

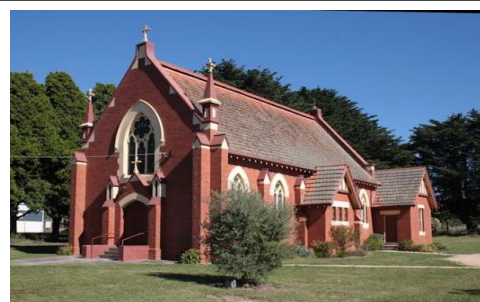
WELCOME TO THE CATHOLIC PARISH'S OF ST AMBROSE WOODEND & ST MARY'S LANCEFIELD AND ROMSEY



ST AMBROSE
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Woodend



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



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

First Sunday of Lent - Year C

9th 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 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

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First Reading Dt 26:4-10

The confession of faith of the elect.

Moses said to the people: 'The priest shall take the panner from your hand and lay it before the altar of the Lord your God. Then, in the sight of the Lord your God, you must make this pronouncement:

"My father was a wandering Aramaean. He went down into Egypt to find refuge there, few in numbers; but there he became a nation, great, mighty, and strong. The Egyptians ill-treated us, they gave us no peace and inflicted harsh slavery on us. But we called on the Lord, the God of our fathers. The Lord heard our voice and saw our misery, our toil and our oppression; and the Lord brought us out of Egypt with mighty hand and outstretched arm, with great terror, and with signs and wonders. He brought us here and gave us this land, a land where milk and honey flow. Here then I bring the first-fruits of the produce of the soil that you, Lord, have given me." You must then lay them before the Lord your God, and bow down in the sight of the Lord your God.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 90:1-2. 10-15. R. v.15

(R.) Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

1. He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High and abides in the shade of the Almighty says to the Lord: 'My refuge, my stronghold, my God in whom I trust!' (R.)
2. Upon you no evil shall fall, no plague approach where you dwell. For you has he commanded his angels, to keep you in all your ways. (R.)
3. They shall bear you upon their hands lest you strike your foot against a stone. On the lion and the viper you will tread and trample the young lion and the dragon. (R.)
4. His love he set on me, so I will rescue him; protect him for he knows my name. When he calls I shall answer: 'I am with you.' I will save him in distress and give him glory. (R.)

Second Reading Rom 10:8-13

The confession of faith of the believers in Christ.

Scripture says: The word, that is the faith we proclaim, is very near to you, it is on your lips and in your heart. If your lips confess that Jesus is Lord and if you believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, then you will be saved. By believing from the heart you are made righteous; by confessing with your lips you are saved. When scripture says: those who believe

in him will have no cause for shame, it makes no distinction between Jew and Greek: all belong to the same Lord who is rich enough, however many ask for his help, for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 4:4

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel Lk 4:1-13

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus was led by the Spirit through the wilderness where he was tempted.

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit through the wilderness, being tempted there by the devil for forty days. During that time he ate nothing and at the end he was hungry. Then the devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to turn into a loaf.' But Jesus replied, 'Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone.'

Then leading him to a height, the devil showed him in a moment of time all the kingdoms of the world and said to him, 'I will give you all this power and the glory of these kingdoms, for it has been committed to me and I give it to anyone I choose. Worship me, then, and it shall all be yours.' But Jesus answered him, 'Scripture says:

You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.'

Then he led him to Jerusalem and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God', he said to him 'throw yourself down from here, for scripture says:

He will put his angels in charge of you to guard you,

and again:

They will hold you up on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.'

But Jesus answered him, 'It has been said:

You must not put the Lord your God to the test.'

Having exhausted all these ways of tempting him, the devil left him, to return at the appointed time.



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

After his baptism Jesus was driven by the Holy Spirit into the wilderness where the devil put him to the test. Jesus was offered three shortcuts to his living in harmony with the will of his Heavenly Father.

First, when he was hungry there would be bread out of stones.

Second, when he wanted to change the world he could have absolute political power.

Third, when he needed to take risks, angels would keep him safe.

Our baptism does not insulate us from the same threefold pattern of temptation. Do you find yourself saying:

I want the whole world to change to satisfy me, or

I want to exercise power over others, or

I want to take stupid risks and come out unharmed, or all three!

What must we do when such temptations assail us?

Realise that such temptations are much less powerful than they seem – the last gasp of the vanquished devil. Imitate Jesus in going to the Scriptures, preferably the Gospels, in order to have the words to hurl back at the devil as you are tested.

We could pause to make a Lenten resolution to read a Gospel, and to do so confident of our Baptismal identity as beloved daughters and sons of God.

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EVERYONE WELCOME

Ministry	08/03/25	09/03/25	15/03/25	16/03/25	22/03/25
Musician	Rosalie	Agnes	Rosalie	Christine	Rosalie
Reader	Leanne	Rosemary	Joanne	Anne B	Michael M
Collector	<i>Vol req</i>	Barry	<i>Vol req</i>	Ged	<i>Vol req</i>
Cleaner	-----	Rosalie	-----	Monica	-----
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

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. 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, especially **Susan Brady** (Kath & Barry Irelands daughter) and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially **Edie Smith, Anthony Grealy & Pat Kelly.**

We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

All **HAIL MARY**
CELEBRANT **FINAL CLOSING PRAYER**
All **PRAYER FOR POPE FRANCIS**

A PRAYER FOR POPE FRANCIS

by Father James Martin

Loving God,

We ask you to look with favor on your servant Francis,
who has served you as a Jesuit, a priest, an archbishop,
a cardinal and now as a pope.

