



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

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

30th August, 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

PARISH STAFF

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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

As Fr. Zaher is on sick leave there is a reduced Mass schedule this week.

Tuesday 1st 5pm Mass **Woodend**

Wednesday 2nd **NO Mass Gisborne** 11:30am Funeral **Woodend**

Thursday 3rd 9:15am Mass **Gisborne**

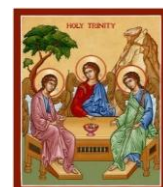
Friday 4th 8:30am Mass Assumption College **Kilmore** 9:30am Mass **Lancefield**

7pm Holy Hour **Romsey**

Saturday 5th 10.30am Anointing Mass **Romsey**

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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

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

30 August 2026

First Reading Jer 20:7-9

The word of the Lord God has meant derision for me.

You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself be seduced;
you have overpowered me: you were the stronger.

I am a daily laughing-stock,
everybody's butt.

Each time I speak the word, I have to howl and proclaim: 'Violence and ruin!'

The word of the Lord has meant for me insult, derision, all day long.

I used to say, I will not think about him,
I will not speak in his name any more.

Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart,

imprisoned in my bones.

The effort to restrain it wearied me,

I could not bear it.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 62:2-6. 8-9. R. v.2

(R.) *My soul is thirsting for you,
O Lord my God.*

1. O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you
like a dry, weary land without water. (R.)
2. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary
to see your strength and your glory.
For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise. (R.)
3. So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy. (R.)
4. For you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.
My soul clings to you;
your right hand holds me fast. (R.)

Second Reading Rom 12:1-2

May you present your bodies as a living sacrifice.

Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and worship him, I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking beings, by offering your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God. Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you, but let your behaviour change, modelled

by your new mind. This is the only way to discover the will of God and know what is good, what it is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do.

Gospel Acclamation See Eph 1:17-18

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ

*enlighten the eyes of our heart,
that we might see how great
is the hope*

to which we are called.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 16:21-27

Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself.

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. 'Heaven preserve you, Lord,' he said. 'This must not happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life?

'For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour.'



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

We have to get one terrible thought out of our heads, i.e. that the Heavenly Father of Jesus wanted him to suffer a tortured, agonising death. Yet we do say: 'It was necessary that Jesus suffer and die.' What can this mean? I believe this refers to the necessity of divine mission and the necessity of divine love.

First, it was the Father's will that Jesus remain true to the mission to preach and embody the gospel of mercy and forgiveness. It was inevitable that powerful elites would find this intolerable and have Jesus eliminated. Secondly, God so loved the world where death ravages human beings, that God determined to absorb the suffering and pangs of death.

The temptation to avoid that dreadful necessity lead Jesus to rebuke Peter: 'Get behind me, Satan', a terrible variation of the initial call: 'Come, follow me.'

We could pause for a moment to very consciously make the sign of the Cross, the consequence of Jesus' mission and love for us.

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EVERYONE WELCOME

Ministry	29/08/26	30/08/26	05/09/26	
	6:30pm	9am	6:30pm	New rosters were put on hold while Formation meetings were being finalised in order to prepare new volunteers. Rosters will be completed in the coming week. Please volunteer as required if you are able.
Musician	Rosalie	Christine	Rosalie	
Reader	tbc	tbc	tbc	
Collector	<i>Vol req</i>	<i>Vol req</i>	<i>Vol req</i>	
Spec Min	Denis	<i>Vol req</i>	Julie	
PowerPoint	<i>Vol req</i>	<i>Vol req</i>	<i>Vol req</i>	
Set up	Rosalie/Julie		Rosalie/Julie	
Cleaner	Tam	Christine	Tam	
Location	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 **James & Catherine McCarthy & Aileen 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 \$tbc Thanksgiving & Church \$tbc
1st collection: Presbytery & Priest 2nd collection: Thanksgiving (envelope)

SACRAMENTS 2027 – registrations open for 2027 Sacraments, contact the Secretary at lancefield@cam.org.au to register your interest.

Welcome Fr. Robert McCulloch

We welcome and thank Fr. Robert McCulloch who will be celebrating the Masses in Woodend, Lancefield & Romsey this weekend.

What's happening this week in the Parish

Please note there has been changes to where weekday Mass will be celebrated.

Wednesday 02/09/26 6:30pm – Baptism information meeting – **Gisborne**

Thursday 03/09/26 7pm – Eucharist family mtg – **Lancefield School**

Note: See front page of bulletin for Mass times.

Fr. Zaher

Fr Zaher has been on holidays and is now on extended sick leave. I ask that we respect his privacy and keep him in our prayers. The Archdiocese is supporting Fr. Zaher in the help he needs at this time.



HOLY HOUR will be celebrated at 7pm on Friday 4th September,
7pm at St Mary's in Romsey.
All are welcome.

ARCHBISHOPS APPEAL

During the month of August we are invited to support the 2026 Archbishops Campaign. By supporting this campaign, you help sustain ministries that accompany those in need, strengthen our parish communities, and bring Christ's love to others. Thank you for answering this call with courage and generosity.

Most Rev Peter A Comensoli

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

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Thursday 3rd St Gregory the Great

Saturday 5th St Teresa of Calcutta

ST ELIZABETH HOSPITAL SUPPORT GROUP

Fr John has invited Fr Robert to visit our parish community with the intention that we will join in the support of his work in Pakistan, making this an outreach project to a community in need by the Parishes of the Macedon Ranges.

Fr Robert McCulloch will be speaking at the Masses in Woodend, Lancefield and Romsey next weekend about St Elizabeth Support Group. St Elizabeth Hospital is in Hyderabad Pakistan and has been helped by the St Elizabeth Support Group which was began by parishioners in Gisborne, Macedon and Riddells Creek in 2015 to equip the hospital as it serves people in great need.

St Elizabeth is a 100-bed hospital with a speciality in Mother and Childcare and has a mobile medical outreach which provides free primary care to over 50,000 impoverished people in rural settlements every year. It provides free home-based palliative care nursing to 35 terminally ill cancer patients and has the only palliative care day centre in Pakistan. Fr Robert McCulloch is a Columban missionary priest from Melbourne. He has worked in Pakistan since 1978 and has been connected with St Elizabeth Hospital since 2001. He is the chairman of the hospital's Board. He will return to Pakistan on September 6.

Mannix Library Spring 2026 Book Sale

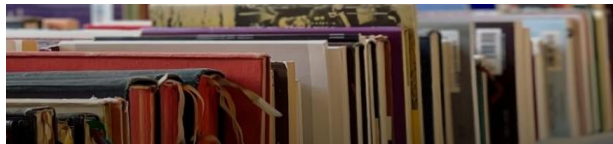
Monday 24 August 2026, 2.00pm – Friday 11 September 2026, 3.00pm

278 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne 3002

Mannix Library is holding its spring book sale from 24 August to mid-September or until stock runs out. It's a great opportunity to scoop up a range of books on theology, history, philosophy and religion at a fantastically good price. Hardcover \$5, paperback \$2

The opening hours for Mannix Library are 9-5 pm Monday to Friday.

Mannix Library receives many generous donations of books. We also regularly remove books from our collection if we have more than two copies, or if the item is no longer relevant for the collection.



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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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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:

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NAB**

BSB: 083 347

Acct: 64150 3257

Please use your surname and TG number as the reference.

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