

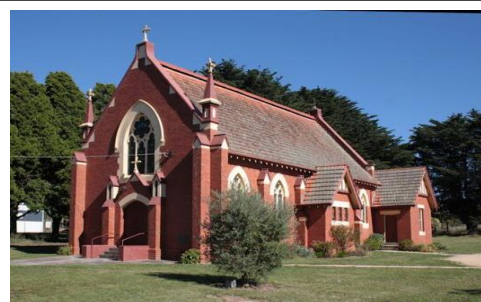
WELCOME TO THE CATHOLIC PARISH'S OF ST AMBROSE WOODEND & ST MARY'S LANCEFIELD AND ROMSEY



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

Fourth Sunday of Easter - Year C

11th May, 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

Thursday 9.30am Romsey

Friday 9.30am Lancefield

Reconciliation

Woodend: 2nd Saturday of the month 10am-10.30am. Lancefield 4th Sunday of the month 10am-10.30am

Healing Mass

Romsey: 1st Saturday of the month 10:30am – Rosary begins at 10:00am

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

Websites

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Child Protection

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

The Living Word

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First Reading Acts 13:14, 43-52

We are now turning to the gentiles.

Paul and Barnabas carried on from Perga till they reached Antioch in Pisidia. Here they went to synagogue on the sabbath and took their seats.

When the meeting broke up, many Jews and devout converts joined Paul and Barnabas, and in their talks with them Paul and Barnabas urged them to remain faithful to the grace God had given them.

The next sabbath almost the whole town assembled to hear the word of God. When they saw the crowds, the Jews, prompted by jealousy, used blasphemies and contradicted everything Paul said. Then Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly, 'We had to proclaim the word of God to you first, but since you have rejected it, since you do not think yourselves worthy of eternal life, we must turn to the pagans. For this is what the Lord commanded us to do when he said:

I have made you a light for the nations,
so that my salvation may reach the ends
of the earth.'

It made the pagans very happy to hear this and they thanked the Lord for his message; all who were destined for eternal life became believers. Thus the word of the Lord spread through the whole countryside.

But the Jews worked upon some of the devout women of the upper classes and the leading men of the city and persuaded them to turn against Paul and Barnabas and expel them from their territory. So they shook the dust from their feet in defiance and went off to Iconium; but the disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 99:1-3. 5. R. v.3

*(R.) We are his people, the sheep of his flock.
or*

(R.) Alleluia.

1. Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.
Serve the Lord with gladness.
Come before him, singing for joy. *(R.)*
2. Know that he, the Lord, is God.
He made us, we belong to him,
we are his people, the sheep of his flock. *(R.)*
3. Indeed, how good is the Lord,
eternal his merciful love.
He is faithful from age to age. *(R.)*

Second Reading Rv 7:9, 14-17

The Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water.

I, John, saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. One of the elders said to me, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and because they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb, they now stand in front of God's throne and serve him day and night in his sanctuary; and the One who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. They will never hunger or thirst again; neither the sun nor scorching wind will ever plague them, because the Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water; and God will wipe away all tears from their eyes.'

Gospel Acclamation Jn 10:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;

I know my sheep, and mine know me.

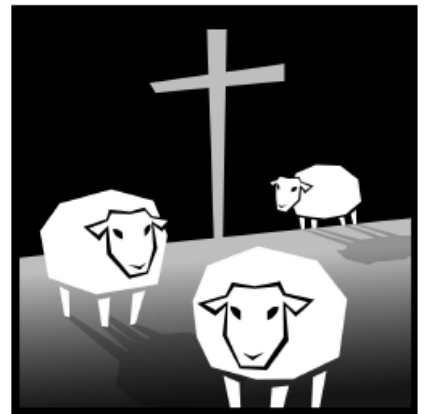
Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 10:27-30

I give my sheep eternal life.

Jesus said:

'The sheep that belong to me listen to
my voice;
I know them and they follow me.
I give them eternal life;
they will never be lost
and no one will ever steal them from me.
The Father who gave them to me is
greater than anyone,
and no one can steal from the Father.
The Father and I are one.'



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

You and I are Gentiles – part of the non-Jewish world. We are the sort of Christians we are, because of St Paul. He became the strongest advocate of the grace that the early Christian community should be inclusive of all nations and tribes and ethnic groups on the face of the earth. We have not yet realised this potential.

