

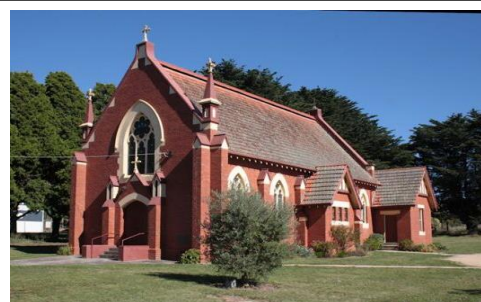
WELCOME TO THE CATHOLIC PARISH'S OF ST AMBROSE WOODEND & ST MARY'S LANCEFIELD AND ROMSEY



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



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

Third Sunday of Lent - Year C

23rd March, 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 10:15am 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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The Living Word

Third Sunday of Lent, Year C

23 March 2025

First Reading

Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15

A reading from the book of Exodus.

This is what you must say to the children of Israel: I Am has sent me to you.

Moses was looking after the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law, priest of Midian. He led his flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in the shape of a flame of fire, coming from the middle of a bush. Moses looked; there was the bush blazing but it was not being burnt up. 'I must go and look at this strange sight,' Moses said, 'and see why the bush is not burnt.' Now the Lord saw him go forward to look, and God called to him from the middle of the bush. 'Moses, Moses!' he said. 'Here I am' he answered. 'Come no nearer' he said. 'Take off your shoes, for the place on which you stand is holy ground. I am the God of your father,' he said 'the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.' At this Moses covered his face, afraid to look at God. And the Lord said, 'I have seen the miserable state of my people in Egypt. I have heard their appeal to be free of their slave-drivers. Yes, I am well aware of their sufferings. I mean to deliver them out of the hands of the Egyptians and bring them up out of that land to a land rich and broad, a land where milk and honey flow.' Then Moses said to God, 'I am to go, then, to the sons of Israel and say to them, "The God of your fathers has sent me to you." But if they ask me what his name is, what am I to tell them?' And God said to Moses, 'I Am who I Am. This' he added 'is what you must say to the sons of Israel: "The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you." This is my name for all time; by this name I shall be invoked for all generations to come.'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 102:1-4. 6-8. 11. 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 does deeds of justice,
gives judgement for all who are oppressed.
He made known his ways to Moses
and his deeds to Israel's sons. (R.)
4. The Lord is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.
For as the heavens are high above the earth
so strong is his love for those who fear him. (R.)

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12

A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians.

All this that happened to the people of Moses in the desert was written for our benefit.

I want to remind you how our fathers were all guided by a cloud above them and how they all passed through the sea. They were all baptised into Moses in this cloud and in this sea; all ate the same spiritual food and all drank the same spiritual drink, since they all drank from the spiritual rock that followed them as they went, and that rock was Christ. In spite of this, most of them failed to please God and their corpses littered the desert.

These things all happened as warnings for us, not to have the wicked lusts for forbidden things that they had. You must never complain: some of them did, and they were killed by the Destroyer.

All this happened to them as a warning and it was written down to be a lesson for us who are living at the end of the age. The man who thinks he is safe must be careful that he does not fall.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 4:17

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Repent, says the Lord;
the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel

Luke 13:1-9

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Unless you repent you will all perish as they did.

Some people arrived and told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with that of their sacrifices. At this he said to them, 'Do you suppose these Galileans who suffered like that were greater sinners than any other Galileans? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen on whom the tower at Siloam fell and killed them? Do you suppose that they were more guilty than all the other people living in Jerusalem? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did.' He told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came looking for fruit on it but found none. He said to the man who looked after the vineyard, "Look here, for three years now I have been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and finding none. Cut it down: why should it be taking up the ground?" "Sir," the man replied "leave it one more year and give me time to dig round it and manure it: it may bear fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down."'

The Gospel of the Lord.

