

ST. MARY'S PARISH

LANCEFIELD & ROMSEY

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

1st August, 2021

Lancefield Church
29 Chauncey Street
Lancefield



Romsey Church
85 Main Street
Romsey



MASS

Under the current Covid restrictions, our churches can reopen with a density quotient of 1 person per 4sq. metres which allows us to have 30 parishioners celebrate Mass each week. I can allow for another 4 parishioners up in the choir loft area if you request that in your booking.

There are relaxed restrictions around Weddings and Funerals as well so please contact the office if you need these details.

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	Eileen	Michael M	Christina
QR Marshall	Christina	Agnes	Dennis	
Collectors	Ged Mc	-----	Joe	
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.

FAREWELL TO PARISHIONERS

BLUEY & SHIRLEY SHELTON and TONY O'BRIEN

have moved away from parish. We thank them for their service to our parish community and wish them every happiness in their new homes.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS

The Communion Masses for our Year 4 & 5 children have been re-scheduled to 22/08/21 in Lancefield and 05/09/21 in Romsey. These Masses will be separate to the normal Sunday Mass.

Keep these children in your prayers as the Masses can only go ahead if the restrictions are eased again and our numbers increase to 60.

Join in this Saturday for the live broadcast of the
Episcopal Ordination of Most Reverend Martin Ashe
and Most Reverend Anthony Ireland.

Saturday 31 July, 10.30am
St Patrick's Cathedral, East Melbourne

Watch online at the [Archdiocesan YouTube channel](#) or on free-to-air TV via C31 (channel 44 on digital TV). Please share this good news, and let us continue to pray for our two Bishops-elect as they prepare to take up their new ministry in our Church!

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School Website

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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 - Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15

The whole community of the sons of Israel began to complain against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness and said to them, 'Why did we not die at the Lord's hand in the land of Egypt, when we were able to sit down to pans of meat and could eat bread to our hearts content! As it is, you have brought us to this wilderness to starve this whole company to death!'

Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Now I will rain down bread for you from the heavens. Each day the people are to go out and gather the day's portion; I propose to test them this way to see whether they will follow my law or not.'

'I have heard the complaints of the sons of Israel. Say this to them, "Between the two evenings you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have bread to your hearts content. Then you will learn that I, the Lord, am your God.'" And so it came about: quails flew up in the evening, and they covered the camp; in the morning there was a coating of dew all round the camp. When the coating of dew lifted, there on the surface of the desert was a thing delicate, powdery, as fine as hoarfrost on the ground. When they saw this, the sons of Israel said to one another, 'What is that?' not knowing what it was. 'That' said Moses to them 'is the bread the Lord gives you to eat.'

Responsorial Psalm - Ps 77:3-4, 23-25. 54. R. v.24

(R.) The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

1. The things we have heard and understood,
the things our fathers have told us,
we will tell to the next generation:
the glories of the Lord and his might. *(R.)*
2. He commanded the clouds above
and opened the gates of heaven.
He rained down manna for their food,
and gave them bread from heaven. *(R.)*
3. Mere men ate the bread of angels.
He sent them abundance of food.
He brought them to his holy land,
to the mountain which his right hand had won. *(R.)*

Second Reading - Ephesians 4:17, 20-24

I want to urge you in the name of the Lord, not to go on living the aimless kind of life that pagans live. Now that is hardly the way you have learnt from Christ, unless you failed to hear him properly when you were taught what the truth is in Jesus. You must give up your old way of life; you must put aside your old self, which gets corrupted by following illusory desires. Your mind must be renewed by a spiritual revolution so that you can put on the new self that has been created in God's way, in the goodness and holiness of the truth.

Gospel Acclamation - Matthew 4:4

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

Gospel - John 6:24-35

When the people saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into boats and crossed to Capernaum to look for Jesus. When they found him on the other side, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' Jesus answered:

'I tell you most solemnly,
you are not looking for me because you have seen the signs
but because you had all the bread you wanted to eat.

Do not work for food that cannot last,
but work for food that endures to eternal life,
the kind of food the Son of Man is offering you,
for on him the Father, God himself, has set his seal.'