What riches of intellectual traditions, cultural expressions, and organisational structure are we still to receive from the Chinese, the Korean, the Indonesians, the Africans, the Indian Catholics who are part of our 'Church without Borders'?

How do we maintain unity and identity amongst such diversity? By listening for the voice of the Good Shepherd, Our Lord Jesus Christ.

But it takes a good teacher to help us to hear The Voice in the clamour of life.

Some of those teachers may be found amongst the Bishops who carry a shepherd's staff. But at least in my experience the best assistant-shepherds have been my parents, and some others. They have helped me hear The Voice assuring me that I will never perish, that I will receive eternal life.

That is a Voice worth following! We could pause for a moment to get on the same wavelength as the Good Shepherd so as to echo His Voice in our lives.

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EVERYONE WELCOME

Ministry	10/05/25 6:30pm	11/05/25 9am	17/05/25 6:30pm	18/05/25 9am	24/05/25 6:30pm
Musician	Rosalie	Agnes	Rosalie	Christine	Rosalie
Reader	Leanne	Rosemary D	Joanne	Anne B	Michael
Collector	<i>Vol req</i>	Joe	<i>Vol req</i>	Gerard	<i>Vol req</i>
Cleaner	-----	Monique	-----	Anne N	-----
Location	LF	LF	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 Cheney, Kath Ireland & Brendan Coburn.

MYSTERY OF FAITH

Save us, Saviour of the world,
for by your Cross and Resurrection
you have set us free.

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 and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially **Eddie McCarthy, Margaret Redmond, Barry Nunn, Jason Morrison, Eily Martin, Kath Coburn, Jozef Kolodziej & Emmanuel Cheney.**

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 our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. **Amen.**

Collections last week Presbytery \$282 Thanksgiving \$1110
1st collection: Presbytery & Priest 2nd collection: Thanksgiving (envelope)

Next week's readings: Acts 14:21-27; Revelations 21:1-5; John 13:31-35



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.

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



Pope Leo XIV

With the whole Church we give thanks and praise for our new Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV. The first pope to be chosen from America. In his first words to us his faithful Pope Leo XIV spoke of peace and building bridges. We pray that these two words guide his leadership as our shepherd. May the Holy Spirit continue to inspire Pope Leo XIV as he walks in the shoes of the fisherman.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Lancefield Presbytery & Church Gutter repairs

The total contribution from our parish was **\$2300**

This was an outstanding result and covered the repairs completely with a little left over that has been allocated to future Repairs and Maintenance.

Thank you for your generosity.



Project Compassion

\$575

Good Friday Holy Places

\$240

Thank you for your support of these worthy causes.

CatholicCare Sunday Appeal

The Special Collection for CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal will be taken up this weekend.

FAREWELL TO FR. BRIAN

Sunday June 1st at 3pm - St Mary's Parish Hall, Romsey

Please bring a plate for afternoon tea

All are invited from St Mary's and St Ambrose to say thank you to Fr Brian for his ministry amongst us.

A presentation from both Parish Communities will be made to Fr Brian.

If you would like to contribute towards a gift please place your donation in an envelope, marked Fr Brian and put it in any of the collections on a Sunday.

World Day of Prayer for Vocations - 11 May (Fourth Sunday of Easter)

Pope Francis told us: There can be no greater joy than to risk one's life for the Lord! I would like to say this especially to you, the young. Do not be deaf to the Lord's call. If he calls you to follow this path, do not pull your oars into the boat, but trust him. Let us pray for the young people in our community, and in our families and circle of friends.

May our prayers help them to be open to the Lord's call to consecrated life or priesthood.

A PRAYER REQUEST

You might know of a young person in the parish, in your family or an acquaintance whom you think would make a good priest or religious. Why not pray for them by name on a regular basis?

Carry them with you 'spiritually' to Mass on Sunday and place them on the alter at the offertory.

Sometimes the Lord uses us as his instruments to encourage vocations.



SECRETARY ANNUAL LEAVE

For the remainder of May, Tam will only be working on Friday's.

The office will be unattended on May 14th, 21st & 28th.

