



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-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

18th 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

PARISH STAFF

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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

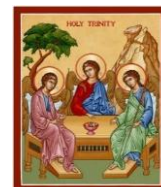
Gisborne: www.melbcatholic.org/s/gisborne

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 20th	10am BUPA Woodend	5pm Mass Gisborne	NO Mass Woodend
Wednesday 21st	9.15am Mass Gisborne	9.30am Mass Woodend	
Thursday 22nd	9.15am Mass Gisborne	10.30am Mass Romsey Aged Care	
Friday 23rd	9.15am Mass Gisborne	9.30am Mass Lancefield	
Saturday 24th	9.30am Mass Lancefield	10am Reconciliation 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

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

18 October 2026

First Reading Is 45:1-4-6

I have taken the hand of Cyrus to subdue nations before his countenance.

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus,
whom he has taken by his right hand
to subdue nations before him
and strip the loins of kings,
to force gateways before him
that their gates be closed no more:

It is for the sake of my servant Jacob,
of Israel my chosen one,
that I have called you by your name,
conferring a title though you do not
know me.

I am the Lord, unrivalled;
there is no other God besides me.
Though you do not know me, I arm you
that men may know from the rising to
the setting of the sun
that, apart from me, all is nothing.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 95:1, 3-5, 7-10. R. v.7

(R.) Give the Lord glory and honour.

- 1 O sing a new song to the Lord,
sing to the Lord all the earth.
Tell among the nations his glory
and his wonders among all the
peoples. *(R.)*
- 2 The Lord is great and worthy of praise,
to be feared above all gods;
the gods of the heathens are naught.
It was the Lord who made the heavens.
(R.)
- 3 Give the Lord, you families of peoples,
give the Lord glory and power,
give the Lord the glory of his name.
Bring an offering and enter his courts.
(R.)
- 4 Worship the Lord in his temple.
O earth, tremble before him.
Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.'
He will judge the peoples in fairness.
(R.)

Second Reading 1 Thes 1:1-5

We are mindful of your faith, hope, and love.

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the
Church in Thessalonika which is in God the
Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; wishing

you grace and peace from God the Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ.

We always mention you in our prayers
and thank God for you all, and constantly
remember before God our Father how you
have shown your faith in action, worked for
love and persevered through hope, in our
Lord Jesus Christ.

We know, brothers, that God loves you and
that you have been chosen, because when
we brought the Good News to you, it came
to you not only as words, but as power and
as the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction.

Gospel Acclamation Phil 2:15, 16

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Shine on the world like bright stars;
you are offering it the word of life.*

Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 22:15-21

*Give to Caesar the things that belong to Caesar and to God
the things that are God's.*

The Pharisees went away to work out
between them how to trap Jesus in what
he said. And they sent their disciples to
him, together with the Herodians, to say,
'Master, we know that you are an honest
man and teach the way of God in an honest
way, and that you are not afraid of anyone,
because a man's rank means nothing
to you. Tell us your opinion, then. Is it
permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?'
But Jesus was aware of their malice and
replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this
trap for me? Let me see the money you pay
the tax with.' They handed him a denarius,
and he said, 'Whose head is this? Whose
name?' 'Caesar's' they replied. He then
said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar
what belongs to Caesar – and to God what
belongs to God.'



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Jesus first cleverly throws his
questioners on the defensive. *They*
are the ones carrying the coinage,
not him. Then he poses the crucial
question, 'Whose image is it and
whose inscription?' They said to
him, 'Caesar's'. Then he said to
them: 'Render to Caesar what is
Caesar's and to God what is
God's.'

The coin bore the image and
inscription of Caesar. Genesis
teaches us that human beings are
made in the image and likeness of
God. Our Lord is saying, 'Let the
political and financial authorities
have their coinage. It is their legal
tender. But they cannot have
human beings. Human beings
belong to Another. They belong to
God.'

We are fortunate to live in a
wonderful democracy. But even a
democracy can violate the dignity
of a human being created in the
image and likeness of God. As
Pope John Paul II said: 'Authentic
democracy is possible only in a
state ruled by law, and on the
basis of a correct conception of the
human person.' (Italics added)

We could pause for a moment to
thank God for the inscription, 'Child
of God', effectively engraved on our
hearts by baptism.

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EVERYONE WELCOME

Ministry	17/10/26 6:30pm	18/10/26 9am	24/10/26 6:30pm	25/10/26 9am	31/10/26 6:30pm
Musician	Rosalie	Agnes	Rosalie	Agnes	Rosalie
Reader	Tony	Anne	Leanne	Kalma	Michael C
Collector	Denis C	Gerard	Volunteer	Rob	Volunteer
Spec Min	Julie T	Joanne	Julie T	Marie	Denis
PowerPoint	Michael M	Margaret	Julie C	Ron	Leanne
Set up	Julie/Rosalie	Joanne	Julie/Rosalie	Marie	Julie/Rosalie
Cleaner	Anne T	Anthea	Eva	Christine	Florence
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 and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially **Lynne Connors & Kathrine Theisz.**

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 \$514 Thanksgiving & Church \$2469
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

24/10/26 3pm **Lancefield** - Wedding
25/10/26 12pm **Gisborne** – Baptism's
29/10/26 Holy Cross 30th Anniversary
29/10/26 7pm **Gisborne** – Liturgy meeting

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 Holy Rosary you are invited to

St Brigids Gisborne

Sunday October 18th at 3pm
for Rosary and Benediction.

A cuppa will follow.

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

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



World Mission Sunday – 18th October, 2026



As the Church marks the centenary of World Mission Sunday, Pope Leo XIV is calling Catholics to rediscover a mission shared by the whole Church. On 18 October 2026, the Catholic Church will mark the 100th World Mission Sunday. The annual celebration – traditionally the penultimate Sunday in October – invites Catholics to look beyond the boundaries of their own parish, diocese and country and remember something fundamental: we belong to a Church without borders.

Established by Pope Pius XI in 1926, World Mission Sunday is set aside for prayer, reflection and support for the Church's mission of evangelisation, particularly in places where the Church is young and communities face significant challenges. Pope Leo XIV has chosen the theme "One in Christ, United in Mission" for this centenary year. More than a slogan, it is an invitation to rediscover what makes the Church missionary in the first place. In his message for the 100th World Mission Day, Pope Leo calls the whole Church to continue its missionary journey with "joy and zeal in the Holy Spirit" saying this requires hearts united in Christ, reconciled communities and a willingness to cooperate with generosity and trust. "No baptised person is exempt from or indifferent to mission," Pope Leo writes. Each of us, according to our vocation and circumstances, participates in the mission Christ entrusted to his Church. That understanding lies at the heart of Catholic Mission, the Pope's international mission agency in Australia, and its work alongside local Churches and communities around the world. For Pope Leo, that mission ultimately has love at its centre. He describes the Church's mission as one 'born of love, lived in love, and leading to love'.

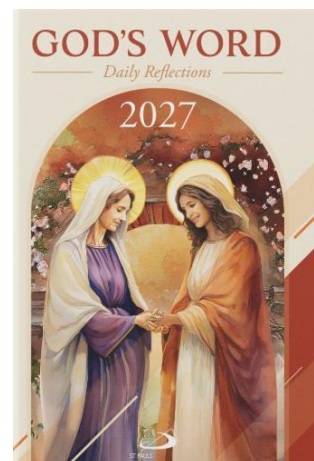
GOD'S WORD DAILY REFLECTIONS 2027

is now available. 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.

If you would like to book a copy, please phone or email the Parish Office and it will be left for you at your preferred Mass location.

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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:

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Please use your surname as the reference.



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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.

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9 Station St