



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

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

4th October, 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

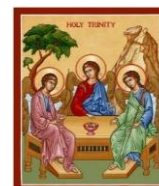
Gisborne: www.melbcatholic.org/s/gisborne

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 6th	5pm Mass Gisborne	5pm Mass Woodend
Wednesday 7th	9.15am Mass Gisborne	9:30am Mass Woodend
Thursday 8th	9.15am Mass Gisborne	9.30am Mass Romsey
Friday 9th	9:15am Mass Gisborne	9.30am Mass Lancefield
Saturday 10th	9:30am Mass Woodend	10am Reconciliation Woodend

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

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

4 October 2026

First Reading Is 5:1-7

The vineyard of the Lord God of hosts is the House of Israel.

Let me sing to my friend
the song of his love for his vineyard.
My friend had a vineyard
on a fertile hillside.
He dug the soil, cleared it of stones,
and planted choice vines in it.
In the middle he built a tower,
he dug a press there too.
He expected it to yield grapes,
but sour grapes were all that it gave.
And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem
and men of Judah,
I ask you to judge
between my vineyard and me.
What could I have done for my vineyard
that I have not done?
I expected it to yield grapes.
Why did it yield sour grapes instead?
Very well, I will tell you
what I am going to do to my vineyard:
I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on,
and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on.
I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug;
overgrown by the briar and the thorn.
I will command the clouds
to rain no rain on it.
Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of hosts
is the House of Israel,
and the men of Judah
that chosen plant.
He expected justice, but found bloodshed,
integrity, but only a cry of distress.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 79:9. 12-16. 19-20. R. Is 5:7

(R.) The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

1. You brought a vine out of Egypt;
to plant it you drove out the nations.
It stretched out its branches to the sea,
to the Great River it stretched out its shoots.
(R.)
2. Then why have you broken down its walls?
It is plucked by all who pass by.
It is ravaged by the boar of the forest,
devoured by the beasts of the field. *(R.)*
3. God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted. *(R.)*
4. And we shall never forsake you again:
give us life that we may call upon your name.
God of hosts, bring us back;
let your face shine on us and we shall be
saved. *(R.)*

Second Reading Phil 4:6-9

Do these things and the God of peace will be with you.

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything
you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer
and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which
is so much greater than we can understand, will
guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ
Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your minds with
everything that is true, everything that is noble,
everything that is good and pure, everything that
we love and honour, and everything that can be
thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing
all the things that you learnt from me and have
been taught by me and have heard or seen that I
do. Then the God of peace will be with you.

Gospel Acclamation See Jn 15:15

Alleluia, alleluia!

*I call you friends, says the Lord,
because I have made known to you
everything I have learnt from my Father.*
Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 21:33-43

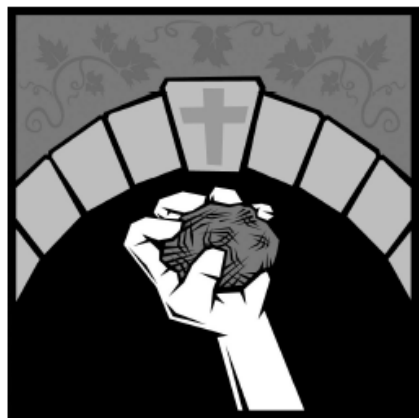
He leased his vineyard to other farmers.

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of
the people, 'Listen to another parable. There was
a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he
fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built
a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went
abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent
his servants to the tenants to collect his produce.
But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one,
killed another and stoned a third. Next he
sent some more servants, this time a larger
number, and they dealt with them in the same
way. Finally he sent his son to them. "They will
respect my son," he said. But when the tenants
saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the
heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his
inheritance." So they seized him and threw him
out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the
owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to
those tenants?' They answered, 'He will bring
those wretches to a wretched end and lease
the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver
the produce to him when the season arrives.'
Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the
scriptures:

*It was the stone rejected by the builders
that became the keystone.*

*This was the Lord's doing
and it is wonderful to see?*

'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be
taken from you and given to a people who will
produce its fruit.'



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

In the Hebrew scripture, Israel is
spoken of as the Vineyard of God.
We can say that now the Church is
the vineyard of God. God is the
Landlord, we are the tenants. It is
our job to faithfully tend it and
make sure it bears good fruit. If we
are unfaithful, then God will find
other people to carry on his plan,
other tenants to tend his vineyard.

Certainly, we see that within the
Universal Church. With the decline
of the Eurocentric church, who has
God turned to as new tenants for
his vineyard? Look at the surging
numbers of Catholics in sub-
Sahara Africa, Nigeria, the
Philippines, Korea. The persecuted
Church in Vietnam and China is
surviving and growing despite the
severity of oppression.

