



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

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

5th July, 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

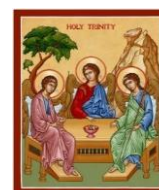
Gisborne: www.melbcatholic.org/s/gisborne

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 7th	5pm Mass Gisborne	5pm Mass Woodend
Wednesday 8th	9:15am Mass Gisborne	NO Mass Woodend
Thursday 9th	NO Mass Gisborne	9:30am Mass Romsey
Friday 10th	9:15am Mass Gisborne	9:30am Mass Lancefield
Saturday 11th	9:30am Woodend	10am Reconciliation Woodend

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

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

5 July 2026

First Reading Zec 9:9-10

See how humbly your king comes to you!

The Lord says this:

'Rejoice heart and soul, daughter of Zion!
Shout with gladness, daughter of Jerusalem!
See now, your king comes to you;
he is victorious, he is triumphant,
humble and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
He will banish chariots from Ephraim
and horses from Jerusalem;
the bow of war will be banished.
He will proclaim peace for the nations.
His empire shall stretch from sea to sea,
from the River to the ends of the earth.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 144:1-2. 8-11. 13-14. R. v.1

*(R.) I will praise your name for ever,
my king and my God.*

or

(R.). Alleluia!

1. I will give you glory, O God my King,
I will bless your name for ever.
I will bless you day after day
and praise your name for ever. (R.)
2. The Lord is kind and full of
compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures.
(R.)
3. All your creatures shall thank you,
O Lord,
and your friends shall repeat their
blessing.
They shall speak of the glory of your
reign
and declare your might, O God. (R.)
4. The Lord is faithful in all his words
and loving in all his deeds.
The Lord supports all who fall
and raises all who are bowed
down. (R.)

Second Reading Rom 8:9.11-13

*If by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body,
you will live.*

Your interests are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him, and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live.

Gospel Acclamation See Mt 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Blessed are you, Father, Lord of
heaven and earth;*

*you have revealed to little ones the
mysteries of the kingdom.*

Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 11:25-30

I am gentle and humble of heart.

Jesus exclaimed, 'I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children. Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

'Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.'



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

In the Jewish story of the creation of Adam, the author has God fashion a figure of a human being out of damp earth, and then breathes into the nostrils of this clay figure. It becomes 'Adam'. In Hebrew, the word for breath, wind or Spirit is the same, so this story tells us that we become human when the Holy Spirit is breathed into our very being.

St Paul tells the early converts in Rome, those recently baptised, and therefore tells us who are baptised: 'The Spirit of God has made his home in you.'

Since your baptism, the Holy Spirit, the Breath of God, dwells in you in a special way. Baptism re-creates us, sharing in the life of the true Adam.

We could pause for a moment to pray:

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle in them the fire of your love.

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EVERYONE WELCOME

Ministry	04/07/26 6:30pm	04/07/26 6:30pm	05/07/26 9am	11/07/26 6:30pm	12/07/26 9am
Musician	-----	Rosalie	Christine	Rosalie	Agnes
Reader	John	Michael	Betty	Julie C	Betty
Collector	-----	Vol req	Joe	Vol req	Tim/Ged
Spec Min	-----	Julie	Joanne	Denis	Marie
PowerPoint	-----	Tony	Thomas	Leanne	Ron
Set up	Eileen	Rosalie/Julie	Joanne	Rosalie/Julie	Marie
Cleaner	-----	Eva	-----	-----	Marie
Location	LF	LF	Rom	LF	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 & Ashley B.

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 **Trish McAree, Carmel Martin & John Sharples.**

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 \$346 Thanksgiving & Church \$752
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.



NAIDOC WEEK

Welcome to this year's celebration of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday. As we gather in faith, we do so as a people shaped by story — by the Gospel, by culture, and by the journeys that have brought us to this moment. We gather in the presence of God, who walks with us always, and who calls us into unity as one people. This year invites us into reflection.

We mark 40 years since St Pope John Paul II spoke to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples in Alice Springs, and we celebrate 50 years of NAIDOC Week.

These milestones are more than anniversaries — they are reminders of enduring faith, resilience, and our shared call to walk together. At times, it is important to look back. Not to dwell in the past, but to recognise the path that has been travelled — to see the strength, the challenges, and the grace that have carried us forward. In this, we trust in God's providence, present in every step of our journey. Our theme, Walking Together in Christ: 40 Years On, speaks to this moment. It calls us to continue the journey with humility and hope - listening deeply, and walking side by side as one Body in Christ, guided by the Holy Spirit. Across this land, the Church is enriched by the cultures and voices of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples. Their spirituality, connection to Country, and deep sense of community continue to shape and strengthen the life of the Church in Australia. As St Pope John Paul II reminded us, the Church is enriched by the many cultures it embraces. This is not something we simply acknowledge — it is something we are called to live. Today's Liturgy is an invitation to listen to, reflect, and to encounter Christ in one another.

What's happening this week in the Parish

04/07/26 10:30am – Anointing Mass – **Romsey**

11/07/26 10am – Reconciliation – **Woodend**

Note: See front page of bulletin for Mass times.

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

CATHOLIC MISSIONS - Special Collection

Propagation of the Faith

This weekend we will take up a special collection in support of the missions.

Thanksgiving envelopes 2026-2027

Thank you to all parishioners who returned pledge cards both new and recurring.
The new sets of TG envelopes are available in churches this weekend.
You will note they are not dated as I have repurposed previously unused ones.
You may date them if you like but it is not necessary.



St Vincent de Paul Conference Gisborne - needs your help

The Gisborne Conference responds to the needs of those in the Macedon Ranges, which includes our three Parish Communities. Often their request for support involved food and clothing, a sign of the times has brought about a new area of support, firewood. The conference has had numerous requests for firewood to provide essential heating for those who may be struggling at this time of the year. They have run out of their current source of firewood. If anyone can help with a donation of firewood and kindling, please contact the Gisborne Parish Office on the following email: gisborne@cam.org.au.

Blessing with Holy Water.

During Gloria, Holy water will be used to bless all gathered. Holy Water is used as a reminder that in the waters of Baptism we are called to be sons and daughters of God. Water is also a precious gift given to this land and its people to nurture and sustain all.

BAPTISM PRAYER

We ask our God, the giver of life, to bless you, **Vinnie** who will be baptised today.
We the Church of St. Mary's Lancefield/Romsey welcome and support you.

CAN YOU HELP??

After many years of patch ups and tlc, the ride-on mower at the Presbytery appears to have made its last run. If anyone has:

- An old ride-on mower in the back of shed not being used,
- A few hours a month to go on a mowing roster, or
- Some expertise in mower repairs to have one last look at ours,

Please contact Tam by email on lancefield@cam.org.au or 5429 2130

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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.

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:

**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.

Do you have foot Problems?



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