

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

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

16th November,



ST AMBROSE 18 Templeton Street
Woodend



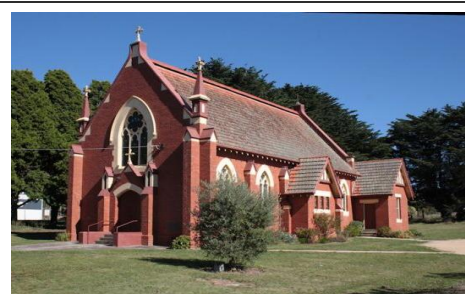
ST AMBROSE 10 Sutherland Street
Riddells Creek



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, **Anointing 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

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

16 November 2025

First Reading Mal 3:19-20

The sun of righteousness will shine on you.

The day is coming now, burning like a furnace; and all the arrogant and the evil-doers will be like stubble. The day that is coming is going to burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, leaving them neither root nor stalk. But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness will shine out with healing in its rays.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 97:5-9. R. see v.9

(R.) The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

1. Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp with the sound of music.
With trumpets and the sound of the horn
acclaim the King, the Lord. (R.)
2. Let the sea and all within it, thunder; the world, and all its peoples.
Let the rivers clap their hands and the hills ring out their joy at the presence of the Lord. (R.)
3. For the Lord comes,
he comes to rule the earth.
He will rule the world with justice and the peoples with fairness. (R.)

Second Reading 2 Thes 3:7-12

Do not give anyone food who refuses to work.

You know how you are supposed to imitate us: now we were not idle when we were with you, nor did we ever have our meals at anyone's table without paying for them; no, we worked night and day, slaving and straining, so as not to be a burden on any of you. This was not because we had no right to be, but in order to make ourselves an example for you to follow.

We gave you a rule when we were with you: not to let anyone have any food if he refused to do any work. Now we hear that there are some of you who are living in idleness, doing no work themselves but interfering with everyone else's. In the Lord Jesus Christ, we order and call on people of this kind to go on quietly working and earning the food that they eat.

Gospel Acclamation Lk 21:38

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Lift up your heads and see;
your redemption is near at hand.
Alleluia!*

Gospel Lk 21:5-19

Your endurance will win you your life.

When some were talking about the Temple, remarking how it was adorned with fine stonework and votive offerings, Jesus said, 'All these things you are staring at now – the time will come when not a single stone will be left on another: everything will be destroyed.' And they put to him this question: 'Master,' they said, 'when will this happen, then, and what sign will there be that this is about to take place?'

'Take care not to be deceived,' he said, 'because many will come using my name and saying, "I am he" and, "The time is near at hand." Refuse to join them. And when you hear of wars and revolutions, do not be frightened, for this is something that must happen but the end is not soon.' Then he said to them, 'Nation will fight against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes and plagues and famines here and there; there will be fearful sights and great signs from heaven.

'But before all this happens, men will seize you and persecute you; they will hand you over to the synagogues and to imprisonment, and bring you before kings and governors because of my name – and that will be your opportunity to bear witness. Keep this carefully in mind: you are not to prepare your defence, because I myself shall give you an eloquence and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to resist or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, relations and friends; and some of you will be put to death. You will be hated by all men on account of my name, but not a hair of your head will be lost. Your endurance will win you your lives.'



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Our prayer can tell us a lot about the image of God we really have – holding a parking spot for us, or stopping rain on the second day of the Australian Open. But, if you were in Syria, your prayerful image of God would be as a Liberator from warfare, of a Saviour from Crimes against Humanity, of a Strengthened in time of torture and impending death.

In today's Gospel, Jesus promises his persecuted followers of every age, 'Your endurance will win your lives'. As Malachi prophesied: 'the sun of righteousness will shine out with healing in its rays'.

It is our faith that, out of the darkness of the tomb, the Son of righteousness did rise with healing in His rays, bathing the world with that light which makes the world habitable for human beings.

We could take a moment to pray for contemporary persecuted Christians that their faithful endurance will win their lives.

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Rosters & Events

Ministers for next weekend's Masses

Christ the King – Year C

22nd & 23rd November, 2025

6:00pm Mass St. Brigid's
Reader: L. Scott
Eucharist: N. Spiers

8:00am Mass St. Ambrose's
Welcomer: L. Saunders
Reader: A. Dewar

Flowers:
 K. Page & L. DeBono



9:30am Mass St. Patrick's
Reader: K. Petherbridge
Eucharist: B. Stanchinotti

11:00am Mass St. Brigid's
Reader: T. Armstrong
Eucharist: D. Egan

Upcoming Parish Masses & Events

Sat 15/11/25	10am – Reconciliation – Gisborne	WR
Sat 15/11/25	6pm Mass – Gisborne	JH
Sun 16/11/25	Normal Sunday Masses	JH
Sun 16/11/25	2:30pm – Riddells Creek Cemetery	WR
Sun 16/11/25	2:30pm – Gisborne Cemetery	JH
Sun 16/11/25	3:45pm – Macedon Cemetery	WR
Tue 18/11/25	5pm – Weekday Mass – Gisborne	WR
Wed 19/11/25	NO Weekday Mass	
Thu 20/11/25	NO Weekday Mass	
Fri 21/11/25	NO Weekday Mass	
Sat 22/11/25	6pm Mass – Gisborne	WR
Sun 23/11/25	Normal Sunday Masses	WR
Sun 23/11/25	12pm – Baptism's – Gisborne	WR
Tue 25/11/25	5pm – Weekday Mass – Gisborne	WR
Wed 26/11/25	9am – Weekday Mass - Gisborne	WR

Collections at Sunday Mass.

