

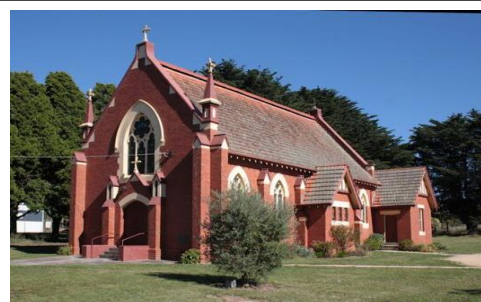
WELCOME TO THE CATHOLIC PARISH'S OF ST AMBROSE WOODEND & ST MARY'S LANCEFIELD AND ROMSEY



ST AMBROSE
18 Templeton Street
Woodend



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



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

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

23rd February, 2025

Mass Times

Weekend

Saturday 5pm Woodend, 6.30pm Lancefield

Sunday 9am 1st & 3rd Romsey, 2nd, 4th and 5th Lancefield, 11am Woodend

Weekday

Tuesday 6pm Woodend followed by the Rosary

Wednesday 9.30am Woodend and Lancefield

Thursday 9.30am Woodend and Romsey

Friday 9.30am Woodend and Lancefield

Reconciliation

Woodend: 2nd Saturday of the month 10am-10.30am. Lancefield 3rd Sunday of the month 10am-10.30am

Healing Mass

Romsey: 1st Saturday of the month 10am – Rosary begins at 9:30am

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Lancefield Wednesday 8am - 5pm & Friday 8am - 5pm

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Lancefield: www.melbcatholic.org/s/lancefield

School Communities

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Child Protection

We hold the care, safety and well-being of children and all vulnerable people as a central and fundamental responsibility for our community.

Diocesan Polices are available at www.melbournecatholic.org.au

The Living Word

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

23 February 2025

First Reading 1 Sm 26:2. 7-9. 12-13. 22-23

The Lord has put you in my power, but I will not raise my hand against you.

Saul set off and went down to the wilderness of Ziph, accompanied by three thousand men chosen from Israel to search for David in the wilderness of Ziph.

So in the dark David and Abishai made their way towards the force, where they found Saul asleep inside the camp, his spear stuck in the ground beside his head, with Abner and the troops lying round him.

Then Abishai said to David, 'Today God has put your enemy in your power; so now let me pin him to the ground with his own spear. Just one stroke! I will not need to strike him twice. David answered Abishai, 'Do not kill him, for who can lift his hand against the Lord's anointed and be without guilt?' David took the spear and the pitcher of water from beside Saul's head, and they made off. No one saw, no one knew, no one woke up; they were all asleep, for a deep sleep from the Lord had fallen on them.

David crossed to the other side and halted on the top of the mountain a long way off; there was a wide space between them. David then called out, 'Here is the king's spear. Let one of the soldiers come across and take it. The Lord repays everyone for his uprightness and loyalty. Today the Lord put you in my power, but I would not raise my hand against the Lord's anointed.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 102:1-4. 8. 10. 12-13. R. v.8

(R.) The Lord is kind and merciful.

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my being, bless his holy name. My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings. *(R.)*
2. It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion. *(R.)*
3. The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy. He does not treat us according to our sins nor repay us according to our faults. *(R.)*
4. As far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our sins. As a father has compassion on his sons, the Lord has pity on those who fear him. *(R.)*

Second Reading 1 Cor 15:45-49

Just as we have carried the earthly image, we must carry the heavenly image.

The first man, Adam, as scripture says, became a living soul; but the last Adam has become a life-giving spirit. That is, first the one with the soul, not the spirit, and after that, the one with the spirit. The first man, being from the earth, is earthly by nature; the second man is from heaven. As this earthly man was, so are we on earth; and as the heavenly man is, so are we in heaven. And we, who have been modelled on the earthly man, will be modelled on the heavenly man.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 13:34

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you. Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 6:27-38

Be merciful as your Father is merciful.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I say this to you who are listening: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who treat you badly. To the man who slaps you on one cheek, present the other cheek too; to the man who takes your cloak from you, do not refuse your tunic. Give to everyone who asks you, and do not ask for your property back from the man who robs you. Treat others as you would like them to treat you. If you love those who love you, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what thanks can you expect? For even sinners do that much. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners lend to sinners to get back the same amount. Instead, love your enemies and do good, and lend without any hope of return. You will have a great reward, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.'

'Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate. Do not judge, and you will not be judged yourselves; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned yourselves; grant pardon, and you will be pardoned. Give, and there will be gifts for you: a full measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap; because the amount you measure out is the amount you will be given back.'



