

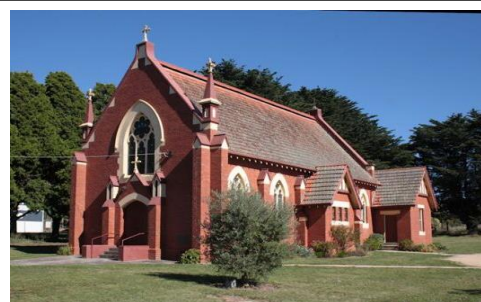
WELCOME TO THE CATHOLIC PARISH'S OF ST AMBROSE WOODEND & ST MARY'S LANCEFIELD AND ROMSEY



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

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

21 September, 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 Saturday 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

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The Living Word

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First Reading Am 8:4-7

The Lord God spoke against those who buy the poor for money.

Listen to this, you who trample on the needy and try to suppress the poor people of the country, you who say, 'When will New Moon be over so that we can sell our corn, and sabbath, so that we can market our wheat? Then by lowering the bushel, raising the shekel, by swindling and tampering with the scales, we can buy up the poor for money, and the needy for a pair of sandals, and get a price even for the sweepings of the wheat.' The Lord swears it by the pride of Jacob, 'Never will I forget a single thing you have done.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 112:1-2. 4-8. R. see vv.1. 7

(R.) Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.
or

(R.) Alleluia!

1. Praise, O servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord! May the name of the Lord be blessed both now and for evermore! (R.)
2. High above all nations is the Lord, above the heavens his glory. Who is like the Lord, our God, who has risen on high to his throne yet stoops from the heights to look down, to look down upon heaven and earth? (R.)
3. From the dust he lifts up the lowly, from the dungheap he raises the poor to set him in the company of princes, yes, with the princes of his people. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Tm 2:1-8

Let prayers be offered to God for everyone; he wants all people to be saved.

My advice is that, first of all, there should be prayers offered for everyone – petitions, intercessions and thanksgiving – and especially for kings and others in authority, so that we may be able to live religious and reverent lives in peace and quiet. To do this is right, and will please God our saviour: he wants everyone to be saved and reach full knowledge of the truth. For there is only one God, and there is only one mediator between God and mankind, himself a man, Christ Jesus, who sacrificed himself as a ransom for them all. He is the evidence of this, sent at the appointed time, and I have been named a herald and apostle of it and – I am telling the truth and no lie – a teacher of the faith and the truth to the pagans.

In every place, then, I want the men to lift their hands up reverently in prayer, with no anger or argument.

Gospel Acclamation 2 Cor 8:9

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor, to make you rich out of his poverty.

Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 16:1-13

or (shorter form Lk 16:10-13)

You cannot be slaves both of God and of money.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There was a rich man and he had a steward who was denounced to him for being wasteful with his property. He called for the man and said, "What is this I hear about you? Draw me up an account of your stewardship because you are not to be my steward any longer." Then the steward said to himself, "Now that my master is taking the stewardship from me, what am I to do? Dig? I am not strong enough. Go begging? I should be too ashamed. Ah, I know what I will do to make sure that when I am dismissed from office there will be some to welcome me into their homes."

'Then he called his master's debtors one by one. To the first he said, "How much do you owe my master?" "One hundred measures of oil," was the reply. The steward said, "Here, take your bond; sit down straight away and write fifty." To another he said, "And you, sir, how much do you owe?" "One hundred measures of wheat," was the reply. The steward said, "Here, take your bond and write eighty."

'The master praised the dishonest steward for his astuteness. For the children of this world are more astute in dealing with their own kind than are the children of light.

'And so I tell you this: use money, tainted as it is, to win you friends, and thus make sure that when it fails you, they will welcome you into the tents of eternity. The man who can be trusted in little things can be trusted in great; the man who is dishonest in little things will be dishonest in great. If then you cannot be trusted with money, that tainted thing, who will trust you with genuine riches? And if you cannot be trusted with what is not yours, who will give you what is your very own?

'No servant can be the slave of two masters: he will either hate the first and love the second, or treat the first with respect and the second with scorn. You cannot be the slave both of God and of money.'



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Jesus, surprisingly, found something appealing about this steward who was in the rapacious lending business. What was it? Faced with the news that he was about to lose his position, his catastrophic reversal of fortune, he cut a deal with his debtors to help secure his future. Jesus gave him full marks for being astute and shrewd.

Jesus laments the fact that many of his followers, 'children of the light,' are not as smart in the face of the Great Reversal – which He is inaugurating in which 'the hungry will be filled with good things and the rich sent empty away' (Mary's *Magnificat*).

We should be using our money ('mammon') to alleviate the myriad hungers of the world, not to buy our way into Heaven, but so that we become the sort of person who will be able to enjoy the heavenly companionship of those who hungered.

We could take a moment to pause and take stock of the use of our resources which are *passing*, so that we may be received into the eternal habitation.

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EVERYONE WELCOME

Ministry	20/09/25 6:30pm	21/09/25 9am	27/09/25 6:30pm	28/09/25 9am
Musician	Rosalie	Christine	Rosalie	Agnes
Reader	Tony	Anne B	Leanne	Eileen
Collector	<i>Vol req</i>	Rob	<i>Vol req</i>	Ged
Cleaner	-----	Christine	-----	Florence
Location	LF	Rom	LF	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

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.*

R: We pray for ourselves and the special needs of all in our parish community. We pray for those who are sick, especially **Andrew Day**, 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 **Jack Nicholls** and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially **Manuel Hernandez, Gerald Hawkins & Anthony Kennedy**.

