Lent 2 16th March 2025



THE PARISH DIARY - THIS WEEK

Monday 17th March:

Tuesday 18th March:

7pm Parish Council meeting

Wednesday 19th March:

10am Mass - St. Paul's 2pm Lenten Study - St. Paul's 7.30pm Choir Practice - CoR

Thursday 20th March:

10am Holy Communion - Oaks 7.30pm Lenten Study - Zoom

Friday 21st March:

CLERGY REST DAY

7pm Stations of the Cross - CoR

Saturday 22nd March:

Next Sunday: 23rd March Lent 3

Readings: Exodus 3.1-15, Psalm 103.8-13, 1 Corinthians 10.1-13, Luke 13.1-9

Rosters:

	Reader	Prayers	Assistant	Welcome	Hospitality
St Paul's:	Alison S	John P	Fr Graham	Audrey	Sonia
St John's:	Ruth	Ruth	Marg P		
CoR	Alison K	Ngaire N		Ian B	Colquhouns

Cleaning & flowers (CoR): Ian B

Sacristan (CoR): Marilyn E

5pm Saturday: Vigil Mass - St. John's 9am Sunday: Sung Mass - St. Paul's 11am Sunday: Choral Mass - CoR

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Processional Hymn: TIS 115

When the bell rings, we stand to sing the hymn, which is found in our red hymn books.

We acknowledge the triune God, the Creator of heaven and earth and His ownership of all things. (Psalm 24:1) We recognise that He gave stewardship of these lands upon which we meet to the First Nations Peoples of this country (Acts 17:26). In His sovereignty, He has allowed other people groups to migrate to these shores. We acknowledge the cultures of our First Nations Peoples and are thankful for the community that we share together now. We pay our respects to Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung of the Kulin nation and their elders, both past and present, and those emerging.

Entrance Antiphon and Collect for Purity

My heart tells of your word, 'Seek my face.' Your face, Lord, will I seek. Hide not your face from me, nor cast your servant away in displeasure.

★ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

The lord be with you **And also with you**

Let us pray:
Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Compassion and forgiveness belong to the Lord our God, though we have rebelled and wandered far off.

We pause for silent prayer to call to mind our sins Let us then ask for mercy, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

Merciful God, our maker and our judge,
we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
and in what we have failed to do:
we have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves;
we repent, and are sorry for all our sins. Father, forgive us.
Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Almighty God, who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith:

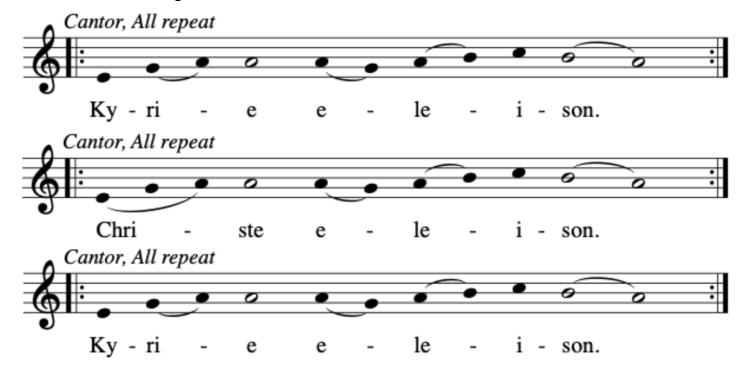
♣ pardon you and set you free from all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life, through Jesus Christ or Lord.

Amen.

At Riddells Creek & Gisborne we say:

Lord, have mercy
Christ, have mercy
Lord, have mercy

At Macedon we sing:

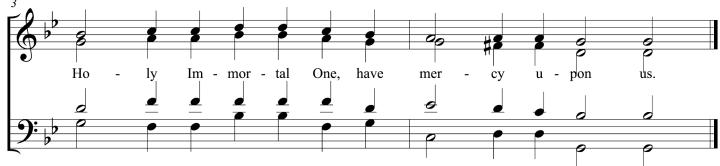


At Riddells Creek and Gisborne we say:

Holy God, Holy and mighty, Holy and Immortal, have mercy on us.

At Macedon, we sing three times:





Collect

Almighty God,

you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

A reading from the Book Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18

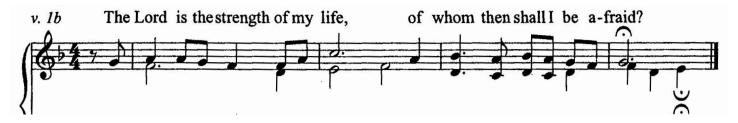
God brought Abram outside and said, 'Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.' And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Then he said to him, 'I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.' But he said, 'O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?' He said to him, 'Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire-pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, 'To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates,

Hear the Word of The Lord **Thanks be to God**

Responsorial Psalm: 27



Hear my voice, O Lord, when I call; have mercy upon me and answer me. My heart tells of your word, 'Seek my face.' Your face, Lord, will I seek. The Lord is the strength of my life, of whom then shall I be afraid?