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Jesus challenges us to unlearn the language of the world and to learn a language which is counter-cultural, paradoxical, perplexing, such as: 'Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you' etc, etc. Are such attitudes and actions possible?

Our Lord is the best model. Jesus is the Word of God in human history. Jesus is the language of Heaven spoken in a human life. We have to read the Gospels and then imitate His dialect. Otherwise we might merely mutter to ourselves which would end up being eternally Hellish.

When we become aware of our language malpractice, i.e., sinning, and if we become *really* tongue-tied, i.e., seriously sinning, we can come to the Sacrament of Confession and emerge articulate and conversant with Christ again. We can talk with Our Lord again. We are singing the same tune.

Then at the moment of death we can gracefully pass over to our intended destiny which is not incommunicado, but *comunicado*, *holy comunicado*, *holy conversation* with God and with every creature.

We might pause for a moment and resolve to practise the language of Heaven and to 'walk the talk' every day.

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EVERYONE WELCOME

Ministry	22/02/25	23/02/25	01/03/25	01/03/25	02/03/25
Musician	Rosalie	Agnes	-----	Rosalie	Christine
Reader	Michael M	Judith	Eileen	Joan	Betty
Collector	<i>Vol req</i>	<i>Tim</i>	-----	<i>Vol req</i>	Rob
Cleaner	-----	Kerry	-----	-----	Christine
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 Cheney, Kath Ireland & Brendan Coburn.

MYSTERY OF FAITH

We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
and profess your Resurrection
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 – especially **Bp. Terry Connors** and 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.

We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

All HAIL MARY

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 \$328 Thanksgiving \$1000
1st collection: Presbytery & Priest 2nd collection: Thanksgiving (envelope)

Next week's readings: Ecclesiasticus 27:4-7 1 Corinthians 15:54-58 Luke 6:39-45

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

THURSDAY 27th February – NO WEEKDAY MASS

Fr. John & Fr. Brian will be at a Clergy Conference in the city
so there will be no weekday Mass next Thursday in Romsey

HEALING MASS

Saturday March 1st – 10am – Romsey Church

ASH WEDNESDAY

Wednesday 5th March – 11:45am – Whole School Mass

Wednesday 5th March – 7pm – Parish Mass – Romsey

ST MARY'S DROP IN

Thursday 6th March – 10:30am – Romsey Parish Hall

SCHOOL MASS

St. Mary's School Mass will return on Friday 14th March at 10:15am
Friday weekday Mass will continue at 9:30am until that time.

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
Monica Tomlinson

Baptism

As arranged with the Parish
Secretary on the 4th Sunday
of the month

Marriages

Arranged by appointment with
at least 6 months' notice.
Please contact parish office.

Funerals

Contact Fr. John directly.
Contact Fr. Brian 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/Fr. Brian, 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

ST MARY'S DROP IN – DATES FOR 2025

**ST. MARY'S PARISH HALL
ROMSEY**

10:30AM TO 2:30PM
Thursday 6th March
Thursday 3rd April

Complete the Text Maze:

"Forgive others and God will forgive you."

START

F E P I T Y H A
O E N E M I E S
R G I S R M K P
S E V P I L B R
R O V R S A N A
E T H E U G D I
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A I E I W C I E
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*CAN YOU FIND THE SIX HIDDEN WORDS
FROM THIS WEEKS GOSPEL READING?

FINISH

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2025

Focus country: the Cook Islands

On behalf of the Ecumenical churches in Lancefield & Romsey

Romsey Uniting Church

will host WDOP this year.

Friday, March 7th, 2025 - 10:30am

All welcome

RETURN OF LAST YEARS PALM BRANCHES

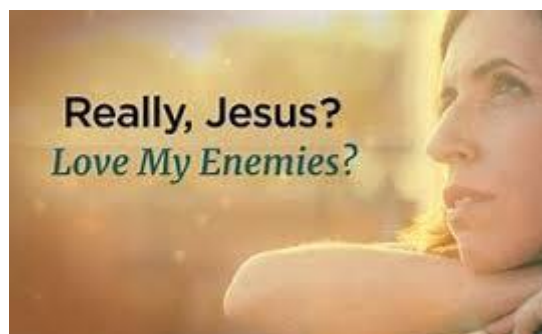
Fr. John has requested for parishioners who have last years' palm branches to please return them to burn for this years' ashes.

Baskets will be left in each church for returned branches.

POPES PRAYER INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY

For vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.



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RIDDELLS CREEK | 5428 7591 | 9 Station St

FRIDAY WEEKDAY MASS - LANCEFIELD

Weekday Mass on a Friday will remain at 9:30am until 07/3/25

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.