

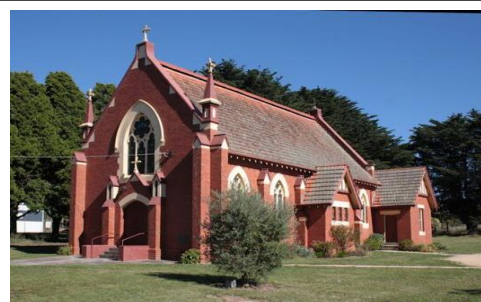
WELCOME TO THE CATHOLIC PARISH'S OF ST AMBROSE WOODEND & ST MARY'S LANCEFIELD AND ROMSEY



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

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

2nd 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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Office Hours

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

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Lancefield: www.melbcatholic.org/s/lancefield

School Communities

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

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Child Protection

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The Living Word

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

2 March 2025

First Reading Sir 27:4-7

Do not praise someone before they have spoken.

In a shaken sieve the rubbish is left behind,
so too the defects of a man appear in his talk.
The kiln tests the work of the potter,
the test of a man is in his conversation.
The orchard where the tree grows is judged on the quality of its fruit,
similarly a man's words betray what he feels.
Do not praise a man before he has spoken,
since this is the test of men.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 91:2-3. 13-16. R. See v.2

(R.) Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

1. It is good to give thanks to the Lord
to make music to your name, O
Most High,
to proclaim your love in the morning
and your truth in the watches of the
night. (R.)
2. The just will flourish like the palm-
tree
and grow like a Lebanon cedar. (R.)
3. Planted in the house of the Lord
they will flourish in the courts of our
God,
still bearing fruit when they are old,
still full of sap, still green,
to proclaim that the Lord is just.
In him, my rock, there is no wrong.
(R.)

Second Reading 1 Cor 15:54-58

Victory has been given to us through Jesus Christ.

When this perishable nature has put
on imperishability, and when this
mortal nature has put on immortality,
then the words of scripture will come
true: Death is swallowed up in victory.
Death, where is your victory? Death,
where is your sting? Now the sting of
death is sin, and sin gets its power
from the Law. So let us thank God for
giving us the victory through our Lord
Jesus Christ.

Never give in then, my dear brothers,
never admit defeat; keep on working at
the Lord's work always, knowing that,
in the Lord, you cannot be labouring in
vain.

Gospel Acclamation Phil 2:15-16

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Shine on the world like bright stars;
you are offering it the word of life.
Alleluia!*

Gospel Lk 6:39-45

A person speaks from what is in his heart.

Jesus told a parable to his disciples,
'Can one blind man guide another?
Surely both will fall into a pit? The
disciple is not superior to his teacher;
the fully trained disciple will always be
like his teacher. Why do you observe the
splinter in your brother's eye and never
notice the plank in your own? How can
you say to your brother, "Brother, let me
take out the splinter that is in your eye,"
when you cannot see the plank in your
own? Hypocrite! Take the plank out of
your own eye first, and then you will see
clearly enough to take out the splinter
that is in your brother's eye.

'There is no sound tree that produces
rotten fruit, nor again a rotten tree that
produces sound fruit. For every tree can
be told by its own fruit: people do not
pick figs from thorns, nor gather grapes
from brambles. A good man draws what
is good from the store of goodness in
his heart; a bad man draws what is bad
from the store of badness. For a man's
words flow out of what fills his heart.'

Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

A Greek word for an actor is
hypokrites, and Jesus often uses it in
a disparaging way. How often have
we heard the sad, sometimes angry,
remark by someone let down by a
person they trusted: 'It was all a big
act'. Eventually, the true character
of the dishonest or manipulative
person is revealed. All the acting in
the world will not forever suppress
what is bound to overflow from the
heart.

This takes us to the Sermon on the
Mount where Jesus pronounces a
blessing on 'the pure in heart, for
they will see God'. This does not
describe those who are ritually or
sexually pure, but those who, at the
core of their being, are not actors.
There is no duplicity or camouflage,
no lie or deception clouding the
heart. Because of this, Jesus says
they are well prepared to see God
because they do not have the great
plank of acting in their eye.

Of course, we already see God in
the person of Jesus of Nazareth, so
that we can pray with the clear-
sighted Richard, Bishop of
Chichester in 1253: 'O most
merciful redeemer, friend and
brother, may I know thee more
clearly, love thee more dearly and
follow thee more nearly, day by
day.'

We could pause for a moment and
resolve to make that prayer with a
pure heart. Then, when we grace-
fully share Christ's resurrection life
in Heavenly Glory, in the embrace
of Divine Love we shall truly see
the Triune God face-to-face!

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EVERYONE WELCOME

Ministry	01/03/25	01/03/25	02/03/25	08/03/25	09/03/25
Musician	-----	Rosalie	Christine	Rosalie	Agnes
Reader	Eileen	Joan	Rosemary	Leanne	Rosemary
Collector	-----	Vol req	Rob	Vol req	Barry
Cleaner	-----	-----	Christine	-----	Rosalie
Location	Rom	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

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. Terry 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 **Francesco Cafari**.

We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

All	BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY PRAYER (see page 4)
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 6th March
Thursday 3rd April

Collections last week

Presbytery \$410

Thanksgiving \$675

1st collection: Presbytery & Priest2nd collection: Thanksgiving (envelope)**Next week's readings:** Deuteronomy 26:4-10, Romans 10:8-13, Luke 4:1-13**UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS****HEALING MASS**Saturday March 1st – 10am – Romsey Church**BAPTISM'S**Saturday March 1st – 11am**ASH WEDNESDAY**Wednesday 5th March – 11:45am – Whole School MassWednesday 5th March – 7pm – Parish Mass – Romsey**ST MARY'S DROP IN**Thursday 6th March – 10:30am – Romsey Parish Hall**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2025**

Focus country: the Cook Islands

On behalf of the Ecumenical churches in Lancefield & Romsey

Romsey Uniting Church will host WDOP this year.**Friday, March 7th, 2025 - 10:30am**

All welcome

HOLY HOURFriday 7th March 7pm – 8pm

St. Mary's Church Lancefield

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

SCHOOL MASSSt. Mary's School Mass will return on Friday 14th March at 10:15am

Friday weekday Mass will continue at 9:30am until that time.

RETURN OF LAST YEARS PALM BRANCHES

Fr. John has requested for parishioners who have last years' palm branches to please return them to burn for this years' ashes.

Baskets will be left in each church for returned branches.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES*Congratulations and special blessings to all those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries during the month of March. May your journey through life be filled with daily treasures, and may you always be open, willing and ready to share your blessings with others.***Birthdays:** Monica Tomlinson, Tony Davis, Tammie Dagleish and a big shout out to - **Sophie McCarthy & Josh McCarthy!****Anniversaries:**

Anthea & Steve Goodwin – 21 years

Peter McGill & Julie Arnold-McGill – 42 years

Bob & Greta James - 61 years!

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RIDEHELLS CREEK | 5428 7591 | 9 Station St

**FRIDAY WEEKDAY MASS -
LANCEFIELD**Weekday Mass on a Friday will
remain at 9:30am until 07/3/25**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.