Hide not your face from me, nor cast your servant away in displeasure. You have been my helper; leave me not, neither forsake me. O God of my salvation.

Though my father and my mother forsake me the Lord will take me up. The Lord is the strength of my life, of whom then shall I be afraid?

Teach me your way, O Lord;

lead me on a level path, because of those who lie in wait for me.

Deliver me not into the will of my adversaries,

for false witnesses have risen up against me,

and those who breathe out violence.

The Lord is the strength of my life, of whom then shall I be afraid?

I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. Wait for the Lord; be strong and he shall comfort your heart; wait patiently for the Lord.

The Lord is the strength of my life, of whom then shall I be afraid?

Second Reading

A reading form the letter of St. Paul to the Philippians 3:17-4:1

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation so that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

Hear the Word of The Lord

Thanks be to God

We stand and turn to face the gospel. At Riddells Creek and Gisborne we say:

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

The Lord is a great God, O that today you would listen to his voice Harden not your hearts.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

At Macedon we sing:



The Lord be with you And also with you

A reading from the Holy Gospel, according to St. Luke 9.28-36 ★ Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him.

Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah'—not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, 'This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!' When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

This is the Gospel of The Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

After, we pause for silent Reflection.

Profession of Faith

Let us stand and profess our faith. We believe in one God, the Father, the almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

★ We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of The Faithful

Blessed are you, O Lord, for you draw all people to you. Give to your Church the same passion, that everyone may find a place with its embrace... give grace that we may stand firm in you. God our refuge and stronghold

We put our trust in your salvation.

Blessed are you, O Lord, for you challenge leaders with your truth and justice. Give to all who govern wisdom to see your peace... strengthen the arm of all who defend the weak and persecuted.

God our refuge and stronghold

We put our trust in your salvation.

Blessed are you, O Lord, for you gather disparate and diverse people into community. Give to our society vision to be inclusive and open... transform our bodies from humiliation to glory

God our refuge and stronghold

We put our trust in your salvation.

Blessed are you, O Lord, for you proclaim release and healing. Give to all who suffer cause for hope in and beyond their sufferings. We pray for all on our parish prayer list, and all who have asked for our prayers, among them Ethan; Rosemary; Rae; Lily and family; Sharon; Marlene; Geoff and Naomi; Louisa; Marilyn; Gifford, Sheryn, Maria; Debbie; Nick; Ann; Michael; Allison P; Fr Charles; Marg Y; Keith and Paul M. We will rejoice and be glad in you. God our refuge and stronghold

We put our trust in your salvation.

Blessed are you, O Lord, for you complete your work in rising form the grave. Give this hope to all who have died recently... and those whose anniversary of their passing occurs around this time... bring us to the fulfillment of our citizenship of heaven.

God our refuge and stronghold

We put our trust in your salvation.

God our Father, in your love and goodness you have taught us to come close to you in penitence with prayer, fasting and generosity; accept our Lenten discipline, and when we fall by our weakness raise us up by our unfailing mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Greeting of Peace

We stand

We are the Body of Christ.

His Spirit is with us.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

We turn to those immediately next to us and greet them with a sign of peace.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Hymn: TIS 131

We remain standing to sing the hymn, which is found in our red hymn books. During the hymn, the altar will be set and the gifts offered.

Offertory Prayer

Lord, may this offering cleanse us from sin and make us holy in body and mind, that we may worthily celebrate the Paschal feast; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and just, our duty and our joy, to give you thanks and praise, almighty and eternal Father, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

After foretelling his death to his disciples, he revealed his glory on the holy mountain, showing that the path of suffering leads to the splendor of the resurrection, as the law and the prophets bore witness.

And so, with angels and archangels, we join in the endless hymn of heaven, praising your glory for ever:

At Riddells Creek and Gisborne we say:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the Highest.

★ Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the Highest.

At Macedon the choir sing, and we respond:

Ho - san - na in the high - - est.

Choir: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.

Hosanna...

Choir: Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna...

Choir: Hosanna in the highest

Hosanna...

Choir: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna...

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness; grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit, ★ and according to your holy will, these gifts of bread and wine may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

who in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me. ▶

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying:
Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Christ is the bread of life:

At Riddells Creek & Gisborne we say

When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus, until you come in glory.