Most of all, he has served you as a faithful Christian,
sharing the love, mercy and compassion
that you Son showed to all he encountered,
especially those who were poor or struggling.

As Francis faces this new illness,
help the doctors and nurses who care for him,
help him to bear any pain with grace,
and help him to heal quickly.

We ask this in your Holy Name.
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 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 3rd April

Thursday 1st May

Collections last week

Presbytery \$364

Thanksgiving \$1455

1st collection: Presbytery & Priest 2nd collection: Thanksgiving (envelope)**Next week's readings:** Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18; Philippians. 3:17 - 4:1; Luke 9:28-36**UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS****STATIONS OF THE CROSS**Friday 14th March – 7pm – St. Ambrose, WoodendFriday 21st March – 7pm – St. Mary's, Romsey

This unique time of prayer for the season of Lent will be a reflective move through the fourteen Stations using those scripture passage that follow the journey of Jesus to the cross. If you are thinking of nurturing your prayer during Lent, why not come along.

RECONCILIATIONSaturday 15th March – 10am – Lancefield**CARITAS – PROJECT COMPASSION**

Mite boxes and giving envelopes are now available in church.

**Global Mission: No age limit!**

Ever thought volunteering overseas was beyond you? IT'S NOT.

Palms always values our older participants for the wisdom and resourcefulness they share in communities!

Palms is celebrating our seniors with a special [online session](#) showcasing older volunteers' experience and insights from the mission field. Explore our [unique opportunities](#) and match your life experience to the experience of a lifetime!

Venue: Online via Zoom- register at palms.org.au/events**Date:** Thursday 27 March 2025**Time:** 11 am – 12 pm**More Info:** Call 02 9560 5333 or go to palms@palms.org.au**Fr. JOHN AWAY**

Fr John will be away from Wed 12/3 to Fri 14/3 attending the Manly Union Meeting in Sydney. Thus, there will be no Mass in Romsey on Thursday 13/3 and no Mass in Woodend on Friday 14/3.

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.



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Friday Weekday Mass

School Masses will resume as of March 14th so Friday Masses will return to 10:15am.

**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.

Light in the Desert

A LENTEN RESOURCE

First Sunday in Lent, Year C

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Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert, for forty days being put to the test by the devil ...Then the devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become a loaf.' But Jesus replied to him, 'Scripture says: *A human does not live on bread alone.*'

Then, leading him to a height, the devil showed him in a moment of time all the kingdoms of the world and said to him, 'I will give you all this power and their splendour, for it has been handed over to me, and I give it to anyone I wish. If you, then, worship me, it shall all be yours.' But Jesus answered him, 'It is written: *You shall worship the Lord your God, him alone shall you serve.*' Then he led him to Jerusalem and set him on the parapet of the Temple and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God throw yourself down from here, for it is written: *He has given his angels orders about you, to guard you, and that, they will carry you in their arms in case you trip on a stone.*' But Jesus answered him, 'It is said: *Do not put the Lord your God to the test.*'

Having finished every way of putting him to the test, the devil left him, until the opportune moment. (*Luke 4:1-2, 3-13*)

Did you know?

Points of interest and Catholic lore.

In the Catholic Church, Lent is a season of conversion where we observe three penitential practices: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. As a season of conversion, it is also a season of grace: 'Conversion is first of all a work of the grace of God who makes our hearts return to him: "Restore us to thyself, O Lord, that we may be restored!" (Lam 5:21)' (*Catechism of the Catholic Church §1432*).



Follow me, Satan (Temptation of Jesus Christ), by Ilya Repin (1901-1903).

Exploring the faith

The desert evokes a lot of things in the Bible. The desert is wandering and pilgrimage, punishment and hardship. It is the place of betrothal, where God draws his people to speak to their hearts (Hosea 2:17-18). But it is also a place of testing and deepening, where God teaches us dependence, trust, and what it means to worship him alone. It is a place, quite literally, 'set apart' for growth in holiness.

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As we start Lent, a time of intentional struggle and growth in holiness, a reading from *Lumen gentium* (Vatican II's Dogmatic Constitution on the Church) is the perfect place to start. *Lumen gentium's* teaching on 'the universal call to holiness' has been called the 'dynamite' of the Second Vatican Council. It teaches us that holiness is not a calling for a select few but for everyone, no matter their circumstances in life. It teaches us that holiness is both a grace *and* a quest. Christ is the beginning and end of our holiness, but we are called to participate in this gift, to see it grow and flourish. The Church calls us to strive along 'the quest for perfect love,' in the knowledge that the world as we know it is passing away (LG §42).

10. The Lord Jesus, the divine Teacher and Model of all perfection, preached holiness of life to each and everyone of His disciples of every condition. He Himself stands as the author and consummator of this holiness of life: 'Be you therefore perfect, even as our heavenly Father is perfect' (Mt 5:48). Indeed He sent the Holy Spirit upon all men that He might move them inwardly to love God with their whole heart and their whole soul, with all their mind and all their strength, and that they might love each other as Christ loves them. The followers of Christ are called by God, not because of their works, but according to His own purpose and grace. They are justified in the Lord Jesus, because in the baptism of faith they truly become sons of God and sharers in the divine nature. In this way they are really made holy. Then too, by God's gift, they must hold on to and complete in their lives this holiness they have received. They must follow in His footsteps and conform themselves to His image seeking the will of the Father in all things. They must devote themselves with all their being to the glory of God and the service of their neighbour. In this way, the holiness of the People of God will grow into an abundant harvest of good, as is admirably shown by the life of so many saints in Church history.

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