

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

First Sunday of Advent, Year A

30th November, 2025



ST AMBROSE 18 Templeton Street
Woodend



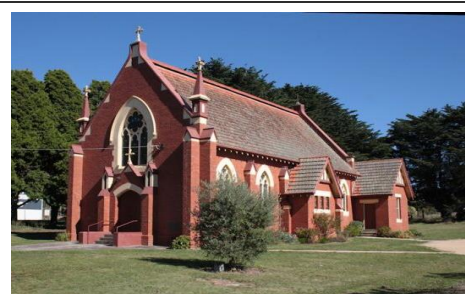
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ST BRIGID'S 66 Aitken Street
Gisborne



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, **Anointing 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

First Sunday of Advent, Year A

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First Reading Is 2:1-5

The Lord will gather all nations in eternal peace in the kingdom of God.

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz,
concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In the days to come
the mountain of the Temple of the Lord
shall tower above the mountains
and be lifted higher than the hills.
All the nations will stream to it,
peoples without number will come to it;
and they will say:

‘Come, let us go up to the mountain of
the Lord,
to the Temple of the God of Jacob
that he may teach us his ways
so that we may walk in his paths;
since the Law will go out from Zion,
and the oracle of the Lord from
Jerusalem.’

He will wield authority over the nations
and adjudicate between many peoples;
these will hammer their swords into
ploughshares,
their spears into sickles.
Nation will not lift sword against nation,
there will be no more training for war.
O House of Jacob, come,
let us walk in the light of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 121:1-2, 4-5, 6-9. R. see v.1.

*(R.) Let us go rejoicing to the house
of the Lord.*

1. I rejoiced when I heard them say:
‘Let us go to God’s house.’
And now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem. *(R.)*
2. It is there that the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord.
For Israel’s law it is,
there to praise the Lord’s name.
There were set the thrones of
judgement
of the house of David. *(R.)*
3. For the peace of Jerusalem pray:
‘Peace be to your homes!
May peace reign in your walls,
in your palaces, peace!’ *(R.)*
4. For love of my brethren and friends
I say: ‘Peace upon you!’
For love of the house of the Lord
I will ask for your good. *(R.)*

Second Reading Rom 13:11-14

The time has come, our salvation is near.

You know ‘the time’ has come: you must
wake up now: our salvation is even nearer
than it was when we were converted. The
night is almost over, it will be daylight soon
– let us give up all the things we prefer
to do under the cover of the dark; let us
arm ourselves and appear in the light.
Let us live decently as people do in the
daytime: no drunken orgies, no promiscuity
or licentiousness, and no wrangling or
jealousy. Let your armour be the Lord Jesus
Christ.

Gospel Acclamation Ps 84:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.*

Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 24:37-44

Stay awake, you must be ready.

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘As it was in
Noah’s day, so will it be when the Son of
Man comes. For in those days before the
Flood people were eating, drinking, taking
wives, taking husbands, right up to the day
Noah went into the ark, and they suspected
nothing till the Flood came and swept all
away. It will be like this when the Son of
Man comes. Then of two men in the fields
one is taken, one left; of two women at the
millstone grinding, one is taken, one left.

‘So stay awake, because you do not know
the day when your master is coming.
You may be quite sure of this that if the
householder had known at what time of
the night the burglar would come, he would
have stayed awake and would not have
allowed anyone to break through the wall
of his house. Therefore, you too must stand
ready because the Son of Man is coming at
an hour you do not expect.’



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Our Lord loved to unfurl the scroll
of the Prophet Isaiah in his local
synagogue. The poetic image of
swords being hammered into
ploughshares reverberated into his
renouncing violence against the
Roman occupying army in his own
time. When will this picture come
true for all human beings for all
time?

Only God knows! We don’t know
any more than we know when a
burglar might target our home. But
our ignorance of God’s timetable is
no excuse for being fatalistic and
sleepy. We have our own span of
life providing the timetable for our
own contribution to the hammering
of swords into ploughshares.

Recent Popes, especially St John
Paul II, have taken up this theme
for our times, teaching more
restrictive criteria for using armed
force, even dropping the term ‘just
war’ to very small print in the
Catechism.

