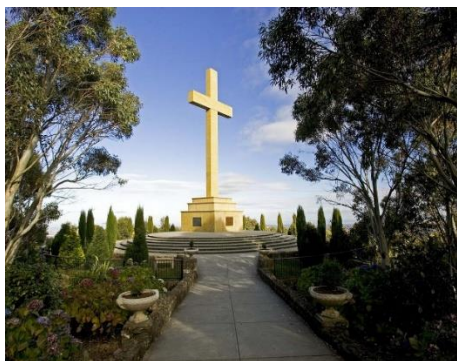




**WELCOME TO THE CATHOLIC PARISHES OF
ST AMBROSE WOODEND,
ST AMBROSE RIDDELLS CREEK,
ST BRIGIDS GISBORNE,
ST MARY'S LANCEFIELD/ROMSEY &
ST PATRICK'S MACEDON**

PENTECOST SUNDAY - YEAR A

24th May, 2026

WEEKEND 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

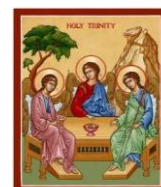
SCHOOL COMMUNITIES **St Ambrose Woodend:** www.sawoodend.catholic.edu.au , **St Mary's Lancefield:** www.smlancefield.catholic.edu.au , **St Brigid's Gisborne:** www.sbgisborne.catholic.edu.au , **Holy Cross New Gisborne:** www.hcnewgisborne.catholic.edu.au

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday 26th	5pm Mass Gisborne	5pm Mass Woodend
Wednesday 27th	9:15am Mass Gisborne	9:30am Mass Woodend
Thursday 28th	9:15am Mass Gisborne	10.30am Mass - Romsey Aged Care
	Confirmation visitation by Fr John to Holy Cross and St Brigid's schools.	
Friday 29th	8:30am Boarders Mass – Assumption College Kilmore	
	9.15am Mass Gisborne (school)	9:30am Mass Lancefield

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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

Pentecost Sunday, Year A

24 May 2026

First Reading Acts 2:1-11

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak different languages.

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome – Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 103:1. 24. 29-31. 34. R. v.30

*(R.) Lord, send out your Spirit
and renew the face of the earth.
or
(R.) Alleluia.*

1. Bless the Lord, my soul!
Lord God, how great you are,
How many are your works, O Lord!
The earth is full of your riches. (R.)
2. You take back your spirit, they die,
returning to the dust from which they
came.
You send forth your spirit, they are
created;
and you renew the face of the earth. (R.)
3. May the glory of the Lord last for ever!
May the Lord rejoice in his works!
May my thoughts be pleasing to him.
I find my joy in the Lord. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13

In the one Spirit we were all baptised, making one body.

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit.

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose.

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come, Holy Spirit; fill the hearts of your faithful

and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 20:19-23

As the Father sent me, so I send you: Receive the Holy Spirit.

In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again,

'Peace be with you.
'As the Father sent me,
so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.
For those whose sins you forgive,
they are forgiven;
for those whose sins you retain,
they are retained.'



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

As summer progresses in Australia, invariably great bushfires break out. Those who report the infernos speak not only of the flames, but often of a mighty roar like a great windstorm heralding the approaching fire.

The earth had quaked at the death of Jesus, but death had been conquered and the earth was supercharged with divine energy and vitality. Into all this the Risen Lord sent his Holy Spirit like a lightning strike. Divine energy was unleashed and St Luke portrays this particular event in our bushfire terms. The Holy Spirit, he says, was 'like tongues of fire' and 'like the sound of a mighty wind' accompanying the descent of the Holy Spirit on a gathering of a fearful group of followers of Our Lord.

The tangled undergrowth of fear, anxiety and timidity was cleared away. The new life of the church was germinated, took root and has been growing ever since, listening to the core message preached by St Peter: Jesus of Nazareth had conquered death and Peter and others were witnesses to the Risen Lord.

We could pause for a moment to pray for the successor of St Peter that he may preach the resurrection in a way which is understandable by people of every culture, every ethnicity, every language group around the world.

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EVERYONE WELCOME

Ministry	23/05/26 6:30pm	24/05/26 9am	30/05/26 6:30pm	31/05/26 9am	06/06/26 10:30am
Musician	Rosalie	Agnes	Rosalie	Agnes	-----
Reader	Tony	Betty	Julie C	Rosemary	Joanne
Collector	<i>Vol req</i>	Gerard	<i>Vol req</i>	Joe	-----
Spec Min	Julie	Rob	Julie	Marie	-----
PowerPoint	<i>Vol req</i>	Thomas	Tony	Ron	-----
Set up	Rosalie/Julie	Eileen	Rosalie/Julie	Marie	Joanne
Cleaner	<i>Vol req</i>	-----	-----	Loretta	-----
Location	LF	Rom	LF	Rom	Rom

Could those listed on the roster please advise if you are unavailable.

