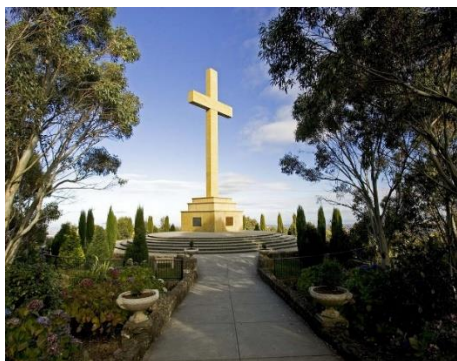




**WELCOME TO THE CATHOLIC PARISHES OF
ST AMBROSE WOODEND,
ST AMBROSE RIDDELLS CREEK,
ST BRIGID'S GISBORNE,
ST MARY'S LANCEFIELD/ROMSEY &
ST PATRICK'S MACEDON**

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

25th January, 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

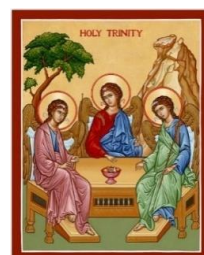
SCHOOL COMMUNITIES St Ambrose Woodend: www.sawoodend.catholic.edu.au , St Mary's Lancefield: www.smlancefield.catholic.edu.au , St Brigid's Gisborne: www.sbgisborne.catholic.edu.au , Holy Cross New Gisborne: www.hcnewgisborne.catholic.edu.au

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE 26th January – 31st January

MONDAY: Woodend 9.30am, **Tuesday:** NO MASS, **Wednesday:** 9.15am Gisborne, **Thursday:** 9.30am Romsey, **Friday:** 9.15am Gisborne.

Reconciliation: Saturday 10am -10.30am Lancefield.

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

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

25 January 2026

First Reading Is 8:23-9:3

In the Galilean country, the people have seen a great light.

In days past the Lord humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in days to come he will confer glory on the Way of the Sea on the far side of Jordan, province of the nations.

The people that walked in darkness
has seen a great light;
on those who live in a land of deep shadow
a light has shone.

You have made their gladness greater,
you have made their joy increase,
they rejoice in your presence
as men rejoice at harvest time,
as men are happy when they are dividing
the spoils.

For the yoke that was weighing on him,
the bar across his shoulders,
the rod of his oppressor,
these you break as on the day of
Midian.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 26:1. 4. 13-14. R. v.1

(R.) The Lord is my light and my salvation.

1. The Lord is my light and my help;
whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
Before whom shall I shrink? (R.)
2. There is one thing I ask of the Lord,
for this I long,
to live in the house of the Lord,
all the days of my life,
to savour the sweetness of the Lord,
to behold his temple. (R.)
3. I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness
in the land of the living.
Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.
Hope in the Lord! (R.)

Second Reading 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17

I appeal to you, my brothers and sisters, make up the differences between you.

I appeal to you, brothers, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, to make up the differences between you, and instead of disagreeing among yourselves, to be united again in your belief and practice. From

what Chloe's people have been telling me, my dear brothers, it is clear that there are serious differences among you. What I mean are all these slogans that you have, like: 'I am for Paul', 'I am for Apollos', 'I am for Cephas', 'I am for Christ'. Has Christ been parcelled out? Was it Paul that was crucified for you? Were you baptised in the name of Paul?

For Christ did not send me to baptise, but to preach the Good News, and not to preach that in the terms of philosophy in which the crucifixion of Christ cannot be expressed.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 4:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Jesus preached the Good News
of the kingdom*

and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!

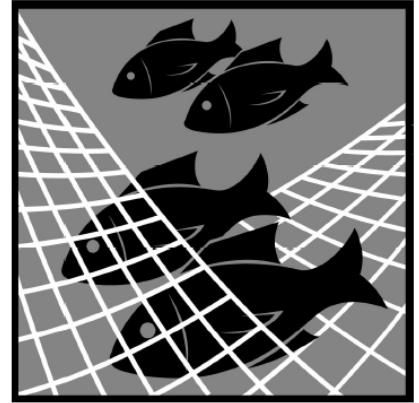
Gospel Mt 4:12-17 (or longer form Mt 4:12-23)

He went to Capernaum, that the prophecy of Isaiah be fulfilled.

Hearing that John had been arrested Jesus went back to Galilee, and leaving Nazareth he went and settled in Capernaum, a lakeside town on the borders of Zebulun and Naphtali. In this way the prophecy of Isaiah was to be fulfilled:

Land of Zebulun! Land of Naphtali!
Way of the sea on the far side of Jordan,
Galilee of the nations!
The people that lived in darkness
has seen a great light;
on those who dwell in the land and
shadow of death
a light has dawned.

From that moment Jesus began his preaching with the message, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Two sets of two brothers were running successful family businesses. But once Jesus passed by and called them, the Gospel says, at once they left their boats and followed him. I think because, hearing his voice, they realised that Jesus was the true vocalist of God.

Irish author and mystic, John O'Donohue, once wrote, 'Something in us senses and knows how perfectly the contours of the soul fit the divine embrace.' *

Maybe Simon Peter, Andrew, James and John sensed that, in this Jesus, there was a Soul whose contours perfectly fitted the divine embrace. They were prepared to risk everything for the chance to have their souls contoured along the same lines.

