



**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-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

11th October, 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

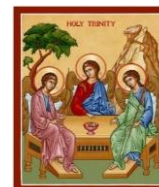
Gisborne: www.melbcatholic.org/s/gisborne

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 13th	5pm Mass Gisborne	5pm Mass Woodend
Wednesday 14th	9.15am Mass Gisborne	9.30am Mass Woodend
Thursday 15th	9.15am Mass Gisborne	9.30am Mass Romsey
Friday 16th	9.15am Mass Gisborne	9.30am Mass Lancefield
Saturday 17th	9.30am Mass Gisborne	10am Reconciliation Gisborne

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-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

11 October 2026

First Reading Is 25:6-10

The Lord will prepare a feast and will wipe away the tears from every cheek.

On this mountain,
the Lord of hosts will prepare for all people
a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine
wines,
of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines.
On this mountain he will remove
the mourning veil covering all peoples,
and the shroud enwrapping all nations,
he will destroy Death for ever,
The Lord will wipe away
the tears from every cheek;
he will take away his people's shame
everywhere on earth,
for the Lord has said so,
That day, it will be said: See, this is our God
in whom we hoped for salvation;
the Lord is the one in whom we hoped,
We exult and we rejoice
that he has saved us;
for the hand of the Lord
rests on this mountain.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 22. R. v.6

*(R.) I shall live in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life.*

1. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. *(R.)*
2. He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your
staff;
with these you give me comfort. *(R.)*
3. You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes,
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. *(R.)*
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall
follow me
all the days of my life,
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. *(R.)*

Second Reading Phil 4:12-14, 19-20

I am able to do all things in him who strengthens me.

I know how to be poor and I know how to
be rich too. I have been through my initiation
and now I am ready for anything anywhere:

full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or
plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with
the help of the One who gives me strength.
All the same, it was good of you to share
with me in my hardships. In return my God
will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as
lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our
Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

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 22:1-14

Whomsoever you find invite to the wedding.

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of
the people: 'The kingdom of heaven may be
compared to a king who gave a feast for his
son's wedding. He sent his servants to call
those who had been invited, but they would
not come. Next he sent some more servants,
"Tell those who have been invited" he said
"that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen
and fattened cattle have been slaughtered,
everything is ready. Come to the wedding."
But they were not interested: one went off
to his farm, another to his business, and
the rest seized his servants, maltreated
them and killed them. The king was furious.
He dispatched his troops, destroyed those
murderers and burnt their town. Then he
said to his servants, "The wedding is ready;
but as those who were invited proved to be
unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town
and invite everyone you can find to the
wedding." So these servants went out onto
the roads and collected together everyone
they could find, bad and good alike; and the
wedding hall was filled with guests. When
the king came in to look at the guests he
noticed one man who was not wearing a
wedding garment, and said to him, "How did
you get in here, my friend, without a wedding
garment?" And the man was silent. Then the
king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand
and foot and throw him out into the dark,
where there will be weeping and grinding
of teeth." For many are called, but few are
chosen.'



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

The servants of the king went out
and gathered in 'all whom they
found, good and evil alike'. They
respond, drawn by the attractive
prospect of sharing in the life of
the Lord of the Feast, and they are
welcomed, whether good or evil.

What about the king's (God's)
question to the wedding guest? 'My
friend, how come you are here
without a wedding garment?' The
guest might have replied: 'Because
of dire poverty', or 'Lack of time',
but the story goes on, 'But the
guest was silent'. The guest was
tongue-tied because he was caught
out having decided not to enter
into the spirit of the occasion.

That is why, at every baptism, we
look for a signal of commitment to
respond to the spirit of the
occasion, by the wearing of a white
garment. This anticipates the later
receiving of Holy Communion which
is a foretaste of the Feast of
Heaven.

We could pause for a moment at
this Mass to enter into the Spirit of
the occasion wearing the garment
of our baptismal commitment.

