



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-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

20th September, 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

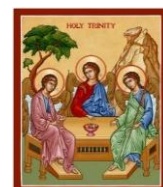
SCHOOL COMMUNITIES St Ambrose Woodend: www.sawoodend.catholic.edu.au , St Mary's Lancefield: www.smlancefield.catholic.edu.au , St Brigid's Gisborne: www.sbgisborne.catholic.edu.au , Holy Cross New Gisborne: www.hcnewgisborne.catholic.edu.au

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday 22nd	5pm Mass Gisborne	5pm Mass Woodend
Wednesday 23rd	9.30am Mass Woodend	NO Mass Gisborne
Thursday 24th	9.15am Mass Gisborne	10.30am Mass Romsey Aged Care
Friday 25th	9.15am Mass Gisborne	9.30am Mass Lancefield
Saturday 26th	9.30am Mass Lancefield	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

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

20 September 2026

First Reading Is 55:6-9

My thoughts are not your thoughts.

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found,
call to him while he is still near.
Let the wicked man abandon his way,
the evil man his thoughts.
Let him turn back to the Lord who will take
pity on him,
to our God who is rich in forgiving;
for my thoughts are not your thoughts,
my ways not your ways – it is the Lord who
speaks.
Yes, the heavens are as high above earth
as my ways are above your ways,
my thoughts above your thoughts.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 144:2-3, 8-9, 17-18. R. v.18

(R.) The Lord is near to all who call him.

1. I will bless you day after day
and praise your name for ever.
the Lord is great, highly to be praised,
his greatness cannot be measured. *(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. The Lord is just in all his ways
and loving in all his deeds.
He is close to all who call him,
who call on him from their hearts. *(R.)*

Second Reading Phil 1:20-24, 27

For me to live is Christ.

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by
my life or by my death. Life to me, of course,
is Christ, but then death would bring me
something more; but then again, if living in
this body means doing work which is having
good results – I do not know what I should
choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I want
to be gone and be with Christ, which would
be very much the better, but for me to stay
alive in this body is a more urgent need for
your sake.

Avoid anything in your everyday lives that
would be unworthy of the gospel of Christ.

Gospel Acclamation See Acts 16:14

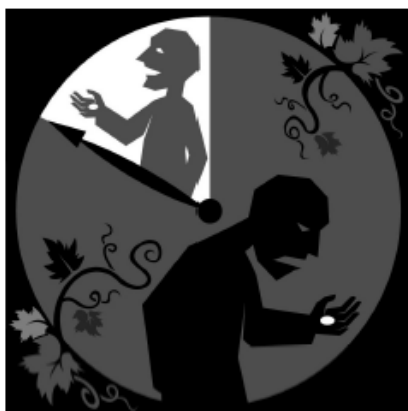
Alleluia, alleluia!

*Open our hearts, O Lord,
to listen to the words of your Son.
Alleluia!*

Gospel Mt 20:1-16

Why are you jealous because I am generous?

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom
of heaven is like a landowner going out at
daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard.
He made an agreement with the workers
for one denarius a day, and sent them to
his vineyard. Going out at about the third
hour he saw others standing idle in the
market place and said to them, "You go
to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair
wage." So they went. At about the sixth hour
and again at about the ninth hour, he went
out and did the same. Then at about the
eleventh hour he went out and found more
men standing round, and he said to them,
"Why have you been standing here idle all
day?" "Because no one has hired us" they
answered. He said to them, "You go into
my vineyard too." In the evening, the owner
of the vineyard said to his bailiff, "Call the
workers and pay them their wages, starting
with the last arrivals and ending with the
first." So those who were hired at about the
eleventh hour came forward and received
one denarius each. When the first came,
they expected to get more, but they too
received one denarius each. They took it,
but grumbled at the landowner. "The men
who came last" they said "have done only
one hour, and you have treated them the
same as us, though we have done a heavy
day's work in all the heat." He answered
one of them and said, "My friend, I am not
being unjust to you; did we not agree on
one denarius? Take your earnings and go.
I choose to pay the last-comer as much as
I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like
with my own? Why be envious because I am
generous?" Thus the last will be first, and
the first, last.'



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

This is a story of the day labourers
of Jesus' time. The 'early birds'
contracted for the just wage of one
denarius and did the hard work
over the course of a long day. They
were outraged when latecomers
also received a denarius.

This little parable circulated in the
Christian community of the first
century because there was great
antagonism between the Jews who
became followers of Jesus and the
non-Jews, the 'Gentiles'. Jewish
Christians looked at their long
history of hardship preparing for
the coming of the Messiah. And,
now, here were these Gentiles who
had done nothing by comparison,
and God appeared to be granting
them whatever it took to enjoy the
'daily bread' of the Kingdom of
God.

Jewish Christians had to be
shocked out of their idea that
God's grace could not be lavished
on those outside the boundaries of
the Chosen People.

We could pause to pray to be taken
by happy surprise by those billions
of people outside the Church who,
by the grace of God, will share with
us 'the Bread of Life', given for the
salvation of all the world.

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EVERYONE WELCOME

Ministry	19/09/26	20/09/26	26/09/26	27/09/26	03/10/26
	6:30pm	9am	6:30pm	9am	10:30am
Musician	Rosalie	Christine	Rosalie	Agnes	-----
Reader	Vol req	Joanne			Eileen
Collector	Vol req	Vol req	Vol req	Vol req	-----
Spec Min	Julie	Kerry			-----
PowerPoint	Vol req	Vol req			-----
Set up	Julie/Rosalie	Eileen	Julie/Rosalie		Eileen
Cleaner	Tam	Tam	Tam		-----
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.

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 **Joan Harder, Manuel Hernandez & Brian Coonan.**

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 \$514 Thanksgiving & Church \$1345
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.

What's happening this week in the Parish

Note: See front page of bulletin for Mass times.

Welcome - Fr. Peter

Welcome to Fr. Peter Hoang who joins our faith community as Assistant Priest.



Message from Fr Robert McCulloch

I send my thanks to you all in Woodend, Lancefield and Romsey for the warm welcome you gave me when I came recently to speak about St Elizabeth Hospital in Hyderabad. I hope that we can further, in the coming years, the links between your parish and churches with us in Hyderabad through the St Elizabeth Hospital Support Group. Special thanks for the collections at Mass, a total of \$1,905 which does not include online banking donations and the donations which some have sent through St Columban's in Essendon. We are using it well.

Fr Robert McCulloch

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

Tammie Dalgleish

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, 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

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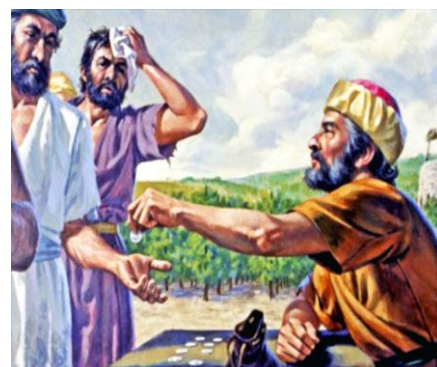
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FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Monday 21st
Wednesday 23rd
Saturday 26th

Feast of St Matthew
St Padre Pio
Saints Cosmas and Damian



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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:

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.



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