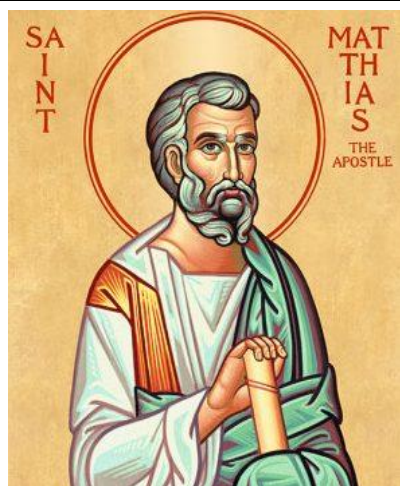
BULLETIN MAILING LIST

The bulletin is both loaded onto the parish website and emailed out to parishioners each Friday afternoon. If you would like to be added to the mailing list, please send an email to Tam at lancefield@cam.org.au

Contributions to Thanksgiving via direct debit

Thank you to our new parishioners who have begun to contribute to the Thanksgiving program and Presbytery expenses via direct debit. Please email Tam at lancefield@cam.org.au with your details so you can be allocated a TG number and the funds directed correctly. Thank you.

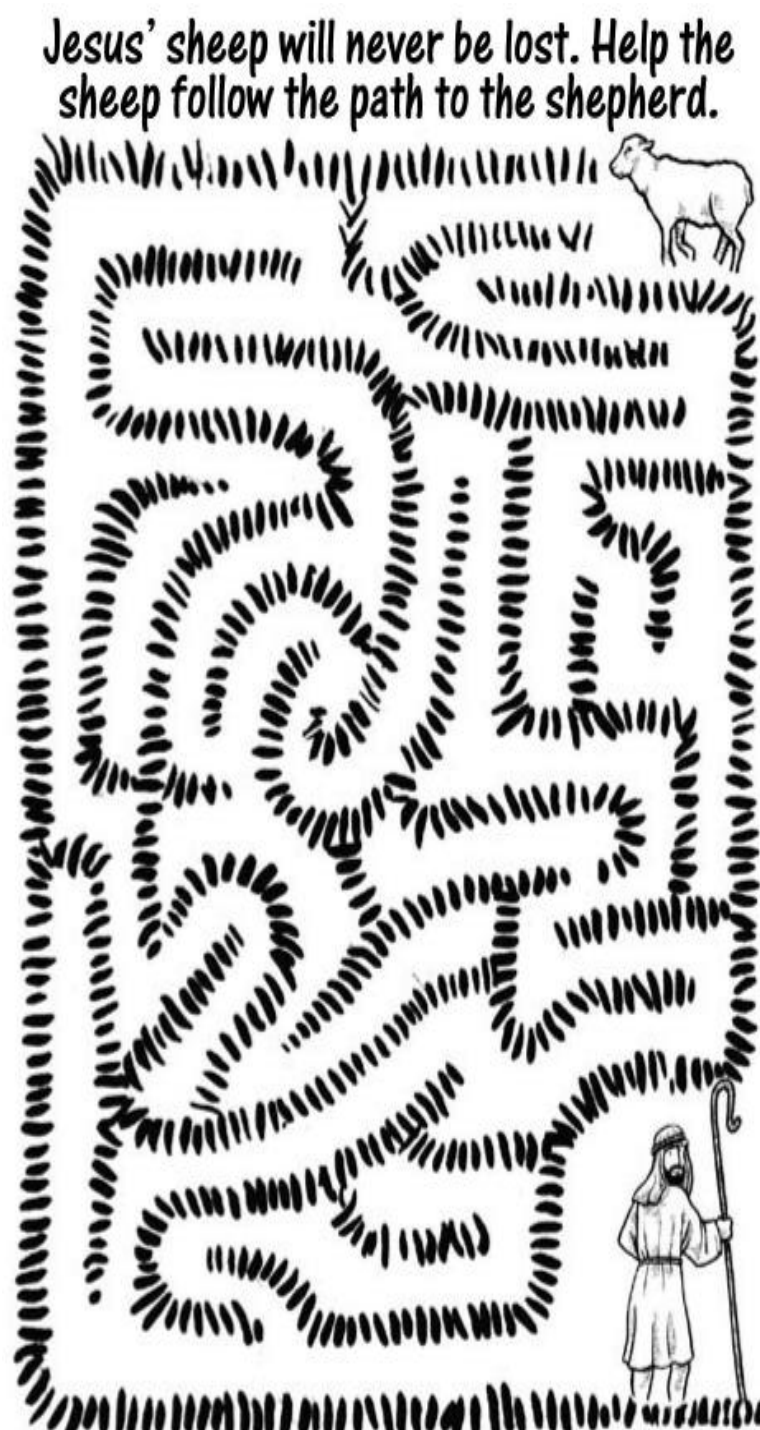
Feast Day this week
May 14th – St. Matthias



