

3rd Sunday of Lent
23rd March 2025



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THE PARISH DIARY - THIS WEEK

Monday 24th March:

Tuesday 25th March:

Wednesday 26th March:

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

Thursday 27th March:

10am Holy Communion - Warrina
7.30pm Lenten Study - Zoom
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Friday 28th March:

CLERGY REST DAY
7pm Stations of the Cross - CoR

Saturday 29th March:

No Mass at St John's, Riddells Creek

Next Sunday 30th March:

4th Sunday of Lent (Combined Service at St Paul's, Gisborne)

Readings: Joshua 5.2-12, Psalm 34.1-10, 2 Corinthians 5.14-21, Luke 15.1-3

Roster:

	Reader	Prayers	Assistant	Welcome	Hospitality
St Paul's:	Sonia	Alison S	-	Ross G	Audrey & Sonia

Sunday 10am: Combined Mass - St. Paul's
6pm: Choral Evensong - CoR

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THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Processional Hymn: TIS 564

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 eyes are ever looking to the Lord,
for he shall pluck my feet out of the net.
Turn to me and be gracious to me,
for I am alone and brought very low.

✠ 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.**

Penitential Rite

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 our Lord.

Amen.

At Riddells Creek & Gisborne we say:

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

At Macedon we sing:

Cantor, All repeat



Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

Cantor, All repeat



Chri - ste e - le - i - son.

Cantor, All repeat



Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

Trisagion

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:

1

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Migh - ty,

2

3

Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, have mer - cy u - pon us.

Collect

Almighty God,
whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain,
and entered not into glory before he was crucified:
mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross,
may find it none other than the way of life and peace;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
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 Exodus 3:1-8,13-15

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, 'I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up.' When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, 'Moses, Moses!' And he said, 'Here I am.' Then he said, 'Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.' He said further, 'I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.' And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the Lord said, 'I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites.

But Moses said to God, 'If I come to the Israelites and say to them, "The God of your ancestors has sent me to you", and they ask me, "What is his name?" what shall I say to them?' God said to Moses, 'I am who I am.' He said further, 'Thus you shall say to the Israelites, "I am has sent me to you."' God also said to Moses, 'Thus you shall say to the Israelites, "The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you": This is my name for ever, and this my title for all generations.

Hear the Word of The Lord
Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm: 103

cf. v. 13 The Lord has com - pas-sion on his child - ren.



The Lord executes righteousness
and judgement for all who are oppressed.
He made his ways known to Moses
and his works to the children of Israel.
The Lord is full of compassion and mercy,
slow to anger and of great kindness.
He will not always accuse us,
neither will he keep his anger for ever.

The Lord has compassion on his children.

He has not dealt with us according to our sins,
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.
For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is his mercy upon those who fear him.

The Lord has compassion on his children.

As far as the east is from the west,
so far has he set our sins from us.
As a father has compassion on his children,
so is the Lord merciful towards those who fear him.

The Lord has compassion on his children.

Second Reading

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians *10:1-6;10-12*

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall.

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 13.1-9

✠ Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, ‘Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.’

Then he told this parable: ‘A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, “See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?” He replied, “Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig round it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.”’

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

Judge eternal, give to your Church a penitent and contrite heart, where it is dry, refresh it; where it fails to bear fruit, renew it... make us agents of your transforming love.

God our refuge and stronghold

We put our trust in your salvation.

Judge eternal, give to all in power awareness of the awesome responsibility they carry. Inspire them to forsake ways that oppress by intent or omission... make us agents of your justice and peace.

God our refuge and stronghold

We put our trust in your salvation.

Judge eternal, give to all people vision to shape our communities as places where all can delight and flourish. Nurture the young, care for the infirm, bring hope to all who struggle, 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. Make us agents of your generosity.

God our refuge and stronghold

We put our trust in your salvation.

Judge eternal, give to all who are weary and weighted down relief in their sufferings. Bless them by your life-giving presence... make us agents of your wholeness and healing.

God our refuge and stronghold

We put our trust in your salvation.

Judge eternal, give to all who journey under the cloud of death a glimpse of your light and life. Hold all who weep and mourn; all who have died recently... and all whose anniversary of their passing occurs around this time... make us ready to share in the glory of your eternity.