Then they said to him, 'What must we do if we are to do the works that God wants?' Jesus gave them this answer, 'This is working for God: you must believe in the one he has sent.' So they said, 'What sign will you give to show us that we should believe in you? What work will you do? Our fathers had manna to eat in the desert; as scripture says: He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'

Jesus answered:

'I tell you most solemnly,
it was not Moses who gave you bread from heaven,
it is my Father who gives you the bread from heaven,
the true bread; for the bread of God
is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.'

'Sir,' they said 'give us that bread always.' Jesus answered:

'I am the bread of life.

He who comes to me will never be hungry;
he who believes in me will never thirst.'



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Some religions, and even strands of Catholicism, try to suppress appetites in order to achieve some 'out-of-this-world' liberation. But appetites are good things, telling us what we humans need as bodily, social, spiritual beings. They provide a reality check against our tendency to think that salvation is exclusively about the soul. Our appetites for food and drink, for affection and companionship, for the truth about the Big Picture of our life journey, need to be satisfied or we disintegrate in various ways.

Our Lord Jesus Christ proclaims in today's Gospel that He is the total satisfaction of our deepest human appetites: 'I am the Bread from Heaven which gives life to the world.' That 'Life' is nothing less than participation in Divine Life, existing in the Big Picture in the way God intended. That is the nourishment offered not to a particular tribe or ethnic group, but to the whole of humanity, indeed to the whole of creation. We could take a moment to pray for faith to recognise that the bread brought up at the Offertory is truly transformed: no longer short term food like manna in the desert, but 'the Bread of Life', the Real Presence of the One who nourishes our humanity, indeed who gives Life to the world.

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

- Fr:** At the tables of the Word and the Eucharist, the Lord nourishes us on our pilgrim way. With gratitude for his goodness, let us make our intercessions together.
- R:** For the Church in this diocese, brought into unity by celebrating Christ's sacrifice.
We pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- R:** For leaders who seek to follow ways of reconciliation, peace and justice.
We pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- R:** For deeper reverence and devotion to the sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.
We pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- R:** We pray for those who are ill, especially Maureen Brown and Thomas Dagleish and those in continuing need of our prayers. For the faithful departed who rest in Christ's care and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially Michael Connally, Brooke Alford & John Theisz.
We pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

All BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY PRAYER (SEE BACK PAGE)

HAIL MARY

- Fr:** Father of Christ the bread of life,
through this Eucharist make us grow in holiness and goodness,
and grant what we ask in faith,
through Christ our Lord.
Amen

Collections last week	Presbytery \$	Thanksgiving \$
	1 st collection: Presbytery & Priest	2 nd collection: Thanksgiving (envelope)

Readings next week	1 Kings 19:4-8	Ephesians 4:30-5:2	John 6:41-51
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THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES

The remainder of the 2021/2022 Financial year Thanksgiving Envelopes will be available for collection at the church entrance. 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

Unfortunately August Drop in cannot go ahead due to Covid restrictions.

Future Drop in dates are:

Thursday 2nd September 10:30am-2:30pm Thursday 7th October 10:30am-2:30pm
November 4th November 10:30am-2:30pm

Please call Rose on 5429 5270 to book your place.

Applications are invited from suitably qualified and experienced people for the positions of:

- **Parish Secretary, Parish of St Vincent de Paul, Strathmore**
- **Parish Secretary, St Brendan's & Holy Rosary Parishes, Flemington**
- **Parish Secretary, Our Lady Help of Christians, Narre Warren**

Further details of the above positions can be found on the Archdiocese website at: <https://melbournecatholic.org/job-vacancies>

CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal

Next weekend is the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. As our parish's social service agency, CatholicCare Victoria delivers counselling and mental health services, specialised support for children and teens, refugee and asylum seeker help, support for separating families, homelessness support and pastoral care. Donations from our parish community will help to support the most vulnerable individuals and families in our community.

Please donate to the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal.

Your support and generosity will help the vulnerable and marginalised in our community and empower everyone to reach their full potential.

You can donate using the appeal envelope available, online at www.catholiccarevic.org.au or call (03) 9287 5513.

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.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Congratulations and special blessings to all those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries during the month of August. 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: Shirley Lewandowski & Bob James

Anniversaries: Brendan & Julie Tully – 45 years &
Tom & Marie Hoban – 54 years.

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