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EVERYONE WELCOME

Ministry	10/10/26 6:30pm	11/10/26 9am	17/10/26 6:30pm	18/10/26 9am	24/10/26 6:30pm
Musician	Rosalie	Agnes	Rosale	Agnes	Rosalie
Reader	Julie C	Rosemary	Tony	Anne	Leanne
Collector	Mario G	Tim	Denis C	Gerard	Mario G
Spec Min	Julie T	Kerry	Julie T	Joanne	Julie T
PowerPoint	Tony	Josh -----	Michael M	Margaret	Julie C
Set up	Julie/Rosalie	Eileen	Julie/Rosalie	Joanne	Julie/Rosalie
Cleaner	Tam	Anne N	Anne T	Anthea	Eva
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, especially **Marianne Mix & Angela Berryman** and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially **Br. John Cleary FSC, Dayna Russell & Mg. Bryan Long.**

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 \$483 Thanksgiving & Church \$2065
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

FIRST EUCHARIST



Congratulations to the children from Holy Cross and our Parish who this weekend celebrate their First Eucharist at St Brigid's Gisborne.

Note: See front page of bulletin for Mass times.

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

MONTH OF THE ROSARY

October 18th - To celebrate the month of the Rosary you are invited to gather at St Brigid's Gisborne at 3pm for Rosary and Benediction, followed by a cuppa. Please bring a plate to share.

NOVEMBER MONTH OF ALL SOULS

All Souls Day Mass: Monday 2nd November:
9.30am Mass Gisborne & Lancefield, 7pm Mass Woodend

Cemetery Prayers: Sunday 8th November:
2pm Gisborne, 2pm Woodend, 3.30pm Macedon, & 3.30pm Lancefield

Sunday 15th November:
2pm Riddells Creek

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Thursday 15th St Teresa of Avila
Friday 16th St Margaret Mary Alacoque
Saturday 17th St Ignatius of Antioch

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

"For many are called, but few are chosen."
Matthew
22:14

World Mission Sunday – 18th October, 2026



Freecall: 1800 257 296
catholicmission.org.au/united

For Yamikani*, getting to school means walking long distances in pain, often without enough food or strength to make the journey. For many families in vulnerable and remote areas like rural Malawi, education has become an impossible choice.

But there is hope. Led by Fr Matthew Semba, a new primary school is being built, offering children a safe place to learn, grow, and look ahead with renewed possibility.

This World Mission Month, you are invited to share in this mission, standing with families as they rebuild their lives and create a brighter future for their children.

*Name changed for privacy

BIRTHDAY BLESSING

Congratulations and special blessings to all those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries during **October**.

May your journey through life be filled with daily treasures, and may you always be open, willing and ready to share your blessings with others.

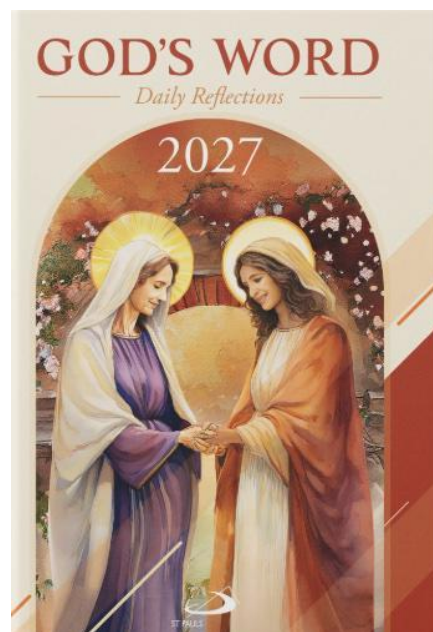
Amen.



GOD'S WORD DAILY REFLECTIONS 2027

will be available as of next weekend. The cost is \$20.

This is a wonderful resource to prayer, reflection and understanding the daily readings. A great gift for either yourself or someone you know.



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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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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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