

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

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

12th October, 2025



ST AMBROSE 18 Templeton Street
Woodend



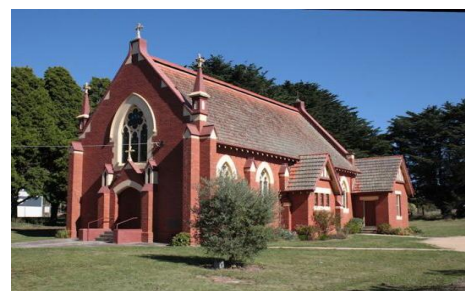
ST AMBROSE 10 Sutherland Street
Riddells Creek



ST BRIGID'S 66 Aitken Street
Gisborne



ST MARY'S (Our Lady of Lourdes)
27 Chauncey St Lancefield



ST MARY'S (Immaculate Conception)
85 Main St Romsey



ST PATRICK'S Victoria Street
Macedon

Weekend Mass Times

Saturday - 5pm Woodend, 6pm Gisborne, 6.30pm Lancefield

Sunday - 8am Riddells Creek, 9am 1st & 3rd Romsey, 2nd, 4th & 5th Lancefield, 9.30am Macedon, 11am Woodend & Gisborne

Weekday Mass Times

Tuesday - 5pm Gisborne, 6pm Woodend followed by the Rosary

Wednesday - 9.15am Gisborne, 9.30am Woodend; **Thursday** - 9.15am Gisborne, 9.30am Romsey

Friday - 9.15am Gisborne, 9.30am Lancefield, **Healing Mass Romsey**: 1st Saturday of the month 10.30am

Reconciliation

Woodend: 2nd Saturday of the month 10am-10.30am, Gisborne 3rd Saturday of the month 10am- 10.30,

Lancefield: 4th Saturday of the month 10am-10.30am

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The Living Word

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First Reading 2 Kgs 5:14-17

Naaman returned to Elisha, the prophet, and acknowledged the Lord.

Naaman the leper went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, as Elisha had told him to do. And his flesh became clean once more like the flesh of a little child.

Returning to Elisha with his whole escort, he went in and stood before him. 'Now I know' he said, 'that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel. Now, please, accept a present from your servant.' But Elisha replied, 'As the Lord lives, whom I serve, I will accept nothing.' Naaman pressed him to accept, but he refused. Then Naaman said, 'Since your answer is "No," allow your servant to be given as much earth as two mules may carry, because your servant will no longer offer holocaust or sacrifice to any god except the Lord.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 97:1-4. R. see v.2

(R.) The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

1. Sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders. His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation. (R.)
2. The Lord has made known his salvation; has shown his justice to the nations. He has remembered his truth and love for the house of Israel. (R.)
3. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Shout to the Lord all the earth, ring out your joy. (R.)

Second Reading 2 Tm 2:8-13

If we hold firm, we shall reign with Christ.

Remember the Good News that I carry. 'Jesus Christ risen from the dead, sprung from the race of David'; it is on account of this that I have my own hardships to bear, even to being chained like a criminal – but they cannot chain up God's news. So I bear it all for the sake of those who are chosen, so that in the end they may have the salvation that is in Christ Jesus and the eternal glory that comes with it.

Here is a saying that you can rely on:

If we have died with him, then we shall live with him.

If we hold firm, then we shall reign with him.

If we disown him, then he will disown us.

We may be unfaithful, but he is always faithful, for he cannot disown his own self.

Gospel Acclamation 1 Thes 5:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

For all things give thanks to God, because this is what he expects of you in Christ Jesus.

Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 17:11-19

It seems that no one has returned to give thanks to God except this foreigner.

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus travelled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered one of the villages, ten lepers came to meet him. They stood some way off and called to him, 'Jesus! Master! Take pity on us.' When he saw them he said, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' Now as they were going away they were cleansed. Finding himself cured, one of them turned back praising God at the top of his voice and threw himself at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. The man was a Samaritan. This made Jesus say, 'Were not all ten made clean? The other nine, where are they? It seems that no one has come back to give praise to God, except this foreigner.' And he said to the man, 'Stand up and go on your way. Your faith has saved you.'



