

ST. MARY'S PARISH

LANCEFIELD & ROMSEY

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

25th July, 2021

Lancefield Church
29 Chauncey Street
Lancefield



Romsey Church
85 Main Street
Romsey



MASS

Under the current Covid restrictions, our churches will remain closed. Fr. Vinoth will continue to live stream Sunday Mass from St Brigid's and you can view this at St Brigid's Facebook page. Alternately, I'm sure by now you've all found your preferred on-line or tv Mass. Weddings are only permitted for end of life or deportation reasons. Funerals are permitted with no more than 10 mourners.

DURING CHURCH CLOSURE THERE IS NO NEED FOR CLEANERS TO ATTEND, HOWEVER WITH HOPE IN OUR HEARTS FOR A SWIFT RE-OPENING OF OUR CHURCHES, THE FOLLOWING ROSTER WILL APPLY. THANK YOU TO ALL VOLUNTEERS WHO HAVE BEEN HELPING OUT RECENTLY AT SHORT NOTICE.

Ministry Roster	01/08/21	07/08/21	08/08/21	15/08/21
Greeter	Betty	Rose	Rose	Rose
Musician	Christine	-----	Rosalie	Christine
Power Point	Marg	-----	Claire	Marg
Reader	Eileen	Tony O	Michael M	Christina
QR Marshall	to be advised	-----		
Collectors	to be advised	-----		
Church Cleaner	Elaine	-----	Florence	Christine
Location	Romsey	Romsey	Lancefield	Romsey

CONTINUING PRAYER LIST:

Please pray also for the following who are in continuing need of our prayers:
Jesse Hogan, Cheryl Horan, Marg Redmond, Rita Shannon, Catherine Sullivan, Merle Trembath, Christine Cheney, Isabelle Fleming, Terry Connors, Kath Ireland, Noel Doolan, Charlotte Mathews & Terri Hoban.

We are currently sourcing a "Safe" for each of our churches to keep our valuable items protected. If anyone happens to have one in their shed that is not being used, please contact the office.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS

The Communion Mass which was scheduled for this Sunday afternoon, 25/7/21, in Lancefield has been postponed.

Keep these children in your prayers as they endure yet another postponement. Some of these children have been waiting over a year. ☹️ An announcement regarding future prospective dates will be made as soon as restrictions have been lifted.

The Communion Mass which is scheduled for next Sunday afternoon, 1/8/21, in Romsey will continue if restrictions are lifted.

SECRETARY – ANNUAL LEAVE

Should lock down continue next week, the Secretary will only work on Friday.

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Secretary Hours

Tues, Wed & Friday
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CHILD PROTECTION
is everyone's responsibility

Safety of Children and All Vulnerable People

We hold the care, safety and wellbeing of children and all vulnerable people as a central and fundamental responsibility for our community. The St. Mary's Safeguarding Children and Young People Policy is on display on the church noticeboards or via the parish office.

Diocesan Policies available at

<https://www.melbournecatholic.org>

Child Safety Committee

Fr. Martin Fleming
Tammie Dagleish
Michael Mooney
Monica Tomlinson
David Fiddelaers

First Reading - 2 Kings 4:42-44

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing Elisha, the man of God, bread from the first-fruits, twenty barley loaves and fresh grain in the ear. 'Give it to the people to eat,' Elisha said. But his servant replied, 'How can I serve this to a hundred men?' 'Give it to the people to eat' he insisted 'for the Lord says this, "They will eat and have some left over."' He served them; they ate and had some over, as the Lord had said.

Responsorial Psalm - Ps 144:10-11, 15-18. R. v.16

(R.) *The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.*

1. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, and your friends shall repeat their blessing. They shall speak of the glory of your reign and declare your might, O God. (R.)
2. The eyes of all creatures look to you and you give them their food in due time. You open wide your hand, grant the desires of all who live. (R.)
3. The Lord is just in all his ways and loving in all his deeds. He is close to all who call him, who call on him from their hearts. (R.)

Second Reading - Ephesians 4:1-6

I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you to lead a life worthy of your vocation. Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience. Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds you together. There is one Body, one Spirit, just as you were all called into one and the same hope when you were called. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God who is Father of all, through all and within all.

Gospel Acclamation - Luke 7:16

Alleluia, alleluia!

A great prophet has appeared among us;
God has visited his people.

Alleluia!

Gospel - John 6:1-15

Jesus went off to the other side of the Sea of Galilee – or of Tiberias – and a large crowd followed him, impressed by the signs he gave by curing the sick. Jesus climbed the hillside, and sat down there with his disciples. It was shortly before the Jewish feast of Passover.