The call: 'Follow me ...', was not to an isolated individual promising to save his soul, but to two brothers and then another two brothers. Immediately, a community was being formed and its task was to bring others into that Jesus-following community.

We could pause for a moment to hear the brothers beckoning us to follow the call of that voice sounded by Our Lord Jesus Christ.

*John O'Donohue, *Divine Beauty: The Invisible Embrace*, Bantam Press, 246.

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EVERYONE WELCOME

Ministry	24/01/26 6:30pm	25/01/26 9am	31/01/26 6:30pm	01/02/26 9am	07/02/26 10:30am
Priest	Fr. John	Fr. Joe Lee	Fr. John	Fr. John	Fr. John
Musician	Rosalie	Agnes	Rosalie	Christine	-----
Reader	Tony	Judith	Leanne		Eileen
Collector	<i>Vol req</i>	<i>Vol req</i>	<i>Vol req</i>		-----
Spec Min	Julie	Joanne	Julie		-----
Set up	Rosalie/Julie	Eileen	Rosalie/Julie		Eileen
Cleaner	-----	Kerry	-----	Anne N	-----
Location	LF	Rom	LF	Rom	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, especially and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially **Sue O'Brien, Madge Scanlon, Rose Theisz, Laurence Harrigan, Ann Connors, John Baynes, Val Carr & Marie Johnson.** May they be welcomed by God to their heavenly home.

All HAIL MARY

CELEBRANT LET US BRING OUR PRAYERS TOGETHER BY SAYING OUR PARISH PRAYER

All ST. MARY'S PARISH PRAYER

Loving Mother Mary, we pray that we may be a people who say "Yes" to life...
A people of faith, hope and love.

Strengthen our commitment to Christ your Son. May we respect the dignity of each person and bring His love to all we meet.

May our Parish be a welcoming, supportive community, where all can feel at home.

Help us to follow your wonderful example of faithful love and service
by generously weaving our own gifts into the tapestry of our Parish life. Amen.

Collections last week

Priest & Presbytery \$
1st collection: Presbytery & Priest

Thanksgiving & Church \$
2nd collection: Thanksgiving (envelope)

AUSTRALIA DAY MASS

To celebrate Australia Day, Mass will be celebrated at 9.30am at St Ambrose in Woodend. All are invited.

Australia Day Prayer

We bless you, God of the universe, for this land, for its contrasts of landscape and climate, for its abundance of wealth and opportunity.

We bless you for our history, with all its struggles in adversity, its courage and hope.

Give us in our diversity tolerance and respect for each other
and a passionate commitment to justice for all.

Bless us so that we might be a blessing to others.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



BAPTISM PRAYER

We ask our God, the giver of life, to bless you,

Caleb James

who will be baptised today.

We the Church of St. Mary's Lancefield/Romsey welcome and support you.

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

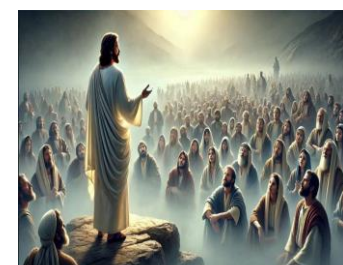
A current Working with
Children Check is required to
volunteer within the parish.

Help is always welcome!

Power Point operator

Reader of the Word

Church Cleaning & Gardening





STEWARDSHIP

The main means of supporting our parish financially is through the Stewardship Program, the second collection. This support is given in two ways; either envelopes or an electronic contribution. It has been sometime since we have visited this means of financial support to the upkeep of our buildings, paying parish staff and day to day costs of running a parish.

This year we will have a Stewardship Program conducted across our three Parishes at the same time. **This program has two components.**

Firstly, Parish Census. On the weekend of 7th/8th and 14th/15th February a census will be conducted. This will happen during Mass, where you will be asked to complete a census card. This is crucial to our Stewardship Program as it allows us to update our parish data capturing any changes to contact details, as well as giving new members to our parish an opportunity to register.

Secondly, Stewardship Program. This will be conducted over four weekends in May. Further information on these four weeks will be given prior to the program beginning. As part of this program a full financial overview of each Parish will be given to its particular community. This program will also focus encourage the electronic way of supporting the parish financially. This program is offered by the Archdiocese at no cost to us. Daniel Wise from the Archdiocese will be supporting us in all aspects of the program.

BEGINNING OF THE SCHOOL YEAR

We welcome back our Primary & Secondary School communities as they begin their academic year this week. This week marks the beginning of new tradition for our four Primary Schools. On Tuesday 27th January the school staffs from St Ambrose, St Mary's, Holy Cross and St Brigid's will gather together for Mass at St Mary's Lancefield at 8.45am to ask God's blessing on the year ahead. Each year this Mass will rotate across our three main Churches of St Mary's, St Brigid's and St Ambrose.

Feast Days this Week

Tuesday: Saints Timothy and Titus

Wednesday: Saint Thomas Aquinas **Saturday:** Saint John Bosco

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SUNDAY – 25/01/26

We welcome **Fr. Joe Lee**
who will celebrate Mass with us.

HOLY HOUR – 06/02/26

To be celebrated at Woodend
7pm – 8pm. Beginning with
exposition of the Blessed Sacrament,
Evening Prayer, Quiet time, concluding
with Benediction. **All are invited.**

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.