Please note recent changes to our collection process.
 Effective now, as per Archdiocese Policy, our collections will be in the order of:

1st Collection – Priest & Presbytery

2nd Collection – Thanksgiving & Church.

Fr. John on Retreat

Monday 17th November to Friday 21st November, 2025

The Gisborne weekday Mass schedule will be a little different this week as Fr. John is on retreat.

Alternative Mass locations as follows:

Wed 19/11/25	9.30am Woodend	WR
Thu 20/11/25	9.30am Romsey	WR
Fri 21/11/25	9.30am Lancefield	WR
Sat 22/11/25	10am Reconciliation Lancefield	WR

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.

Next weeks readings: 2 Samuel 5:1-3;
 Colossians 1:12-20; Luke 23:35-43

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 and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially **Pat Haire, Trevor Hannan & Brian Somers.** †

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. Amen.

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 – Cemetery Prayers

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 invite those in attendance to visit the graves of their family & friends.

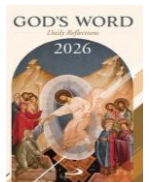
Dates and times are as follows:

Sunday 16th November: 2.30pm Gisborne & Riddells Creek -
 and 3.45pm Macedon. **All are invited.**

God's Word 2026: Daily Reflections

This wonderful resource for daily prayer and reflection is now available at the cost of \$20.

Please email gisborne@cam.org.au or call 5429 2130 to secure your copy.



Feast Days this Week

Monday 17th November: St Elizabeth of Hungary

Born in Bratislava (Slovakia) in 1207. Elizabeth cared for the poor and founded orphanages and hospital after the death of her husband Ludwig. She did this as a Franciscan tertiary despite the hostility of her family for such actions. Remembered for her good-humoured resilience in adversity and for her humility in menial service of the needy.



Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Feast - 21 November

Friday 21st November: Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

This memorial originally marked the dedication of a 6th century church of the Virgin Mary near the Temple in Jerusalem. This feast celebrates Mary in her grace-filled life, wholly given over to the Holy Spirit from the time of her conception.

Saturday 22nd November St Cecilia

Although Saint Cecilia is one of the most famous of the Roman martyrs, the familiar stories about her are apparently not founded on authentic material. A fragmentary inscription of the late fourth



century refers to a church named after her, and her feast was celebrated at least in 545. Like any good Christian, Saint Cecilia sang in her heart, and sometimes with her voice. She has become a symbol of the Church's conviction that good music is an integral part of the liturgy, of greater value to the Church than any other art. St Cecilia is the patron of Musicians.

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.

Columban Partnership Group

Many in our parish would be aware of the works of our Columban Partnership Group, which was formed in St Brigid's Parish over ten years ago to support the work of the Columban Priests in their overseas missions. For a number of years, we have conducted various activities including Film Afternoons, Cross-to-Cross Walks, Open Gardens, etc. More recently, the generous donations from our parish have gone to support the work of St Elizabeth's Hospital, in Hyderabad, Pakistan. St Elizabeth's provides much needed health care and health education and is free and open to all denominations. Unfortunately, 2025 has been a rather lean year for our fund-raising efforts, so we are planning a special collection at all Masses on the weekend of the 22nd & 23rd of November. Copies of the 2025 Annual Report for the Mission in Pakistan will be available for parishioners this weekend as will the Columban publication, The Far East, which contains an article on its hard-working advocate, Fr Robert McCullough and the work of St Elizabeth's Hospital. We thank the Parish for its past generosity and trust you will continue to support this very worthy cause.

The Archbishop's Campaign 2025

We are delighted to share the wonderful success of the Archbishop's Campaign and extend our heartfelt thanks for your generosity and support. Together, parishes across the Archdiocese have raised over \$1.1 million, including \$635 contributed by St Brigid's Parish, Gisborne. These funds will strengthen key mission areas across our Archdiocese. Thank you for your commitment to this important mission and for expressing your faith through your generous response.

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.

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

Collections last week

Presbytery \$778

1st collection: Presbytery & Priest

Thanksgiving \$1155

2nd collection: Thanksgiving (envelope)

The
Gisborne
Singers

SONGS OF CONNECTION

Musical Director
CHRISTOPHER ROACHE

Accompanist
ANNA CLARKE-ZUIDLAND

**CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION,
MACEDON**

Sunday 23rd November 2:30pm

gisbornesingers.org.au



Advent Scripture Reflection Evening

7pm Thursday
27th November
Our Lady of the
Rosary Church
Kyneton

Led By
Sr Liz Dowling,
Sister Of Mercy, Ballarat