Looking up, Jesus saw the crowds approaching and said to Philip, 'Where can we buy some bread for these people to eat?' He only said this to test Philip; he himself knew exactly what he was going to do. Philip answered, 'Two hundred denarii would only buy enough to give them a small piece each.' One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said, 'There is a small boy here with five barley loaves and two fish; but what is that between so many?' Jesus said to them, 'Make the people sit down.' There was plenty of grass there, and as many as five thousand men sat down. Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks and gave them out to all who were sitting ready; he then did the same with the fish, giving out as much as was wanted. When they had eaten enough he said to the disciples, 'Pick up the pieces left over, so that nothing gets wasted.' So they picked them up, and filled twelve hampers with scraps left over from the meal of five barley loaves. The people, seeing this sign that he had given, said, 'This really is the prophet who is to come into the world.' Jesus, who could see they were about to come and take him by force and make him king, escaped back to the hills by himself.

**Reflection by Fr Michael Tate**

The disciples fell into the verbal trap which Jesus set. They believed that market forces should dictate how the hunger of the crowd could be satisfied. It was a young lad who put the disciples to shame, simply handing over five barley loaves and two fish to Jesus. It was because of his generosity that Divine generosity was able to feed the crowd.

Divine desire to satisfy the hungers of humanity for the various necessities of life (food, shelter, companionship, education, medicines) require human generosity. Otherwise, Divine Compassion cannot be effective in the world. Voluntary renunciation of property and sharing of wealth still occurs in the little oases of monasteries and convents, echoes of the radical redistribution of wealth recorded in the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 4:32-35). St Luke makes it clear that this was essentially linked to the Apostles' testifying to the Resurrection 'with great power'.

Francis of Assisi and now Francis of Buenos Aires remind us that the Church itself needs to engage in the redistribution of its wealth to enable the hungers of humanity to be satisfied. This will give authenticity to its preaching of the Gospel, and enable its evangelising to be undertaken 'with great power'.

We could take a moment to pray that we become more like the little boy in the Gospel, more like Francis of Assisi, more like Francis of Buenos Aires, voluntarily sharing our wealth to satisfy the hungers of humanity.

MYSTERY OF FAITH

We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
and profess your Resurrection
until you come again.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Fr: In the miracle of feeding five thousand people, our Lord shows us that the Father will give us everything we need. Let us ask him for all the good gifts he can provide for us.

R: For those who fight against famine, that their work of relief and research may feed the starving millions in our world.

We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

R: For people who hunger for Christ, that they may find the one Lord, one faith, and one baptism.

We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

R: For this assembly of the faithful, that we may love Jesus Christ as he gives himself to the multitudes in the Eucharist.

We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

R: We pray for those who are ill, especially Maureen Brown and Thomas Dalglish and those in continuing need of our prayers. For the faithful departed, especially Les Kays that they may come to the eternal feast in God's kingdom and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially Pat Ryan, Elizabeth Pum, Pat & Carmel Kelly, Sr. Cath Dean RSJ. We remember Caden Salazar as he reaches his 3rd birthday in heaven.

We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

All HAIL MARY

Fr: Most merciful Father,
hear the prayers of the people you have gathered
to offer and receive the eternal gift,
Jesus Christ your Son,
who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Amen

Collections last week Presbytery \$
1st collection: Presbytery & Priest

Thanksgiving \$
2nd collection: Thanksgiving
(envelope)

Readings next week 1 Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15 Ephesians 4:17, 20-24 John 6:24-35

THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES

The remainder of the 2021/2022 Financial year Thanksgiving Envelopes will be available for collection at the church entrance when we re-open Please see the greeter who will have them for you. Please contact the office if you would like to be allocated some envelopes.

ST MARY'S DROP IS BACK!!!! - Drop-in Dates 2021

Dependent on Covid restrictions of course.

Thursday 5th August 10:30am-2:30pm Thursday 2nd September 10:30am-2:30pm

WEEKLY MASS TIMES

St. Mary's Parish

Sunday's at 9:00am

To be confirmed as restrictions ease

01/08/21 – Romsey

08/08/21 – Lancefield

15/08/21 – Romsey

22/08/21 – Lancefield

29/08/21 – Lancefield

HEALING MASS

St. Mary's Parish

1st Saturday at 10:00am

07/08/21 – Romsey

04/09/21 - Lancefield

WEEKLY MASS TIMES

St. Ambrose Parish - Woodend

Saturday 6:00pm

Sunday 11:00am

Wednesday, Thursday

& Friday 9:30am

Baptism

As arranged with the Parish Secretary usually the 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month

Marriages

Arranged by appointment with Fr. Martin at least 6 months in advance.

Funerals

Contact Fr. Martin directly.

Reconciliation

By appointment only

Please contact Fr. Martin

5427 2690

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. Martin, fill in a census card located in the church foyer and place in either collection or contact Tammie directly at the parish office.

MARY MACKILLOP

today

Fundraising Dinner & Auction

Funding for Life Changing Small Projects within Australia

WHEN Friday 27th August 2021

Commences 6.30pm with canapés

WHERE Mount St Joseph Girls' College
133 Maidstone St, Altona

COST \$40.00pp (2 course meal & dessert, BYO drinks)

GUEST SPEAKER

Dr Robyn Miller, CEO MacKillop Family Services

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RSVP Friday 20th August 2021

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