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Like the other nine lepers, the Samaritan was cured of his skin disease. Unlike the other nine, he thanked Jesus and expressed faith in Jesus as the agent of his divine healing. Only to him did Jesus say: 'Your faith has brought you salvation.'

So, 'salvation' is evidently more than physical cure. Every aspect of this man's personality, bodily, socially, relationship with God, was made whole. Being brought to this 'holistic' situation we call 'salvation'.

This Gospel assures us that there is nothing which makes me 'taboo' to Jesus. Jesus is only too willing to reach out to that part of me which is dis-eased, ill-at-ease with myself, other people, creation, or God. Having faith in Him allows the full force of His love to heal me, to take effect.

We could pause for a moment to pray that we might join the Samaritan walking along the road to final salvation, praising God.

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Rosters & Events

Ministers for next weekend's Masses

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C

18th & 19th October, 2025

6:00pm Mass	St. Brigid's	8:00am Mass	St. Ambrose's	Flowers: T. Armstrong 
Reader:	B. Floreani	Welcomer:	J. White	
Eucharist:	N. Spiers	Reader:	P. Lawry	
9:30am Mass	St. Patrick's	11:00am Mass	St. Brigid's	
Reader:	M. Redman	Reader:	C. Fry	
Eucharist:	K. Vandenberg	Eucharist:	T. Armstrong	

Upcoming Parish Masses & Events

Sat 11/10/25	Saturday 6pm Mass – Gisborne
Sun 12/10/25	Normal Sunday Masses
Tue 14/10/25	5pm – Weekday Mass – Gisborne
Wed 15/10/25	9:15am – Weekday Mass – Gisborne
Thu 16/10/25	9:15am – Weekday Mass – Gisborne
Thu 16/10/25	Sacred Heart Graduation
Fri 17/10/25	9:15am – Weekday Mass – Gisborne
Sat 18/10/25	10am – Reconciliation – Gisborne
Sat 18/10/25	Saturday 6pm Mass – Gisborne
Sun 19/10/25	Normal Sunday Masses
Tue 21/10/25	5pm – Weekday Mass – Gisborne

2025 COMBINED CATHOLIC PARISHES RAFFLE

All tickets sales support our parish and have a chance of winning one (or more) of 7 great prizes.

1st prize being a new **Kia Picanto** car.

Tickets are \$2 each or (preferred) \$20 for a book of 10 and can be bought at each of our Masses.

St. Brigid's Sat 6pm – Kathryn Aprile

St. Ambrose Sun 8am – Carolyn Peterson

St. Patrick's Sun 9:30am – Kirsten Vanderberg

St. Brigid's Sun 11am – Kathy Page

Tickets are now available at all Masses - Good luck!

CONTINUING PRAYER LIST:

Please pray for those who are in ill health:

Eileen S, Corrine V, Anthony S, Fran S, Helen K, Diane M,

Marg P, Zoe F, Beth T &, Willow O.

We pray for the recently deceased, especially **Laurie Shelly** and for those who have an anniversary at this time, especially

Dr. Kevin Sleigh & Beau Skowron.

May they rest in peace. ☩

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL – RESPONSE: Lord, hear our prayer.

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 – the frail, and for all who care for them. For the faithful departed: for those who have died recently, especially **Laurie Shelly** and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially **Dr. Kevin Sleigh & Beau Skowron.**

Please join in the parish Prayer.

St. BRIGID'S GISBORNE PARISH PRAYER

God our Father, we thank you for all the blessings we enjoy in our parish family of St. Brigid's Gisborne.

Many have laboured to build our parish. May we all work together and hand in hand stand together.

May our parish be filled with holiness and prayer, faith and love.

May all who come here find a welcoming home, comfort in their needs and strength for their journey.

St. Brigid, St. Patrick, St. Ambrose and St. Colmcille watch over us always we pray, that with faith we grow and learn.

We make our prayer in Jesus name.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth,

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, (all bow)

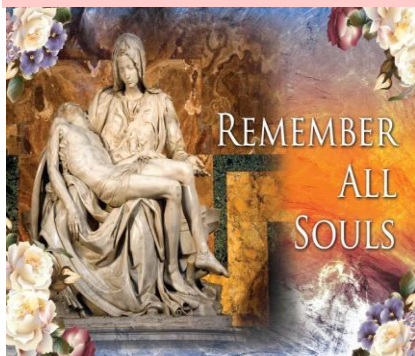
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; "he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead;

he ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and life everlasting. Amen

November the month of All Souls



To celebrate the month of November as a time we remember our family and friends who have gone before us we will celebrate a prayer service in each of our cemeteries.

