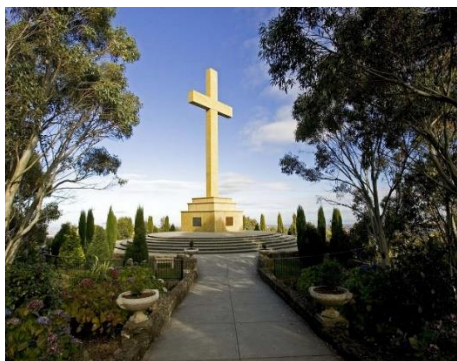




**WELCOME TO THE CATHOLIC PARISHES OF
ST AMBROSE WOODEND,
ST AMBROSE RIDDELLS CREEK,
ST BRIGID'S GISBORNE,
ST MARY'S LANCEFIELD/ROMSEY &
ST PATRICK'S MACEDON**

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR A

1st March, 2026

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday – 5pm Woodend, 6pm Gisborne, 6.30pm Lancefield

Sunday - 8am Riddells Creek, 9am Romsey, 9.30am Macedon, 11am Woodend and Gisborne

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 LITURGY SCHEDULE

2nd March – 7th March

Tuesday 3rd: 6pm Woodend.

Wednesday 4th: 10:15am Beginning school Mass Lancefield.

Thursday 5th: 9.15am Gisborne.

Thursday 5th: 9:30am Romsey

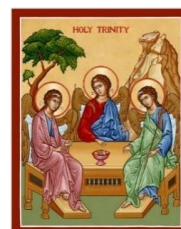
Friday 6: 8:30am Boarders Mass Kilmore

Friday 6th: 10:30am World Day of Prayer – Romsey

Friday 6th: 7pm Stations of the Cross – Lancefield

Saturday 7th: 10:30am Anointing Mass – Romsey

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

Second Sunday of Lent, Year A

1 March 2026

First Reading Gn 12:1-4

The call of Abraham, the father of God's people.

The Lord said to Abram, 'Leave your country, your family and your father's house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing.

'I will bless those who bless you:
I will curse those who slight you.
All the tribes of the earth
shall bless themselves by you.'

So Abram went as the Lord told him.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 32:4-5. 18-20. 22. R. v.22

*(R.) Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.*

1. The word of the Lord is faithful
and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right
and fills the earth with his love. (R.)
2. The Lord looks on those who
revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine. (R.)
3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
The Lord is our help and our shield.
May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you. (R.)

Second Reading 2 Tm 1:8-10

God has saved us, and called us to be holy.

With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy – not because of anything we ourselves have done but for his own purpose and by his own grace. This grace had already been granted to us, in Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time, but it has only been revealed by the Appearing of our saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 17:5

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:

this is my beloved Son, hear him.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel Mt 17:1-9

His face shone like the sun.

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order. 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

We have to get rid of the idea that the soul is a dot of energy in some hidden core of our body. In fact, the body is in the soul. There is no part of my body which is not immersed in my soul. It is my whole person, bodysoul, which needs to be saved. As Thomas Aquinas says: 'If only my soul is saved, I am not saved.'

Today's Gospel does not portray an out-of-body experience of religious ecstasy. Jesus' body was translucent, totally radiant with Divine Light. Further, this transfiguration was not a solitary experience for Jesus. Peter, James and John witnessed it precisely because it told them what our Heavenly Father desired as their destiny beyond martyrdom, if only they would listen to Jesus.

Heavenly salvation will involve my whole person, bodysoul, being transformed. But could a person, during their earthly existence, share in the transfiguration experience of Christ?

We could pause for a moment to 'Google' or otherwise get hold of my favourite story of a saint – St Seraphim of Sarov – and pray that we may share with his disciple the bodily experience of 'immeasurable wellbeing' – 'infinite joy in our hearts'.

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EVERYONE WELCOME

Ministry	28/02/26 6:30pm	01/03/26 9am	07/03/26 10:30am	07/03/26 6:30pm	08/03/26 9am
Priest	Fr. John	Fr. John	Fr. John		
Musician	Rosalie	Christine	-----	Rosalie	Agnes
Reader	Leanne	Joanne	Eileen	Joan	Betty
Collector	Vol req	Gerard	-----	Vol req	Rob
Spec Min	Julie	Betty	-----	Julie	Kerry
PowerPoint	Julie C	Vol req	-----	Tony	Vol req
Set up	Rosalie/Julie	Betty	Eileen	Rosalie/Julie	Kerry
Cleaner	-----	Anne/Chris	-----	Tam	Loretta
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 & Brendan C.

