Flowers	K. Page & L. DeBono					Child Safety Committee	
Location	Gisb	R/Creek	Gisb	1 st Collection – Priest & Presbytery		Fr. John Healy	
Ministry	15/08/26 6pm	16/08/26 8am	16/08/26 11am			2 nd Collection – Thanksgiving & Church.	
Reader	B. Floreani	P. Sammut	K. Page	Could those listed on the roster please advise if you are unavailable.		Fr. Zaher Al Mhanna	
Spec Min	L. Scott	-----	D. Egan			Tammie Dalgleish	
Flowers	J. Shumack	-----	-----			Baptism	
Location	Gisb	R/Creek	Gisb			As arranged with the Parish Secretary on the 4 th Sunday of the month.	
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 Gerard Tadd, Denis Belleville & Elizabeth 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 \$680 Thanksgiving \$1629							
1 st collection: Presbytery & Priest 2 nd collection: Thanksgiving (envelope)							
Welcome Fr. Martin Fleming							
We welcome and thank Fr. Martin Fleming who will be celebrating the Gisborne Masses this weekend.							
What's happening this week in the Parish							
Fr Zaher will be away at the Clergy Conference for the next week. Please check the bulletin as there will be changes to where weekday Mass will be celebrated.							
13/08/26 7pm Parish Pastoral Council mtg – Gisborne							
15/08/26 10am Reconciliation - Gisborne							
Note: See front page of bulletin for Mass times.							
MINISTRY FORMATION							
We give thanks to all those who have volunteered for various ministries across our Parishes. It is good to gather every now and then to celebrate the gift of your ministry and do some formation. The following formation meetings have been scheduled across our three parishes. Those who are currently involved in these ministries, as well new volunteers are invited to attend. If you are unable to attend the one in your local parish community, you are encouraged to come to the meeting in one of the other parishes. Please call or email the parish office to register.							
READERS AND MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST							
Tuesday 11 th August 7pm St Ambrose Church Woodend							
Wednesday 12 th August 7pm St Brigid's Church Gisborne							
Tuesday 18 th August 7pm St Mary's Church Lancefield.							
NURSING HOME AND HOME VISITATIONS							
Wednesday 12 th August 10.30am St Ambrose Presbytery Woodend							
Thursday 13 th August 10.30am St Brigids Gisborne has been moved to							
Thursday 20 th August 10.30am St. Brigids Gisborne							
Friday 14 th August 10.30am St Mary's Presbytery Lancefield							
FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK							
Monday 10 th St Laurence							
Tuesday 11 th St Clare							
Friday 14 th St Maximillian Kolbe							
Saturday 15 th Feast of the Assumption							

Becoming Catholic

RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Our first information evening for those interested in becoming a Catholic will be held on Tuesday August 25th at St Ambrose Presbytery – 47 Urquhart St Woodend at 7pm.
Please contact the parish office if you are interested in attending.
This meeting will look at what is involved in this program.



Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

On November 1, 1950, Pope Pius XII defined the Assumption of Mary to be a dogma of faith: “We pronounce, declare and define it to be a divinely revealed dogma that the immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul to heavenly glory.” The pope proclaimed this dogma only after a broad consultation of bishops, theologians and laity. There were few dissenting voices. What the pope solemnly declared was already a common belief in the Catholic Church. Scripture does not give an account of Mary’s assumption into heaven. Nevertheless, Revelation 12 speaks of a woman who is caught up in the battle between good and evil.

In the light of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, it is easy to pray her Magnificat (Luke 1:46–55) with new meaning. In her glory she proclaims the greatness of the Lord and finds joy in God her saviour. God has done marvels to her and she leads others to recognize God’s holiness. She is the lowly handmaid who deeply revered her God and has been raised to the heights. From her position of strength she will help the lowly and the poor find justice on earth, and she will challenge the rich and powerful to distrust wealth and power as a source of happiness.

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.

Shape the Future: Be Counted as Catholic this Census

Australia’s national Census will be held on 11 August 2026. Catholics are encouraged to mark “Catholic” in the question on religion. In a time when some would seek to diminish the importance of faith, it is vital that the Catholic community be represented in our national statistics. Census data supports Church pastoral planning and contributes to government decision-making on health, education, infrastructure, and social services – guiding resource and funding allocations across Australia. By identifying as Catholic, you can help ensure that the contribution and needs of faith communities are properly recognised and considered in future planning and policy decisions.

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.