EVERYONE WELCOME

Ministry	22/03/25	23/03/25	29/03/25	30/03/25	05/04/25
Musician	Rosalie	Agnes	Rosalie	Agnes	-----
Reader	Michael M	Judith	Joan	Eloise	John
Collector	<i>Vol req</i>	Joe	<i>Vol req</i>	Gerard	-----
Cleaner	-----	Anne T	-----	Leanne	-----
Location	LF	LF	LF	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 **Pope Francis, Bp. Peter 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, especially **Wal & Isa Connors**. May they rejoice in the light and fullness of God's presence.

We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

All HAIL MARY
CELEBRANT FINAL CLOSING 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 \$424 Thanksgiving \$545
1st collection: Presbytery & Priest 2nd collection: Thanksgiving (envelope)

Next week's readings: Joshua 9:5-12; 2 Corinthians 5:17-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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
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



MASS for the FEAST of the ANNUNCIATION

Tuesday 25th March - 9.30am - Romsey and
Tuesday 25th March - 6pm - Woodend.

Next weekend 29th/30th of March.

As we have two priests in the parish and Fr Vincent from Gisborne needs help next weekend, Fr John will celebrate the four Masses in the Gisborne Parish and Fr Brian will celebrate our four weekend Masses.

Feast Days this week.

March 25th – The Story of the Annunciation of the Lord.



Annunciation is observed on March 25, 2025. The Annunciation, also referred to as the Annunciation to the Blessed Virgin Mary or Annunciation of the Lord, is the Christian celebration of the announcement by the angel Gabriel to the Virgin Mary that she would conceive and become the mother of Jesus, the Son of God, marking his Incarnation. Gabriel told Mary to name her son Jesus, meaning "Saviour". It is one of the twelve Great Feasts of the church year.

Sacrament of Reconciliation for parish children

Our RE Co-ordinators from St. Mary's & St. Ambrose have been preparing our Yr 3 students to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation during Term 1.

Please pray for these children as they move forward in their Faith Journey and prepare to receive this Sacrament in the coming weeks.

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

ST MARY'S DROP IN

Thursday April 3rd – 10:30am – Romsey Parish Hall

HOLY HOUR

Friday April 4th – 7pm – Woodend Church

A time to gather, pray evening prayer, a time of quiet prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, concluding with Benediction.

HEALING MASS

Saturday April 5th – 10am – Romsey Church

EASTER SERVICES 2025

Wed April 9th – 7pm – Lenten Reconciliation – **Romsey**

Wed April 16th – 7pm – Lenten Reconciliation – **Woodend**

Thur April 17th – 6pm – Holy Thursday – **Lancefield**

Thur April 17th – 7:30pm – Holy Thursday – **Woodend**

Fri April 18th – 2pm – Good Friday Passion – **Lancefield**

Fri April 18th – 4pm – Good Friday Passion – **Woodend**

Sat April 19th – 5:30pm – Easter Vigil – **Romsey**

Sat April 19th – 7:30pm – Easter Vigil – **Woodend**

Sun April 20th – 9am – Easter Sunday – **Romsey**

Sun April 20th – 9am – Easter Sunday – **Woodend**



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Mite boxes and giving envelopes are
now available in church.

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**

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Acct: 64151 8467

Please use your surname as the
reference.

THANKSGIVING BY DIRECT DEBIT

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Thanksgiving Program who would
like to contribute to the Church may
do so by direct debit to the acct
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Light in the Desert

A LENTEN RESOURCE

Third Sunday in Lent, Year C

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So he came to the Samaritan town called Sychar, near the land that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there and Jesus, tired by the journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon, when a Samaritan woman came to draw water. Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' His disciples had done into the town to buy food. The Samaritan said to him, 'How is it that you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?'—for Jews do not associate with Samaritans. Jesus replied to her: 'If you knew what God is offering and who it is saying to you, "Give me a drink," you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water ... Whoever drinks of this water will be thirsty again; but anyone who drinks of the water that I shall give will never be thirsty again: the water that I shall give will become an inner spring of water, welling up to eternal life.'

...