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 206

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, accept these gifts we offer,
and as we seek your mercy for our sins,
grant us the grace to forgive one another;
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 good
to give you thanks and praise,
almighty God and everlasting Father,
through Jesus Christ your Son.

For in these forty days
you lead us into the desert of repentance
that through a pilgrimage of prayer and discipline
we may grow in grace
and learn to be your people once again.

Through fasting, prayer and acts of service
you bring us back to your generous heart.
Through study of your holy word
you open our eyes to your presence in the world
and free our hands to welcome others
into the radiant splendour of your love.

As we prepare to celebrate the Easter feast
with joyful hearts and minds
we bless you for your mercy
and join with saints and angels
for ever praising you and saying/singing:

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:



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:

Cantor/Choir, All repeat



A - men, a - men, a - men.

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

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;



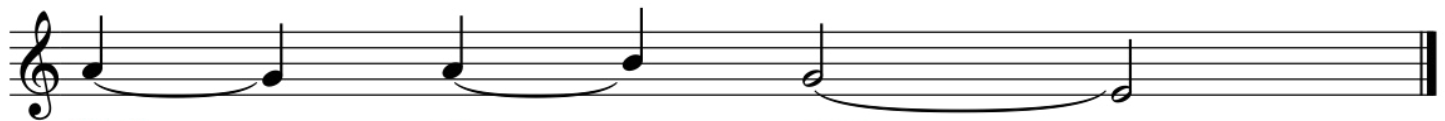
have mer - cy on us.

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



have mer - cy on us.

3 Choir only: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace;



Grant us peace.

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 receive Communion at Macedon, we listen to the Anthem: "Lead me Lord" by Samuel Wesley.

THE CONCLUDING RITES

Post Communion Antiphon and Prayer

The sparrow has found her a house
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young:
at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.
Blessed are they who dwell in your house:
they will always be praising you.

Let us pray:
Merciful Lord,
grant your people grace
to withstand the temptations of the world,
the flesh and the devil,
and with pure hearts and minds to follow you,
the only God;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Final hymn: TIS 684

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

Today's Gospel reading tells us two things: that without repentance we will all perish, just as certainly as those who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them; and that the Lord wants us to have one extra chance to bear fruit. After that, if we are still fruitless we will be accounted for as being utterly worthless.

- May we all produce fruit in our lives that Jesus our Lord finds worthy of him.
- Give thanks for the Episcopal / Anglican Church of Alexandria.

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Notices

KYB4Men Please note that there are 5 Saturdays in March. Our next session will be on Saturday 5th April for unit 5 of Leviticus. This is the last unit. We will begin a study on Luke's Gospel after Easter. All welcome. 1st & 3rd Saturday of the month at 9am - 10am in the Parish Centre. *Fr Graham.*

Lunch Sunday 23rd March after the service at Macedon at the Trading Post, 686 Mount Macedon Rd, Mount Macedon. Time 1.15pm. All Welcome!

Sunday 23rd there will be a church stall on the veranda next door to the Trading Post. This will be a variety stall (toys, children's clothes, bric a brac, craft). Beginning at 9.30am. Profits will go towards the church fair. All visitors will be welcome. *Marg W.*

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. 26 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 7 sessions requiring additional volunteers.

Date	8.45 to 1pm	10.30am to 2.30pm	1pm to 5pm
Fri 18th April	-	-	1 person
Sat 19th April	-	2 people	1 person
Sun 20th April	-	2 people	-
Sat 26th April	-	1 person	-
Sun 27th April	-	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 - Margarita Caddick - via mob – 0448 368 774 James Lindsay - via mob - 0419132 291

SAVE THE DATE – Sunday 30th March 2025, commencing immediately following the Combined Service at St Paul's. Meeting to be held in the Church.

A briefing will be held for **All the Car Park Volunteers** to provide an overview of the car park arrangements including list of equipment, car park map, car park duties, recommended attire. An opportunity to ask questions will also be provided. Please advise Margarita or Jim if you are not able to attend this briefing session.

THANK YOU Friends, Kate and I were overwhelmed by so many of you attending our wedding. It was wonderful having people from Macedon, Gisborne and Riddells Creek. Your presence contributed significantly to the celebration being such a joyous occasion. We look forward to joining you at the combined service on 30th March. *Fr Alan*



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Anglican Parish of Gisborne

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