



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-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

27th 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

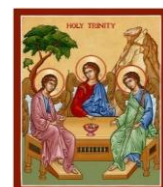
SCHOOL COMMUNITIES St Ambrose Woodend: www.sawoodend.catholic.edu.au , St Mary's Lancefield: www.smlancefield.catholic.edu.au , St Brigid's Gisborne: www.sbgisborne.catholic.edu.au , Holy Cross New Gisborne: www.hcnewgisborne.catholic.edu.au

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday 29th	11am Funeral Woodend (Hannah Van Hoof)	
	5pm Mass Gisborne	5pm Mass Woodend
Wednesday 30th	9.15am Mass Gisborne	9.30am Mass Woodend
Thursday 1st	9.15am Mass Gisborne	9.30am Mass Romsey
Friday 2nd	NO Mass Gisborne	9.30am Mass Lancefield
	10am Funeral Woodend (James Barkley – Kingsville)	
	7pm Holy Hour Woodend	
Saturday 3rd	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-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

27 September 2026

First Reading Ez 18:25-28

The sinner who decides to turn against sinfulness deserves to live.

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 24:4-9. R. v.6

(R.) *Remember your mercies, O Lord.*

1. Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour. (R.)
2. Remember your mercy, Lord,
and the love you have shown from of old.
Do not remember the sins of my youth.
In your love remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord. (R.)
3. The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor. (R.)

Second Reading Phil 2:1-11

or shorter form Phil 2:1-5

In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus.

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus:

His state was divine,
yet he did not cling

to his equality with God
but emptied himself
to assume the condition of a slave,
and became as men are;
and being as all men are,
he was humbler yet,
even to accepting death,
death on a cross.
But God raised him high
and gave him the name
which is above all other names
so that all beings
in the heavens, on earth and in the
underworld,
should bend the knee at the name of
Jesus
and that every tongue should acclaim
Jesus Christ as Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 10:27

Alleluia, alleluia!

*My sheep listen to my voice,
says the Lord;*

I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 21:28-32

He went out moved by regret. The tax collectors and prostitutes will precede you into the kingdom of God.

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go," but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir," but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Jesus tells a little story about two brothers. One said 'Yes', but never did anything. The other said 'No', but then had a change of heart and did what was required. Jesus loved the brother who came around. He was very hard on the one who said 'Yes' but did not 'walk the talk'.

That is why he loved those tax collectors who gathered the revenue for the Roman authorities, and the prostitutes who serviced the Roman occupying army, but who switched allegiance from the Empire of Caesar to the Kingdom of God. This signalled a profound change of heart.

We may have said 'No' to God at various times with various intensity in our lives. But God is wonderfully patient and prepared to hear 'No' many times in the hope of hearing 'Yes'. God's patience never runs out. But our time to say 'Yes' does run out. We only have a relatively short life span!

At the end of Mass, I will say 'Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord.' As St Francis of Assisi put it, 'Preach the Gospel, and occasionally use words.' Walk the talk.

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EVERYONE WELCOME

Ministry	26/09/26	27/09/26	03/10/26	03/10/26	04/10/26
	6:30pm	9am	10:30am	6:30pm	9am
Musician	Rosalie	Agnes	-----	Rosalie	Christine
Reader	Vol req	Vol req	Eileen		
Collector	Vol req	Vol req	-----		
Spec Min	Vol req	Vol req	-----		
PowerPoint	Vol req	Vol req	-----		
Set up	Julie/Rosalie	Eileen	Eileen		
Cleaner	Tam	Anne N	-----		
Location	LF	Rom	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.

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 **Dawn Boswell, Honor McGeady, Scott Fleming & Rita Tully.**

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 \$428 Thanksgiving & Church \$755
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

03/10/26 - ANOINTING MASS 10.30am St Mary's Romsey

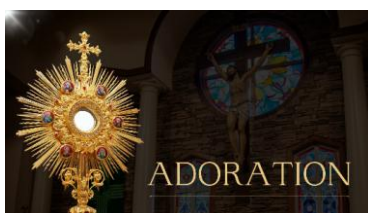
30/10/26 – Finance Committee Mtg 5:30pm St Mary's Pres

Note: See front page of bulletin for Mass times.