MYSTERY OF FAITH

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,
we proclaim your Death, O Lord,
until you come again.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL – RESPONSE: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

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 – the frail, 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 Francesco Cafari.

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 \$521 Thanksgiving & Church \$1795
1st collection: Presbytery & Priest 2nd collection: Thanksgiving (envelope)

SACRAMENTS 2026 – registrations open for Eucharist & Confirmation.

contact the Secretary at lancefield@cam.org.au to register your interest.

THANK YOU Fr. MARTIN

As this is Fr Martin's last weekend of supply, we wish to thank him for his support to the faith life our communities over the last few months. Thank you for celebrating Sunday Eucharist with us. Your welcoming presence has been felt by all who gathered for Sunday Eucharist. May you continue to be blessed as you respond to the needs of other parish communities for the celebration of the Eucharist. At the end of the 11am mass at St Brigid's Fr Martin will be presented with a gift, thanking him for his support across our three parish communities.

WELCOME Fr. ZAHER

We welcome Fr Zaher who will begin his ministry amongst us on Tuesday 3rd March.

We look forward to welcoming him over the next two weeks as he celebrates Mass across our six Mass Centres. Fr Zaher will live at Lancefield.

SUNDAY MORNING MASS LANCEFIELD/ROMSEY

As we now have a permanent Saturday night Mass in Lancefield, I have decided that the Sunday morning Mass will be permanently at Romsey. The reason for this is when there was only one Mass in the Parish we needed to alternate between the churches, now with two Masses there is no need to alternate.

BIRTHDAY BLESSING

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



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 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

Any parishioner wishing to join the Thanksgiving program is invited to contact Tammie at the parish office to arrange some Thanksgiving envelopes. Thanksgiving 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 Tammie directly at the parish 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

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Will be celebrated on a rotation through our Mass Centres at 7pm each Friday evening.

March 6th Lancefield, March 13th Woodend, March 20th Gisborne, March 27th Romsey.



POPE LEO XIV LENTEN PRAYER

Prayer for a Gentle Heart this Lent

Lord of mercy and truth, in this holy season of Lent, teach me heart to listen before I speak, to seek understanding before I judge. Help me fast not only from food, but from words that would, from thoughts that divide, and from the pride that blinds me to my neighbour's worth. Fill my silence with Your presence, my speech with kindness, and my actions with peace. May my Lenten journey draw me closer to You, and may my gentleness be a witness to Your boundless love in the world. Amen.

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK ACROSS OUR PARISHES

Tue 03/03/26 Fr Zaher arrives, 7.30pm RCIA **LF**
Wed 04/03/26 10.15am School Mass St Mary's **LF**
Thu 05/03/26 9.30am Mass **Rom**, 10.30am RCIA planning meeting **LF**,
 7pm Month's Mind Mass for John Doria **LF**
Fri 06/03/26 8.30am Borders Mass ACK, , 10.30am World Day of Prayer
Rom, 4.30pm Wedding **LF**, 7pm Stations of the Cross **LF**,
Sat 07/03/26 10.30am Anointing Mass **Rom**

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2026 - FRIDAY MARCH 6th

Theme: *I Will Give You Rest: Come* Matthew 11:28-30

Prepared by WDP Nigeria

This program invites us to recognise that God created each one of us with great attention and loving care. God knows us intimately, and we are special to God in our uniqueness. When we open the doors of our hearts to this truth, everything in our life changes. We glow from within, and we begin treating others as beloved children of God. Through this program, we hope people will be spiritually uplifted as they come to trust the great love of God.

World Day of Prayer will be celebrated at

St Mary's Romsey at 10.30am and

St Paul's Gisborne at 10am.

All are invited to join our local churches in prayer.

SAVE THE DATE

Celebrating the Feast of St Patrick.

Mass will be celebrated at St Patrick's Macedon on Tuesday 17th March at 6pm, followed by a meal at the Macedon Hotel. Please put your name on the clipboard in our church foyers for booking purposes. All are welcome to come and celebrate the patron of our Archdiocese.



PARISH CENSUS

Census cards are now available in church foyers.

Could all parishioners please complete, not just if you are new to the parish.

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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**

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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.

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