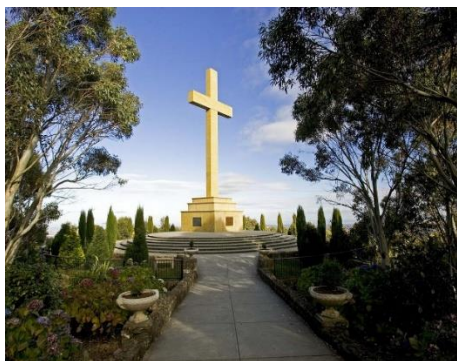




**WELCOME TO THE CATHOLIC PARISHES OF
ST AMBROSE WOODEND,
ST AMBROSE RIDDELLS CREEK,
ST BRIGIDS GISBORNE,
ST MARY'S LANCEFIELD/ROMSEY &
ST PATRICK'S MACEDON**

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

21st June, 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

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Lancefield: www.melbcatholic.org/s/lancefield

Gisborne: www.melbcatholic.org/s/gisborne

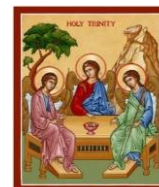
SCHOOL COMMUNITIES St Ambrose Woodend: www.sawoodend.catholic.edu.au , St Mary's Lancefield: www.smlancefield.catholic.edu.au , St Brigid's Gisborne: www.sbgisborne.catholic.edu.au , Holy Cross New Gisborne: www.hcnewgisborne.catholic.edu.au

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday 23rd	5pm Mass Gisborne	5pm Mass Woodend
Wednesday 24th	9:15am Mass Gisborne	9:30am Mass Woodend
Thursday 25th	9:15am Mass Gisborne	NO Mass Romsey Aged Care
	10:40am Mass Sacred Heart College Kyneton	
Friday 26th	NO Mass Gisborne	9:30am Mass Lancefield
Saturday 27th	9:30am Mass Lancefield – followed by 10am Reconciliation 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

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

21 June 2026

First Reading Jer 20:10-13

*A reading from the prophet Jeremiah
He has delivered the soul of the needy from the
hands of those who are evil.*

Jeremiah said:

'I hear so many disparaging me,
"Terror from every side!
Denounce him! Let us denounce him!"
All those who used to be my friends
watched for my downfall,
"Perhaps he will be seduced into error.
Then we will master him
and take our revenge!"
But the Lord is at my side,
a mighty hero;
my opponents will stumble, mastered,
confounded by their failure;
everlasting, unforgettable disgrace
will be theirs.
But you, Lord of Hosts, you who probe
with justice,
who scrutinise the loins and heart,
let me see the vengeance you will take
on them,
for I have committed my cause to you.
Sing to the Lord,
praise the Lord,
for he has delivered the soul
of the needy
from the hands of evil men.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 68:8-10. 14. 17. 33-35. R. v.14

(R.) *Lord, in your great love,
answer me.*

1. It is for you that I suffer taunts,
that shame covers my face,
that I have become a stranger to my
brothers,
an alien to my own mother's sons.
I burn with zeal for your house
and taunts against you fall on me.
(R.)
2. This is my prayer to you,
my prayer for your favour.
In your great love, answer me, O God,
with your help that never fails:
Lord, answer, for your love is kind;
in your compassion, turn towards me.
(R.)
3. The poor when they see it will be glad
and God-seeking hearts will revive;
for the Lord listens to the needy
and does not spurn his servants in
their chains.
Let the heavens and the earth give
him praise,
the sea and all its living creatures.
(R.)

Second Reading Rom 5:12-15

*A reading from the letter of St Paul
to the Romans*

God's gift to us is nothing like our sin against him.

Sin entered the world through one man,
and through sin death, and thus death
has spread through the whole human race
because everyone has sinned. Sin existed
in the world long before the Law was given.
There was no law and so no one could be
accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet
death reigned over all from Adam to Moses,
even though their sin, unlike that of Adam,
was not a matter of breaking a law.

Adam prefigured the One to come, but
the gift itself considerably outweighed the
fall. If it is certain that through one man's
fall so many died, it is even more certain
that divine grace, coming through the one
man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an
abundant free gift.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 15:26. 27

Alleluia, alleluia!

*The Spirit of Truth will bear witness
to me, says the Lord,
and you also will be my witnesses.
Alleluia!*

Gospel Mt 10:26-33

*A reading from the holy Gospel
according to Matthew*

Do not fear those who can kill the body.

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows:

'Do not be afraid. For everything that is now
covered will be uncovered, and everything
now hidden will be made clear. What I say to
you in the dark, tell in the daylight;
what you hear in whispers, proclaim from
the house-tops.

'Do not be afraid of those who kill the body
but cannot kill the soul; fear him rather
who can destroy both body and soul in hell.
Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny?
And yet not one falls to the ground without
your Father knowing. Why, every hair on
your head has been counted. So there is no
need to be afraid; you are worth more than
hundreds of sparrows.

'So if anyone declares himself for me in
the presence of men, I will declare myself
for him in the presence of my Father in
heaven. But the one who disowns me in
the presence of men, I will disown in the
presence of my Father in heaven.'



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Our Gospel reads: '... not one [sparrow] falls to the ground without your Father knowing.'

But that is a bad translation. The Greek simply says 'not one [sparrow] will fall to the ground without your Father.' Full stop! Our Heavenly Father accompanies a dying sparrow as it dies! That is the measure of the Creator's love for all creatures. God wants to – does – enter into the moment of death, our moment of death.

Now, that *would* be consoling if I were facing what Jesus was foreseeing for his disciples in the first century.