I think we may agree that the
vineyard of the Church in Australia
is not as fruitful as it could be. This
is a challenge for us. It is wonderful
to see the energetic work of the
new immigrants and refugees in
our parishes (including the Bishop
of Parramatta!).

We could pause for a moment to
commit to taking up the privilege
and duty to work in the vineyard of
the Church.

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EVERYONE WELCOME

Ministry	03/10/26 6pm	04/10/26 8am	04/10/26 11am
Reader	T. Wilson	M. Hall	J. & C. Holmes
Spec Min	L. Wilson	-----	D. Egan
Flowers	K. Page & L DeBono	-----	-----
Location	Gisb	R/Creek	Gisb
Ministry	10/10/26 6pm	11/10/26 8am	11/10/26 11am
Reader	B. Floreani	P. Sammut	B. Myers
Spec Min	L. Scott	-----	V. Firman
Flowers	J. Shumack	-----	-----
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

Tammie Dalglish

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

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,
Fleur H, Michael W & Janine S.**

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 **Walter Carroll, Fr. Noel Oliver & Laurie 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 \$655 Thanksgiving \$1088
1st collection: Presbytery & Priest 2nd collection: Thanksgiving (envelope)

What's happening this week in the Parish

FIRST EUCHARIST

Next Weekend the children from Holy Cross Primary School will celebrate their First Eucharist at the 6pm and 11am Mass at St Brigids.

Note: See front page of bulletin for Mass times.

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

MONTH OF THE ROSARY

October 18th - To celebrate the month of the Rosary you are invited to gather at St Brigids Gisborne at 3pm for Rosary and Benediction, followed by a cuppa.

NOVEMBER MONTH OF ALL SOULS

All Souls Day Mass: Monday 2nd November:
9.30am Mass Gisborne & Lancefield, 7pm Mass Woodend

Cemetery Prayers: Sunday 8th November:
2pm Gisborne, 2pm Woodend, 3.30pm Macedon, &
3.30pm Lancefield

Sunday 15th November:
2pm Riddells Creek

Live Your Best Life in Love - Strong marriages don't happen by chance.

A Marriage Encounter weekend is a gift for every married couple and priest.

Time-out to focus on your most precious relationships.

You will come away feeling more deeply connected and with tools to keep it alive.

No group sharing is required.

The weekend is based on Catholic values and couples of all faiths are very welcome.

Please check our website for more details and to book your special weekend:

November 6 to 8th - St Paul's Retreat Centre, Wantirna South.

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

Information/Bookings: Please phone **Mercy & James 0409 183 676** or

Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au Website: wwme.org.au



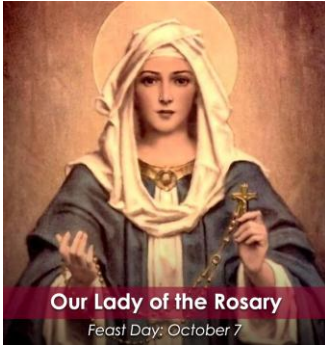
FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Tuesday 6th

St. Bruno

Wednesday 7th

Our Lady of the Rosary



Saint Pius V established the feast of Our Lady of Victory to thank God for the Christian defeat of the Turks at Lepanto—a victory attributed to praying the rosary. Pope Gregory XIII changed the name to Feast of the Holy Rosary—originally celebrated on the first Sunday in October—in 1573. Pope Clement XI extended the feast to the universal Church in 1716. And in 1913, Saint Pius X set the date for the feast that we know today of October 7.

The development of the rosary has a long history. First a practice developed of praying 150 Our Fathers in imitation of the 150 Psalms. Then there was a parallel practice of praying 150 Hail Marys. Soon a mystery of Jesus' life was attached to each Hail Mary. The purpose of the rosary is to help us meditate on the great mysteries of our salvation. Pius XII called it a compendium of the gospel. The main focus is on Jesus—his birth, life, death, and resurrection. The “Our Fathers” remind us that Jesus' Father is the initiator of salvation. The “Hail Marys” remind us to join with Mary in contemplating these mysteries. They also make us aware that Mary was and is intimately joined with her Son in all the mysteries of his earthly and heavenly existence. The “Glory Bes” remind us that the purpose of all life is the glory of the Trinity. The rosary appeals to many. It is simple. The constant repetition of words helps create an atmosphere in which to contemplate the mysteries of God. We sense that Jesus and Mary are with us in the joys and sorrows of life. We grow in hope that God will bring us to share in the glory of Jesus and Mary forever.



Wordsearch

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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 Hall – 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.