

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

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

16th November,



ST AMBROSE 18 Templeton Street
Woodend



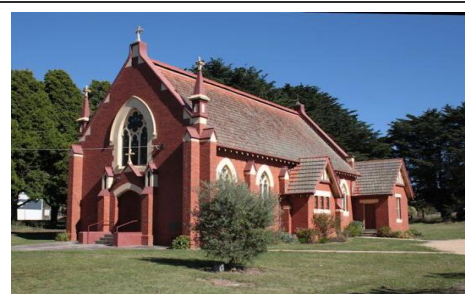
ST AMBROSE 10 Sutherland Street
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ST BRIGID'S 66 Aitken Street
Gisborne



ST MARY'S (Our Lady of Lourdes)
27 Chauncey St Lancefield



ST MARY'S (Immaculate Conception)
85 Main St Romsey



ST PATRICK'S Victoria Street
Macedon

Weekend Mass Times

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

Sunday - 8am Riddells Creek, 9am 1st & 3rd Romsey, 2nd, 4th & 5th Lancefield, 9.30am Macedon, 11am Woodend & Gisborne

Weekday Mass Times

Tuesday - 5pm Gisborne, 6pm Woodend followed by the Rosary

Wednesday - 9.15am Gisborne, 9.30am Woodend; **Thursday** - 9.15am Gisborne, 9.30am Romsey

Friday - 9.15am Gisborne, 9.30am Lancefield, **Healing Mass Romsey**: 1st Saturday of the month 10.30am

Reconciliation

Woodend: 2nd Saturday of the month 10am-10.30am, Gisborne 3rd Saturday of the month 10am- 10.30,

Lancefield: 4th Saturday of the month 10am-10.30am

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The Living Word

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

16 November 2025

First Reading Mal 3:19-20

The sun of righteousness will shine on you.

The day is coming now, burning like a furnace; and all the arrogant and the evil-doers will be like stubble. The day that is coming is going to burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, leaving them neither root nor stalk. But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness will shine out with healing in its rays.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 97:5-9. R. see v.9

(R.) *The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.*

1. Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp with the sound of music.
With trumpets and the sound of the horn
acclaim the King, the Lord. (R.)
2. Let the sea and all within it, thunder; the world, and all its peoples.
Let the rivers clap their hands and the hills ring out their joy at the presence of the Lord. (R.)
3. For the Lord comes,
he comes to rule the earth.
He will rule the world with justice and the peoples with fairness. (R.)

Second Reading 2 Thes 3:7-12

Do not give anyone food who refuses to work.

You know how you are supposed to imitate us: now we were not idle when we were with you, nor did we ever have our meals at anyone's table without paying for them; no, we worked night and day, slaving and straining, so as not to be a burden on any of you. This was not because we had no right to be, but in order to make ourselves an example for you to follow.

We gave you a rule when we were with you: not to let anyone have any food if he refused to do any work. Now we hear that there are some of you who are living in idleness, doing no work themselves but interfering with everyone else's. In the Lord Jesus Christ, we order and call on people of this kind to go on quietly working and earning the food that they eat.

Gospel Acclamation Lk 21:38

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Lift up your heads and see;
your redemption is near at hand.
Alleluia!*

Gospel Lk 21:5-19

Your endurance will win you your life.

When some were talking about the Temple, remarking how it was adorned with fine stonework and votive offerings, Jesus said, 'All these things you are staring at now – the time will come when not a single stone will be left on another: everything will be destroyed.' And they put to him this question: 'Master,' they said, 'when will this happen, then, and what sign will there be that this is about to take place?'

'Take care not to be deceived,' he said, 'because many will come using my name and saying, "I am he" and, "The time is near at hand." Refuse to join them. And when you hear of wars and revolutions, do not be frightened, for this is something that must happen but the end is not soon.' Then he said to them, 'Nation will fight against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes and plagues and famines here and there; there will be fearful sights and great signs from heaven.

'But before all this happens, men will seize you and persecute you; they will hand you over to the synagogues and to imprisonment, and bring you before kings and governors because of my name – and that will be your opportunity to bear witness. Keep this carefully in mind: you are not to prepare your defence, because I myself shall give you an eloquence and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to resist or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, relations and friends; and some of you will be put to death. You will be hated by all men on account of my name, but not a hair of your head will be lost. Your endurance will win you your lives.'



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Our prayer can tell us a lot about the image of God we really have – holding a parking spot for us, or stopping rain on the second day of the Australian Open. But, if you were in Syria, your prayerful image of God would be as a Liberator from warfare, of a Saviour from Crimes against Humanity, of a Strengthened in time of torture and impending death.

In today's Gospel, Jesus promises his persecuted followers of every age, 'Your endurance will win your lives'. As Malachi prophesied: 'the sun of righteousness will shine out with healing in its rays'.

It is our faith that, out of the darkness of the tomb, the Son of righteousness did rise with healing in His rays, bathing the world with that light which makes the world habitable for human beings.

We could take a moment to pray for contemporary persecuted Christians that their faithful endurance will win their lives.

