

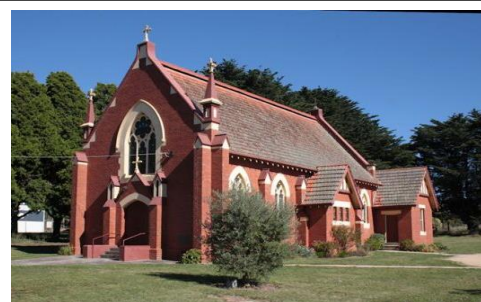
WELCOME TO THE CATHOLIC PARISH'S OF ST AMBROSE WOODEND & ST MARY'S LANCEFIELD AND ROMSEY



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

The Baptism of the Lord, Year C

12th January, 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 Lancefield 10am-10.30am

Healing Mass

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

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Office Hours

Woodend Monday 9am - 4pm & Friday 9am - 4pm

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

Websites

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Lancefield: www.melbocatholic.org/s/lancefield

School Communities

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St Mary's Lancefield Principal: Gabe Aguis Ph 03 54291359.

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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

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First Reading

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it.

‘Console my people, console them’, says your God.
‘Speak to the heart of Jerusalem and call to her that her time of service is ended, that her sin is atoned for, that she has received from the hand of the Lord double punishment for all her crimes.’

A voice cries, ‘Prepare in the wilderness a way for the Lord. Make a straight highway for our God across the desert. Let every valley be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, let every cliff become a plain, and the ridges a valley; then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all mankind shall see it; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.’

Go up on a high mountain, joyful messenger to Zion.
Shout with a loud voice, joyful messenger to Jerusalem.
Shout without fear, say to the towns of Judah, ‘Here is your God.’

Here is the Lord coming with power, his arm subduing all things to him. The prize of his victory is with him, his trophies all go before him. He is like a shepherd feeding his flock, gathering lambs in his arms, holding them against his breast and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-30. R v.1

(R.) Oh, bless the Lord, my soul!

1. Lord God, how great you are,
clothed in majesty and glory,
wrapped in light as in a robe!
You stretch out the heavens like a tent. (R.)
2. Above the rains you build your dwelling.
You make the clouds your chariot,
you walk on the wings of the wind,
you make the winds your messengers
and flashing fire your servants. (R.)
3. How many are your works, O Lord!
In wisdom you have made them all.
The earth is full of your riches.
There is the sea, vast and wide,
with its moving swarms past counting,
living things great and small. (R.)
4. All of these look to you
to give them their food in due season.
You give it, they gather it up;
you open your hand, they have their fill. (R.)

5. You take back your spirit, they die,
returning to the dust from which they came.
You send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the earth. (R.)

Second Reading

Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to Titus.

He saved us through the water of rebirth and renewal in the Holy Spirit.

God’s grace has been revealed, and it has made salvation possible for the whole human race and taught us that what we have to do is to give up everything that does not lead to God and all our worldly ambitions; we must be self-restrained and live good and religious lives here in this present world, while we are waiting in hope for the blessing which will come with the Appearing of the glory of our great God and saviour Christ Jesus. He sacrificed himself for us in order to set us free from all wickedness and to purify a people so that it could be his very own and would have no ambition except to do good.

When the kindness and love of God our saviour for mankind were revealed, it was not because he was concerned with any righteous actions we might have done ourselves; it was for no reason except his own compassion that he saved us, by means of the cleansing water of rebirth and by renewing us with the Holy Spirit which he has so generously poured over us through Jesus Christ our saviour. He did this so that we should be justified by his grace, to become heirs looking forward to inheriting eternal life.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

cf. Luke 3:16

Alleluia, alleluia!

John said: He who is to come is mightier than I;
he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

When Jesus had been baptised and had been praying, the heavens were opened and the Holy Spirit came upon him.

A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, ‘I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire’

Now when all the people had been baptised and while Jesus after his own baptism was at prayer, heaven opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily shape, like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, ‘You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you’.

The Gospel of the Lord.

CONTINUING PRAYER LIST:

Please pray for the following who are in continuing need of our prayers:

Merle Trembath, Christine Cheney, Kath Ireland, Gwen DeCarolis, Brendan Coburn & Vittoria Cafari.

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 – especially 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 **Val Carr**.

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 \$284 Thanksgiving \$540
1st collection: Presbytery & Priest 2nd collection: Thanksgiving (envelope)

Next week's readings: Isaiah 62:1-5; 1Corinthians 12:4-11; John 2:1-11

JANUARY ROSTERS

As there are no duties rostered during the month of January, it would be appreciated if volunteers could make themselves available at any Mass they attend to ensure all ministry roles are filled.

SECRETARY ANNUAL LEAVE

From January 1st to the 31st the office will only be manned on Friday's.
If you have any queries during this time, email would be the best option and I can reply as time permits.

EXTRA MASS - means extra help needed.

Rosters for 2025 will be produced shortly. Could Readers please advise which Masses they are happy to attend if rostered on for reading.

FEBRUARY HEALING MASS – change of date

Due to a Priest availability the February Healing Mass will be held on **Saturday 8th of February**.

The Healing Mass will return to the 1st Saturday of the month from March onwards.

SAVE THE DATE – 9th FEBRUARY 2024 – 11am

Our neighbours, St. Brigid's Parish will soon celebrate the 150th Anniversary of Gisborne Church.

Mass will commence at 11:00am and will also be live streamed. Memorabilia display, activities & food vendors to follow between 12 & 4pm.

Learn more about the St. Brigid's Church story and meet or reconnect with present and past parishioners.

EVERYONE WELCOME

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



Lourdes Day Mass

Saturday 8TH February 2025
at 10:30am
at St Patrick's Cathedral

An opportunity to pray for the sick and infirm with Archbishop Peter A Comensoli as the principal celebrant. All in attendance will receive a gift pack containing water from the grotto at Lourdes, rosary beads and prayer material.
Info: Sauro Antonelli AM on 0411 250 288



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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.