CONTINUING PRAYER LIST:

Please pray for the following who are in continuing need of our prayers:

Christine C & Phyllis D.

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, especially **Brendan Coburn** and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially **Gavan Nicholls, Robert Salpietro and Dan & Freda McCarthy.**

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 Priest & Presbytery \$508 Thanksgiving & Church \$985
1st collection: Presbytery & Priest 2nd collection: Thanksgiving (envelope)

SACRAMENTS 2026 – registrations open for Eucharist. contact the Secretary at lancefield@cam.org.au to register your interest.

OFFERTORY PROGRAM

Thank you for your support in our Offertory Program over the last four weeks. Your generosity will enable to continue the Great Commission given to his disciples at his Ascension: “to go and make disciples of all people.”

There have been some questions about filling out your details, even though we already have them. It is part of the process to ensure we have the correct details of your contribution and can record them accurately, noting any changes.

FEAST OF PENTECOST

We hear in the Acts of the Apostles who with the coming of the Holy Spirit the people of Jerusalem heard the disciples proclaim the gospel in their own native language. This weekend one of the readings at Mass will be proclaimed in another language: 5pm & 6.30pm Gospel in Syrian, at all other Masses the 1st Reading will be read in the following languages: 6pm Italian, 8am Maltese, 9am Croatian, 11am Gisborne Dutch and 11am Woodend Gaelic and Italian.

CHANGES TO WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

To enable our schools to celebrate Mass there will be, at times, changes to the weekday Mass Schedule. When Holy Cross School celebrates Mass there will be no morning Mass at St Brigids. When St Mary’s School celebrates Mass the time of Mass in Lancefield will move from 9.30am to 10.15am.
These changes will be in “What’s happening this week.”

The National Mass Count of Attendance for 2026 will be taking place over the first four weeks of May. This weekend will be the final count for 2026.

MONTH OF MAY

In honour of the month of May being dedicated to Mary there will be rosary and benediction this **Sunday 24th May at 3pm at St Mary’s Lancefield** followed by cuppa in the presbytery afterwards. **All are welcome.**

CHILD PROTECTION

is **everyone’s** responsibility

Safety of Children and All Vulnerable People

The St. Mary’s Safeguarding Children and Young People Policy is on display on the church noticeboards or via the parish office.

All children leaving the church during Mass must be accompanied by a parent.

Child Safety Committee

Fr. John Healy

Fr. Zaher Al Mhanna

Tammie Dalglish

Michael Mooney

Baptism

As arranged with the Parish Secretary on the 1st 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.

Welcome

St. Mary’s 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 Tammie directly at the parish office.

Volunteering Ministries

A current Working with Children Check is required to volunteer within the parish.

Help is always welcome!



What's happening this week in the Parish

Sun 24/05/26 12pm – Baptism – **Gisborne**
Sun 24/05/26 3pm – Dedication to Mary, Rosary & Benediction – **Lancefield** (followed by fellowship in the presbytery)
Sat 30/05/26 10am – St. Mary's School Hall – The celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation – **Lancefield**
Sat 30/05/26 1pm – St. Ambrose Church – The celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation – **Woodend**
Sun 31/05/26 2pm – St. Anne's **Sunbury** – The celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation (St. Brigids School)
Sun 31/05/26 4:30pm – St. Anne's **Sunbury** – The celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation (Holy Cross School)

Note: See front page of bulletin for Mass times.



Mary Help of Christians is the Patroness of Australia. The establishment of the feast has an interesting history, and a unique place in the Catholic history of Australia. The feast focuses on Mary's help to those in need through her intercession to confront sin and to stand against anti-Christian forces.

Pope Pius VII established the feast in honour of Our Lady Help of Christians in 1815. After being imprisoned by Napoleon Bonaparte, he established the feast in thanksgiving for his release. Australia, a new colony at that time, had no Catholic priests and therefore no Mass available. The faithful recited and relied on the Rosary to sustain the Catholic community. In 1844, Australia became the first country in the world to have Mary Help of Christians as Patroness.

Tuesday: St Philip, Wednesday: St Augustine of Canterbury, Friday: St Paul VI

FAREWELL & THANK YOU TO BISHOP TERRY CURTIN

Bp Terry was well known and loved by many of our parishioners. Last week he celebrated a life of service with Mass at the Cathedral surrounded by family, friends and colleagues. Read more on this amazing man at:

[Bishop Terry Curtin on retirement and... | Melbourne Catholic](#)



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PRIEST & PRESBYTERY BY DIRECT DEBIT

Anyone not already contributing to the Priest & Presbytery expenses who would like to contribute may do so by direct debit to the acct below:

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Anyone not already on the Thanksgiving Program who would like to contribute to the Church may do so by direct debit to the acct below:

**St. Mary's Church Account
NAB**

BSB: 083 347

Acct: 64150 3257

Please use your surname and TG number as the reference.

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