We could pause for a moment to
pray to be awake to our
opportunities to shape society in
the light of the vision of Isaiah and
the practice of Jesus the Prince of
Peace.

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EVERYONE WELCOME

Ministry	29/11/25 6:30pm	30/11/25 9am	06/12/25 10:30am	06/12/25 6:30pm	07/12/25 9am
Priest	Fr. Wahid	Fr. John	Fr. John		
Musician	Rosalie	Agnes	-----	Rosalie	Christine
Reader	Leanne	Anne B	John	Michael	Kalma
Collector	<i>Vol req</i>	Joe	-----	<i>Vol req</i>	Tim
Spec Min	Julie	Joanne	Betty	Julie	Betty
Set up	Rosalie/Julie	Joanne	Eileen	Rosalie/Julie	Marie
Cleaner	-----	Rosalie	-----	-----	Leanne
Location	LF	LF	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.

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 **Laurel Connors, James & Agnes Barry, Jack & Nell Grealy, Maurice Barry, Bernard Murphy, Aileen Fleming, Elaine Sharples & Tom Hoban**, may they now rejoice in the presence of God's unconditional love.
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 \$521 Thanksgiving \$825
1st collection: Presbytery & Priest 2nd collection: Thanksgiving (envelope)

Next week's readings: Isaiah 11:1-10, Romans 15:4-9, Matthew 3:1-12.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES 2025

Advent Reconciliation

Wednesday 10th December – 7:00 p.m. Romsey Church

Wednesday 17th December – 7:30 p.m. Woodend Church

Christmas Outdoor Family Mass

Wednesday 24th December – 5:00p.m. Lancefield Church Grounds

Christmas Indoor Family Mass

Wednesday 24th December – 7:00p.m. Woodend Church

Christmas Vigil Mass

Wednesday 24th December – 9:00p.m. Woodend Church - Carols

Wednesday 24th December – 10:00p.m. Woodend Church - Mass

Christmas Day Mass

Thursday 25th December – 8:30a.m. Romsey Church

Thursday 25th December – 10:00am Woodend Church

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.

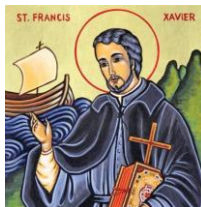
Volunteering Ministries

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





Feast Day this Week - 3rd December: St Francis Xavier

Born in 1506 in Spain and died on this day in 1552. Met St. Ignatius of Loyola and became one of the first Jesuits and went to Goa in India as a missionary. He travelled extensively through southeast Asia to Japan, winning many converts to the faith and leaving behind organized Christian communities. Remembered for the witness of his poverty and his tireless efforts as a Missionary.

ADVENT A TIME OF PRAYER & REFLECTION

During the season of Advent, we are invited to be families and men and women of prayer as we await once again the coming of our saviour born in a stable in Bethlehem.

Below are two prayers that may help your Advent journey.

Advent Family Prayer

God of Love, Your son, Jesus, is your greatest gift to us.

He is a sign of your love. Help us walk in that love during the weeks of Advent, as we wait and prepare for his coming.

We pray in the name of Jesus, our Saviour.

Author Unknown

An Advent Prayer

Lord God, we adore you because you have come to us in the past. You have spoken to us in the Law of Israel. You have challenged us in the words of the prophets. You have shown us in Jesus what you are really like.

Lord God, we adore you because you still come to us now. You come to us through other people and their love and concern for us. You come to us through men and women who need our help. You come to us as we worship you with your people.

Lord God, we adore you because you will come to us at the end. You will be with us at the hour of death. You will still reign supreme when all human institutions fail. You will still be God when our history has run its course.

We welcome you, the God who comes. Come to us now in the power of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Caryl Micklem, "Contemporary Prayers for Public Worship"



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Upcoming Weekday Mass Schedule

Thu 4 Dec – NO MASS

Fri 5 Dec - 9.30am - LF – JH

Anointing Mass – St. Mary's Romsey Church

All are invited to the Anointing
Mass at Romsey on
Saturday 6th December at 10.30am.



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.

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:

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