We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

All CELEBRANT **HAIL MARY**
All **LET US BRING OUR PRAYERS TOGETHER BY SAYING THE JUBILEE PRAYER.**
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 \$378 Thanksgiving \$755
1st collection: Presbytery & Priest 2nd collection: Thanksgiving (envelope)

Next week's readings: Amos 6:1, 4-7 1 Timothy 6:11-16 Luke 16:19-31

Feast Days this week



Tuesday 23rd September: St Padre Pio

Born in 1887 he was raised in a deeply religious rural home. He joined the Capuchin Order in 1910. A mystic who received the marks of the stigmata in 1918, the wounds of Christ. A renowned holy man and charity worker. He died in 1968.



Saturday 27th September: St Vincent de Paul

Born in France in 1581. He founded the Congregation of the Missions (Vincentians) for missionary work in rural areas and for the formation of clergy. Remembered especially for his pastoral concern for the poor and the sick.

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 at Mass
Reader of the Word
Church Cleaning & Gardening

SOCIAL SERVICES

SUNDAY – 21/09/25

We recognize & give thanks for the dedicated work of the 1000's of staff & volunteers who stand with and serve the poor, disadvantaged and marginalised in Victoria.

Entrance Hymn

Act justly, love tenderly, Walk humbly with our God. Act justly, love tenderly, Walk humbly with our God.
The Lord requires only this: that we love one another. Reaching out with compassion to the Earth.
Act justly, love tenderly, Walk humbly with our God. Act justly, love tenderly, Walk humbly with our God.
The Earth, our mother, our life, rejoices in our freedom Healing lives that are broken and afraid.
Act justly, love tenderly, Walk humbly with our God. Act justly, love tenderly, Walk humbly with our God.
Let our voices be heard sing the wonder of creation. Seeking lives of forgiveness for our world.

Communion Hymn

Come to the water, you who are thirsty, though you have nothing, I bid you come
And be filled with the goodness I have to offer - Come, listen, live.
Why spend your money on what cannot fill, the emptiness deep in your heart
Listen to My word and you will enjoy, goodness and peace in your heart.
Come to the water, you who are thirsty, though you have nothing, I bid you come
And be filled with the goodness I have to offer - come, listen, live.
Just as the heavens are high above earth, my ways and thoughts beyond you
Call me your Father and know I am near, I will be Father to you.
Come to the water, you who are thirsty, though you have nothing, I bid you come
And be filled with the goodness I have to offer - come, listen, live.
Just as the rain falls to water the earth, just as a seed becomes bread
My word upon you can never return, until My longing is filled.
Come to the water, you who are thirsty, though you have nothing, I bid you come
And be filled with the goodness I have to offer - come, listen, live.

JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE

To celebrate this year of Jubilee
you are invited to come on
Pilgrimage to St. Mary
Magdalene's Trentham on Saturday
11th October. Mass will be
celebrated at 11.30am followed by
lunch at the Pig and Whistle in East
Trentham at 1pm.

Booking essential, either email Fr
John indicating number attending
Mass and Lunch
john.healy@cam.org.au or put your
name on the clip board at the back
of the church.

Recessional Hymn

*Praise to you, O Christ, our Saviour, Word of the Father, calling us to life;
Son of God who leads us to freedom: glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ!*

You are the Word who calls us out of darkness; you are the Word who leads us into light;
you are the Word who brings us thorough the desert: glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ! **(Refrain)**
You are the one whom prophets hoped and longed for; you are the one who speaks to us today;
you are the one who leads us to our future: glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ! **(Refrain)**

*You cannot serve
God and wealth.*

Jesus, Luke 16:13



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Volunteer Roster

The roster for
October – December is being produced.
Please advise the secretary if you are
planning to be away during this time.

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
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Dear Friends,

As we gather this weekend, we begin a new chapter as a community of faith.

Fr Wahid and I look forward to this new chapter.

I am excited about this new chapter. A time for us to reflect on how we as the parishes of the Macedon Ranges proclaim the gospel.

As an Archdiocese we are committed to how best we can be a faith community that responds to the needs of our times. Forming a link between the Parishes of the Macedon Ranges is our response to this call by the archbishop.

The Parishes of Gisborne, Woodend, Lancefield and Romsey under this new grouping will maintain their unique history and tradition. In simple terms this new grouping of parishes will enable us to together be the face of Christ in this place. Support each other with our gifts and talents. Be assured this new grouping of parishes is not about one parish taking over another, but us journeying together.

In this Jubilee year we pray the following words:

"May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel."

That is our call, that is our mission. A call and a mission that will be best achieved with St Brigids, St Ambrose, St Patrick's and St Mary's communities working together.

One way of symbolizing our unity in working together as six communities is that of next weekend each parish bulletin will have the same front page, including an image of each church and all the details of worship and parish information. The remaining three pages of each parishes bulletin will contain their local news and information.

This journeying together also includes our school communities. Already the four Principals and Religious Education Leaders of our schools have met to plan dates for the celebration of the Sacraments in 2026. At the beginning of Term Four I will meet with the four Principals to reflect on how we journey together in faith.

Let's begin this journey in the HOPE of the Jubilee Year and be men and women who cultivate the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Together we journey.

May Our Lady of Lourdes, Our lady of the Immaculate Conception, St. Brigid, St. Patrick and St. Ambrose journey with us and pray for us.

Blessings.

Fr. John