We will gather together for a prayer service and then invite those in attendance to visit the graves of their family and friends.

Dates and times are as follows:

Sunday 9th October: 2.30pm Woodend - 3.45pm Lancefield.

Sunday 16th October: 2.30pm Gisborne & Riddells Creek - and 3.45pm Macedon.

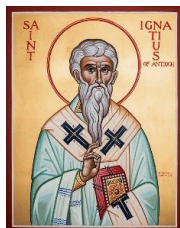
All are invited.

Feast Days this week



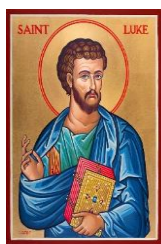
Wednesday 15th October: St Teresa of the Child Jesus

St. Therese had a simple yet powerful message that still resonates in the hearts of millions today. She died at the age of 24, believing that her life was really just beginning for God, promising to spend her heaven doing good on earth. Her promised "Shower of Roses" began and has become a torrent in the Church ever since.



Friday 17th October: St Ignatius of Antioch

Ignatius' great concern was for the unity and order of the Church. Even greater was his willingness to suffer martyrdom rather than deny Christ. He did not draw attention to his own suffering, but to the love of God which strengthened him. He knew the price of commitment and would not deny Christ, even to save his own life.



Saturday 18th October: Feast of St Luke

Luke wrote as a Gentile for Gentile Christians. His Gospel and Acts of the Apostles reveal his expertise in classic Greek style as well as his knowledge of Jewish sources. There is a warmth to Luke's writing that sets it apart from that of the other synoptic Gospels, and yet it beautifully complements those works. The treasure of the Scriptures is a true gift of the Holy Spirit to the Church.

Fill in the missing letters, then match them up by number in the large boxes to reveal the message of this story.

- Jesus was on h₂ way to Jeru₁₀alem.
- Te₈ lepers asked Jesus to take pi₅y on them.
- Jesus told them to s₆ow themselves to the pri₄sts.
- One of the men disco₃ered he was heale₁₅, and returned to Jesus, giving praise to ₁od.
- He b₁₂wed down at Jesus' fee₁₁ and than₉ed him.
- Jesus then told him, "et up and g₁₄. Your f₇ith has made you well."

1	2	3	4		
5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12				
13	14	15			

CHILD PROTECTION is everyone's responsibility

The St. Brigid's 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.

Baptism

As arranged with the Parish Secretary on the 4th Sunday of the month.

Marriages

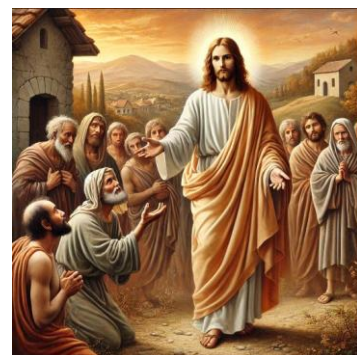
Arranged by appointment with at least 6 months' notice. Please contact parish office.

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 some Thanksgiving envelopes. Thanksgiving contributions by Direct Debit or Credit Card welcome.



New Life in God's Spirit

A "New Life in God's Spirit" Seminar will be held in St. Anne's Church 101 Riddell Road, Sunbury, each Tuesday evening at 7.00 pm commencing on October 14th for 6 weeks.

This seminar is designed to help the participants experience God's love in a direct and personal way.

For information and registration contact Elaine van der Weerden 0418 322 596.

WEEKLY SOCIAL CARDS NIGHT

St. Brigid's 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

OPEN HOUSE

Meet after 11am Sunday Mass at the
Kaffeine Bar for a coffee and chat.
Everyone Welcome!

SCRIPTURE STUDIES

Thursday – 10am
For all enquiries please contact
Bernie 0414 890 377

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.

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.

Collections last week

Presbytery \$618

1st collection: Presbytery & Priest

Thanksgiving \$995

2nd collection: Thanksgiving (envelope)