One of the first Christian groups to hear this Gospel was that set around the Tigris River running through Baghdad in modern day Iraq. During the warfare that raged there, that Christian community faced terrible persecution from fanatical Muslims. We can barely imagine hearing today's Gospel amongst the remnant, left in Baghdad today. How does 'Do not be afraid' really sound to them?

So, we could pause for a moment to pray for those for whom today's Gospel is a challenge beyond our imagining.

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EVERYONE WELCOME

Ministry	20/06/26 6:30pm	21/06/26 9am	27/06/26 6:30pm	28/06/25 9am	04/07/26 6:30pm
Musician	Rosalie	Christine	Rosalie	Agnes	-----
Reader	Joan	Joanne	Tony	Eileen	John
Collector	<i>Vol req</i>	Tim/Ged	<i>Vol req</i>	Gerard	-----
Spec Min	Julie	<i>Vol req</i>	Julie	Kerry	-----
PowerPoint	Leanne	Marthese	Joan	Margaret	-----
Set up	Rosalie/Julie	Eileen	Rosalie/Julie	<i>Vol req</i>	Eileen
Cleaner	Anne T	-----	-----	Leanne	-----
Location	LF	Rom	LF	Rom	LF

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.

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 and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially **Frank & Rita Walsh, Alan Sinclair Snr & Maureen Fleming.**

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 \$476 Thanksgiving & Church \$1085
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.

What's happening this week in the Parish

Welcome to **Fr Brendan Lane** who is celebrating the 6pm Mass at Gisborne.

Note: See front page of bulletin for Mass times.

UPDATE ON MELBOURNE SYNOD 2026

The Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Synod will hold its main assembly across the weekend of 4–6 December 2026, following its formal convocation by Archbishop Peter A Comensoli. Preparations are now in full swing, with the consultation phase opening in June and July, followed by feedback on the working document scheduled for October.

The Synod process is focused on three foundational themes:

- Young Discipleship
- Missionary Leadership
- Formation and Participation

Theme papers and related resources are currently being released to guide parish-level discussions and assist the faithful in discernment.

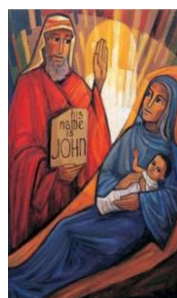
As a parish community we will be consulted in the papers that will be presented.

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Monday 22nd - Sts John Fisher and Thomas More

Wednesday 24th

The Nativity of St John the Baptist.



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

Parishioners wishing to join the Thanksgiving program are invited to contact Tam at the parish office to arrange some Thanksgiving envelopes. 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 & Fr. Zaher, fill in a census card located in the church foyer and place in either collection or contact Tam at the office.

Volunteering Ministries

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

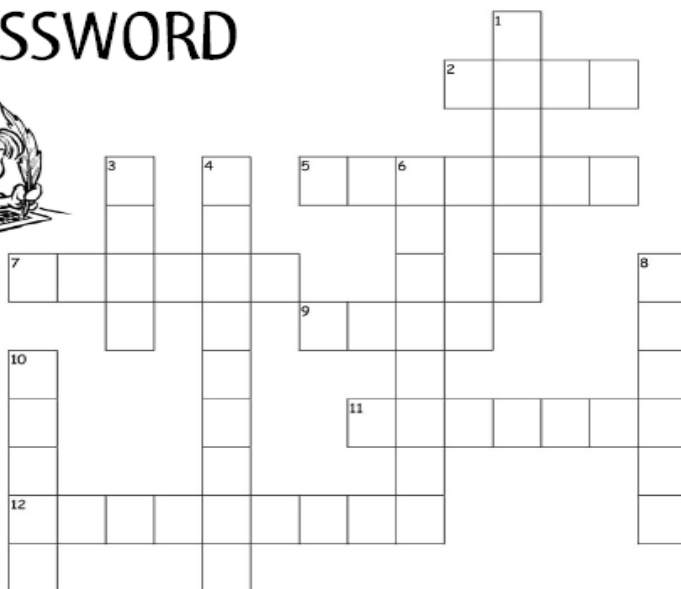
Help is always welcome!

Power Point operator
Reader of the Word
Church Cleaning & Gardening

Combined Choir Performance

St. Patrick's Macedon Choir will be joining forces with *St. Ambrose Woodend Choir* and singing together as part of Sunday Mass at St. Ambrose in Woodend at the 11am Mass on June 28th.

CROSSWORD



Across

- 2: the part of your body that has eyes and ears
5: wreck, break apart
7: frightened
9: to hurt another person
11: Jesus says even the hairs on your head are _____
12: the roofs of houses (two words)

Down

- 1: something you do not tell anyone
3: the absence of light
4: to have spoken very quietly
6: you are worth more to God than these small birds
8: Jesus said "Everything that is _____ will be found out"
10: this allows you to see in the darkness

SATURDAY MORNING MASS

Mass will now be celebrated on a Saturday Morning.
1st Saturday 10.30am Romsey (Anointing Mass),
2nd Saturday 9.30am Woodend,
3rd Saturday 9.30am Gisborne and
4th 9.30am Lancefield.
All 9:30am Masses to be followed by Reconciliation.

2026 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday Mass

Sunday 5 July 2026

11.00am–12.00pm

St Patrick's Cathedral

1 Cathedral Place, East Melbourne

On the first Sunday of July each year, the Catholic Church in Australia celebrates Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday.

On this day, we gather as one to honour and celebrate the rich cultural heritage and spirituality of our First Nations peoples, and the contributions they make the life of the Church.

The theme for this year's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday is 'Walking together in Christ: 40 years on!'

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

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

BSB: 083 347

Acct: 64151 8467

Please use your surname as the reference.

THANKSGIVING BY DIRECT DEBIT

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.