Upon the death of Judas, St. Peter determined that another disciple should be chosen to complete the original company of twelve apostles. Criteria for selection were that the candidate should have been among the followers of Jesus and a witness of the risen Lord. By the casting of lots, the choice fell to Matthias. On Pentecost, along with the other apostles, he received the gifts of the Holy Spirit and went on, with zeal, to advance the Gospel. Other than this brief account from the Acts of the Apostles, little is known of St. Matthias. Clement of Alexandria includes him among the seventy-two disciples sent in mission by Jesus. Other accounts, with scant authority, describe later mission work in Cappadocia, and even among cannibals in Ethiopia. According to legend, he was eventually crucified, though nothing certain is known of the circumstances of his death. His body was believed to rest in Jerusalem, from which his remains were said to be translated to Rome by St. Helena.



In the small Portuguese village of Fatima, the Blessed Virgin Mary is said to have appeared to three shepherd children. On six occasions between May and October, 1917, Our Lady appeared to Lucia dos Santos and her two cousins, Francisco and Jacinta Marto. According to an account of the events given by Lucia, Mary entrusted the children with three secrets and encouraged them to do acts of penance and say the rosary every day. Thousands of people came to Fatima upon hearing of the visions, and on October 13, some 70,000 people reportedly witnessed a miraculous solar event. Fatima is now a major site of Marian pilgrimage.



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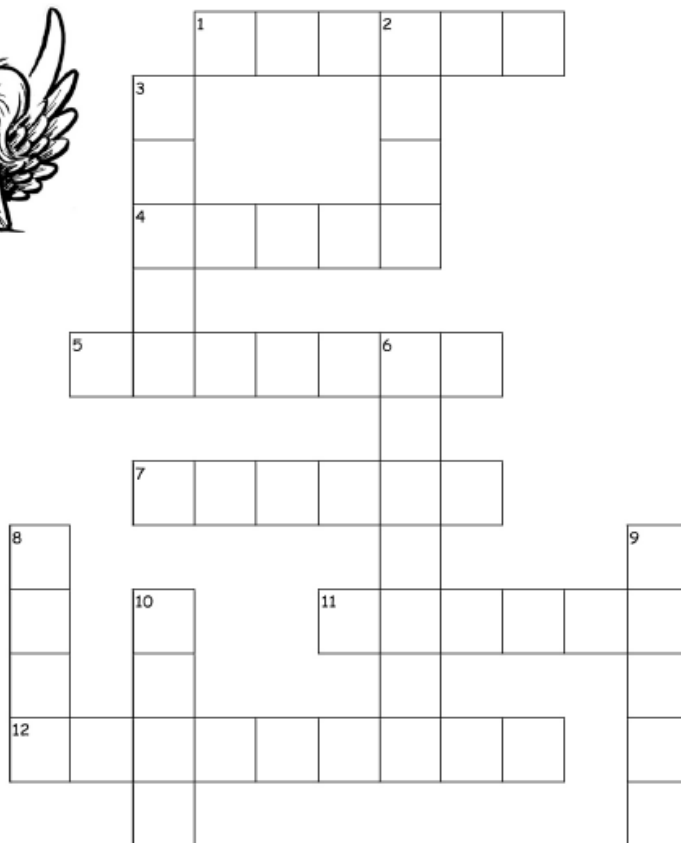


Across

- 1: take the path of a leader
4: the sound of someone speaking
5: bigger, more impressive
7: God is called our _____ in heaven
11: take without warning, grab
12: followers of Jesus

Down

- 2: the opposite of death
3: not ever, at no time
6: forever
8: the body part that has fingers and a thumb
9: an animal that produces wool
10: missing



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**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.