At Macedon we sing:



And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross, his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world; rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate this memorial of our redemption. As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, we bring before you this bread and this cup and we thank you for counting us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people and gather into one in your kingdom all who share this one bread and one cup, so that we, in the company of all the saints, may praise and glorify you for ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, we worship you, Father eternal, in songs of never-ending praise:

At Riddells Creek and Gisborne we say:

Blessing and honour and glory and power are yours for ever and ever. Amen

At Macedon we sing:

and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.



Lord's Prayer

Trusting in the compassion of God, as our Saviour taught us, so we pray:
Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,

Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ. We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread

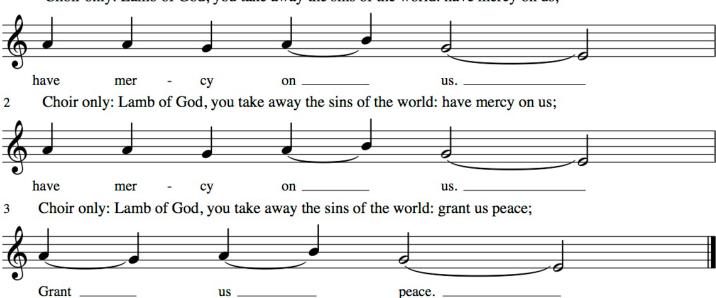
Agnus Dei

At Riddells Creek and Gisborne we say:

Jesus, lamb of God, have mercy on us; Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us; Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us your peace.

At Macedon we sing:

Choir only: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us;



Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world. Happy are those who are called to his supper Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed.

Invitation to Communion

Come. This is not the table of The Church, but of The Lord, and all are welcome at His table. Come.

At Riddells Creek we receive communion at the Altar rails; at Gisborne and Macedon we receive communion at the Chancel Step. All baptised Christians are welcome to receive communion today. As we recieve Communion at Macedon, we listen to the Anthem: "Come to me" by Margaret Rizza.

THE CONCLUDING RITES

Post Communion Antiphon and Prayer

'This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!'

Let us pray:

Almighty God,

you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves:

keep us both outwardly in our bodies,

and inwardly in our souls;

that we may be defended from all adversities

which may happen to the body,

and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Final hymn: TIS 106

We stand to sing the hymn, which is found in our red hymn books.

Blessing and Dismissal

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness, to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him; And the blessing of God Almighty:

★ The Father, The Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you always Amen.

Go in peace, to love and serve The Lord
★ In the name of Christ. Amen.

As the sanctuary depart at Macedon, we listen to "Trio" by Joseph Rheinberger.

ABM Reflection

In Luke's account, Jesus foretells his own death when warned about Herod by some Pharisees. He also tells them that despite being the 'holy city' Jerusalem is the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! Their city is a void. He prophesises that they will say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord' when he returns to Jerusalem.

- May we recognise who Jesus is and welcome him into our hearts with cries of acclamation.
- Give thanks for the work and witness of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan.



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Join us for lunch Sunday 16th March after the service at Macedon at Canteena, Shop 2/18 Prince Street, Gisborne. Time 1.15pm. All Welcome!

Safe Ministry Thanks for those who have contributed their info so far, and asking those who haven't to please do so ASAP.

<u>Lent Study Zoom link for Thursdays 7.30pm</u> (Zoom link says 7pm but meeting starts at 7.30pm)

Join Zoom Meeting: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81596572361?pwd=KrKhZUabm6dmej0BWKoG129Awslj0c.1

Meeting ID: 815 9657 2361 Passcode: 1950



Autumn 2025 Car Park Update

Thankyou!! to Parishioners who have volunteered to help with the Autumn Car Park. There are still plenty of spots to be filled. 20 of the 33 sessions are now covered however we do need to be confident that the remaining sessions can be adequately staffed. The following table list the dates and times when additional volunteers are required.

Vacancies:

Date	8.45 to 1pm	10.30am to 2.30pm	1pm to 5pm
Sun 6th April		2 people	
Friday 18th April	1 person	1 person	:
Sat 19th April	1 person	2 people	2 people
Sun 20th April	30-411	2 people	1 person
Sat 26th April			1 person
Sun 27th April	1 person	2 people	1 person

The car park will operate on land to the rear of the Church of the Resurrection on the weekends between Saturday 5th April to Sunday 27th April, 2025, including the 4 days over Easter and Anzac Day. Over the 11 days of operation, we need to fill 33 x 4hour shifts with 2 volunteers per shift. Duties include assisting with collecting the donations, assisting with orderly parking and guiding cars in and out of parish land.

A hard copy of the Car Park Roster will be available at each Church Centre this weekend, please put your name down to assist in one of the vacant times.

For more information please contact -

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Anglican Parish of Gisborne

The Anglican Parish of Gisborne acknowledges the traditional custodians of the land, the peoples of the Kulin Nations, and we pay our respects to their elders, living, past and emerging. The Parish of Gisborne is committed to being a Child Safe organisation.

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