The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah, the one called Christ, is coming; and when he comes he will declare everything.' Jesus said, 'I am he, the one who is speaking to you.' (John 4: 4-10, 13-14, 25-26).

Did you know?

Points of interest and Catholic lore

'The desire for God is written in the human heart, because man is created by God and for God; and God never ceases to draw man to himself. Only in God will he find the truth and happiness he never stops searching for: "The dignity of man rests above all on the fact that he is called to communion with God ..."' (CCC §27; cf. *Gaudium et spes* §19).



Stained glass window from St Philip's Episcopal Cathedral in Atlanta.
Photo by Fr Lawrence Lew OP.

Exploring the faith

Gaudium et spes, Vatican II's Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World, may be one of the Council's most widely quoted, but little read, documents. While it is very long, it is rich with theological and spiritual insight, offering a witness to the Church's authentic pastoral instincts.

But first, what does the word 'pastoral' mean? The term comes from the word *pastor*, meaning *shepherd*. From its earliest years, the Church used the term *pastor* for its leaders because they were shepherds called to model their lives after Christ the Good Shepherd. To be pastoral in this sense is to, like a shepherd, lead the flock to good pasture. It is to lead them to real nourishment, just as Christ guided the Samaritan woman to 'living water'. This is, in a basic sense, what *Gaudium et spes* is doing.

In its opening sections, it does so, perhaps surprisingly, by reminding us of the fallenness of the human person and defending the doctrine of Original Sin—a doctrine that is, as GK Chesterton observed, 'as practical as potatoes.' But it also guides us to Christ, who not only reveals who God is but who we are. Christ reveals the ultimate dignity and purpose of human life. He is the one who, as the Samaritan woman says, 'will declare everything,' who offers the living water our hearts truly desire.

Reading from *Gaudium et spes*

3. Though mankind is stricken with wonder at its own discoveries and its power, it often raises anxious questions about the current trend of the world, about the place and role of man in the universe, about the meaning of its individual and collective strivings, and about the ultimate destiny of reality and of humanity ... The council brings to mankind light kindled from the Gospel, and puts at its disposal those saving resources which the Church herself, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, receives from her Founder. For the human person deserves to be preserved; human society deserves to be renewed. Hence the focal point of our total presentation will be man himself, whole and entire, body and soul, heart and conscience, mind and will ...

10. The truth is that the imbalances under which the modern world labours are linked with that more basic imbalance which is rooted in the heart of man. For in man himself many elements wrestle with one another. Thus, on the one hand, as a creature he experiences his limitations in a multitude of ways; on the other he feels himself to be boundless in his desires and summoned to a higher life. Pulled by manifold attractions he is constantly forced to choose among them and renounce some. Indeed, as a weak and sinful being, he often does what he would not, and fails to do what he would (Rom 7:15-20). Hence he suffers from internal divisions, and from these flow so many and such great discords in society ... The Church firmly believes that Christ, who died and was raised up for all, can through His Spirit offer man the light and the strength to measure up to his supreme destiny. Nor has any other name under the heaven been given to man by which it is fitting for him to be saved. She likewise holds that in her most benign Lord and Master can be found the key, the focal point and the goal of man, as well as of all human history. The Church also maintains that beneath all changes there are many realities which do not change and which have their ultimate foundation in Christ, Who is the same yesterday and today, yes and forever ...

22. The truth is that only in the mystery of the incarnate Word does the mystery of

man take on light. For Adam, the first man, was a figure of Him Who was to come, namely Christ the Lord. Christ, the final Adam, by the revelation of the mystery of the Father and His love, fully reveals man to man himself and makes his supreme calling clear. It is not surprising, then, that in Him all the aforementioned truths find their root and attain their crown.

Questions

- » Without God, the human heart is imbalanced and incomplete. Have you ever experienced this in your own life? Have you ever experienced a deep sense of restlessness and dissatisfaction? How?
- » What stands out to you most from these passages in *Gaudium et spes*? Why?
- » How might this understanding of the heart's desire for God inform our Lenten practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving?

Notes