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Tuesday 29th
Wednesday 30th
Thursday 1st
Friday 2nd

Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels
St Jerome
St Theresa of the child Jesus
The Holy Guardian Angels



Holy Hour

Friday 2nd October 7pm St Ambrose Woodend
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament,
Evening Prayer, quite time concluding with
Benediction.

112th World Day of Migrants and Refugees 2026

Message of Pope Leo XIV: "Even Just One of These Children" (cf. Mt 18:10)

"... The Gospel invites us not to calculate: even one. Every child, every human being, possesses an infinite dignity. Each is created in the image and likeness of God (cf. Gen 1:26); each is a presence of the Lord. Before every migrant child, we are called to make an act of humanity and faith, for we are able to welcome and encounter the Lord. This call becomes even more pressing in the light of another of the Lord's affirmations in the Gospel of Matthew: "I was a stranger and you welcomed me" (Mt 25:35). ..."



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



ST PATRICK'S MACEDON UPDATE

Unfortunately, the progress on the repairs to the Church are at a bit of a standstill. Some possible ideas of how to repair the roof have been mentioned, but no indication of what the best option and the cost is. We need to pray to Saint Vincent Ferrer, the patron saint of builders and construction workers.

CROSSWORD

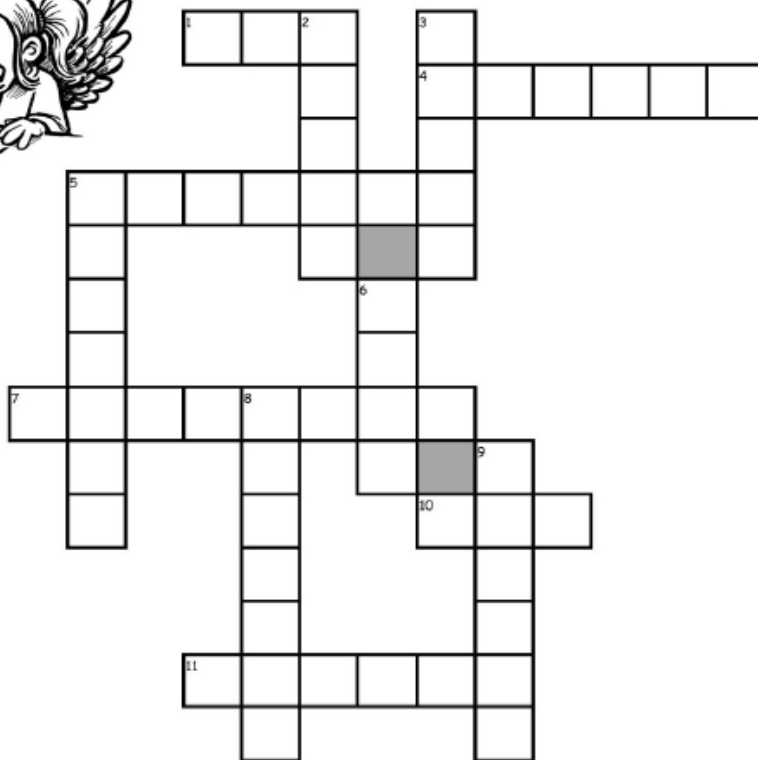


Across

- 1: the man in Jesus' story had this many sons
 4: to have done what you were told to do
 5: accept the truth
 7: a farm where grapes are grown
 10: money that must be paid to a government or kingdom
 11: the opposite of after

Down

- 2: of a greater age
 3: adult female humans
 5: John the _____ told the chief priests and leaders how to do right
 6: to perform tasks
 8: of a lesser age
 9: the _____ told his sons to work in the vineyard



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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.



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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:

**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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9 Station St