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EVERYONE WELCOME

Ministry	15/11/25 6:30pm	16/11/25 9am	22/11/25 6:30pm	23/11/25 9am	29/11/25 6:30pm
Priest	Fr. Wahid	Fr. Wahid	Fr. John	Fr. John	Fr. Wahid
Musician	Rosalie	Christine	Rosalie	Agnes	Rosalie
Reader	Joanne	John	Tony	Rosemary	Leanne
Collector	Vol req	Gerard	Vol req	Ged	Vol req
Spec Min	Julie	Kerry	Julie	Marie	Julie
Set up	Rosalie/Julie	Marie	Rosalie/Julie	Eileen	Rosalie/Julie
Cleaner	-----	Loretta	-----	Monique	-----
Location	LF	Rom	LF	LF	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 Cheney & Brendan Coburn.

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.*

R: 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, especially and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially **Alfred Harder, Caden Salazar, Nick Johnston & Chris Johnston.**
We pray to the Lord

Lord, hear our prayer.

ALL HAIL MARY

CELEBRANT LET US BRING OUR PRAYERS TOGETHER BY SAYING THE JUBILEE PRAYER.

ALL JUBILEE PRAYER

Father in heaven, may the **faith** you have given us in your son,
Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of **charity** enkindled in our hearts
by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed **hope** for the coming of your Kingdom.
May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.
May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.
May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, **Pilgrims of Hope**,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.
May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth.
To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. **Amen.**

Collections last week Presbytery \$407 Thanksgiving \$665
1st collection: Presbytery & Priest 2nd collection: Thanksgiving (envelope)

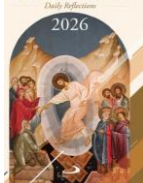
Next week's readings: 2 Samuel 5:1-3; Colossians 1:12-20; Luke 23:35-43

November the month of All Souls – Cemetery Prayers

To celebrate the month of November as a time we remember our family and friends who have gone before us, we will celebrate a prayer service in each of our cemeteries. We will gather together for a prayer service and then invite those in attendance to visit the graves of their family and friends.

Sunday 16th November: 2.30pm Gisborne & Riddells Creek -
and 3.45pm Macedon. **All are invited.**

GOD'S WORD



God's Word 2026: Daily Reflections

This wonderful resource for daily prayer and reflection is now available at the cost of \$20.
Please email lancefield@cam.org.au
or call 5429 2130 to secure your copy.

Reconciliation – Gisborne –
Fr. Wahid
10:00am – Sat. 15th Nov

Reconciliation – Gisborne –
Fr. Wahid
10:00am – Sat 22nd Nov

All Welcome

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 at Mass
Reader of the Word
Church Cleaning & Gardening

Fr. John on Retreat

Monday 17th Nov to Friday
21st Nov, 2025

Upcoming Weekday Mass Schedule

Thu 20 Nov - 9.30am - Rom - WR
Fri 21 Nov - 9.30am - LF – WR

Feast Days this Week

Monday 17th November: St Elizabeth of Hungary

Born in Bratislava (Slovakia) in 1207. Elizabeth cared for the poor and founded orphanages and hospital after the death of her husband Ludwig. She did this as a Franciscan tertiary despite the hostility of her family for such actions. Remembered for her good-humoured resilience in adversity and for her humility in menial service of the needy.

Saturday 22nd November: St Cecilia

Although Saint Cecilia is one of the most famous of the Roman martyrs, the familiar stories about her are apparently not founded on authentic material. A fragmentary inscription of the late fourth century refers to a church named after her, and her feast was celebrated at least in 545. Like any good Christian, Saint Cecilia sang in her heart, and sometimes with her voice. She has become a symbol of the Church's conviction that good music is an integral part of the liturgy, of greater value to the Church than any other art. St Cecilia is the patron of Musicians.



Friday 21st November Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary



This memorial originally marked the dedication of a 6th century church of the Virgin Mary near the Temple in Jerusalem. This feast celebrates Mary in her grace-filled life, wholly given over to the Holy Spirit from the time of her conception.

The Archbishop's Campaign 2025

We are delighted to share the wonderful success of the Archbishop's Campaign and extend our heartfelt thanks for your generosity and support. Together, parishes across the Archdiocese have raised over \$1.1 million, including \$800 contributed by St Mary's Parish, Lancefield & Romsey. These funds will strengthen key mission areas across our Archdiocese. Thank you for your commitment to this important mission and for expressing your faith through your generous response.



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ST. MARY'S PARISH – 2025 CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Tickets now on sale.

**RAFFLE WILL BE DRAWN AT MASS ON
7/12/25**

1ST PRIZE - \$300 CASH

2ND PRIZE – CHRISTMAS HAMPER

3RD PRIZE – CHRISTMAS HAMPER

Tickets available at each Mass or contact Agnes Kennedy, Julie Tully or Betty Peacock for extra books.

Thank you to all parishioners and the school community for your continued support.

Please return sold books last week in November.

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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.

The
Gisborne
Singers

SONGS OF CONNECTION

Musical Director
CHRISTOPHER ROACHE

Accompanist
ANNA CLARKE-ZUIDLAND

**CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION,
MACEDON**

Sunday 23rd November 2:30pm

gisbornesingers.org.au



Advent Scripture Reflection Evening

*7pm Thursday
27th November
Our Lady of the
Rosary Church
Kyneton*

*Led By
Sr Liz Dowling,
Sister Of Mercy, Ballarat*

