

ST. MARY'S PARISH

LANCEFIELD & ROMSEY

St. Mary of the Cross - Year B

8th August, 2021

Lancefield Church
29 Chauncey Street
Lancefield



Romsey Church
85 Main Street
Romsey



MASS CANCELLED

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	15/08/21	22/08/21	29/08/21	04/09/21
Greeter	Rose	Rose	Rose	
Musician	Christine	Agnes	Rosalie	
Power Point	Marg	Claire	Marg/Claire	
Reader	Christina	Julie A-McG	Judith	
QR Marshall	Mick	Julie T	Dennis	
Collectors	Ged	Joe	Joe	
Church Cleaner	Christine	Eva	Kerry	
Location	Romsey	Lancefield	Lancefield	Romsey

SECRETARY – ANNUAL LEAVE

While we are in lock down next week, the Secretary will only work on Friday. Please leave a message or send an email and I will answer upon my return.

MASS BOOKINGS

Regardless of how we come out of lock down, bookings will still be essential to attend Mass in our parish. Please email your booking request for Masses from 15/8/21 onwards and I will confirm places by email if we are allowed to open again next Sunday.

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.

Parish Priest

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Woodend Vic 3442
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Parish Secretary

Tammie Dalgleish
C/- Presbytery
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Lancefield Vic 3435
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Parish Email

lancefield@cam.org.au

Parish Website

currently under construction ☺

Secretary Hours

Tues, Wed & Friday
9:00am – 3:00pm

St Mary's Primary School

Principal - Julie McDougall

T: 5429 1359

office@smlancefield.catholic.edu.au

School Website

www.smlancefield.catholic.edu.au

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 Dalgleish
Michael Mooney
Monica Tomlinson
David Fiddelaers

First Reading - 1 Kings 17:7-16

And then the word of the Lord came to Elijah, 'Up and go to Zarephath, a Sidonian town, and stay there. I have ordered a widow there to give you food.' So he went off to Sidon. And when he reached the city gate, there was a widow gathering sticks. Addressing her he said, 'Please bring a little water in a vessel for me to drink.' She was setting off to bring it when he called after her. 'Please,' he said 'bring me a scrap of bread in your hand.' 'As the Lord your God lives,' she replied 'I have no baked bread, but only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am just gathering a stick or two to go and prepare this for myself and my son to eat, and then we shall die.' But Elijah said to her, 'Do not be afraid, go and do as you have said; but first make a little scone of it for me and bring it to me, and then make some for yourself and for your son. For thus the Lord speaks, the God of Israel: "Jar of meal shall not be spent, jug of oil shall not be emptied, before the day when the Lord sends rain on the face of the earth."'

The woman went and did as Elijah told her and they ate the food, she, himself and her son. The jar of meal was not spent nor the jug of oil emptied, just as the Lord had foretold through Elijah.

Responsorial Psalm - Ps 62:1-8

(R.) *My soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast.*

1. O God, you are my God, for you I long;
or you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you
like a dry, weary land without water. (R.)
2. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary
to see your strength and your glory.
For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise. (R.)
3. So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy. (R.)
4. On my bed I remember you.
On you I muse through the night
for you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. (R.)

Second Reading - Colossians 3:12-17

You are God's chosen race, his saints; he loves you, and you should be clothed in sincere compassion, in kindness and humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with one another; forgive each other as soon as a quarrel begins. The Lord has forgiven you; now you must do the same. Over all these clothes, to keep them together and complete them, put on love. And may the peace of Christ reign in your hearts, because it is for this that you were called together as parts of one body. Always be thankful. Let the message of Christ, in all its richness, find a home with you. Teach each other, and advise each other, in all wisdom. With gratitude in your hearts sing psalms and hymns and inspired songs to God; and never say or do anything except in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Gospel Acclamation - Matthew 27:55

Alleluia, alleluia!

Many women were there by the cross, watching from a distance, the same women who had followed Jesus and looked after him.

Alleluia!

Gospel - Mathew 6:25-34

I am telling you not to worry about your life and what you are to eat, nor about your body and what you are to wear. Surely life is more than food, and the body more than clothing! Look at the birds in the sky. They do not sow or reap or gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not worth much more than they are? Can any of you, however much you worry, add one single cubit to your span of life?

And why worry about clothing?

Think of the flowers growing in the fields; they never have to work or spin: yet I assure you that not even Solomon in all his royal robes was clothed like one of these. Now if that is how God clothes the wild flowers growing in the field which are there today and thrown into the furnace tomorrow, will he not much more look after you, you have so little faith?

So do not worry; do not say, "What are we to eat?"

What are we to drink? What are we to wear?"

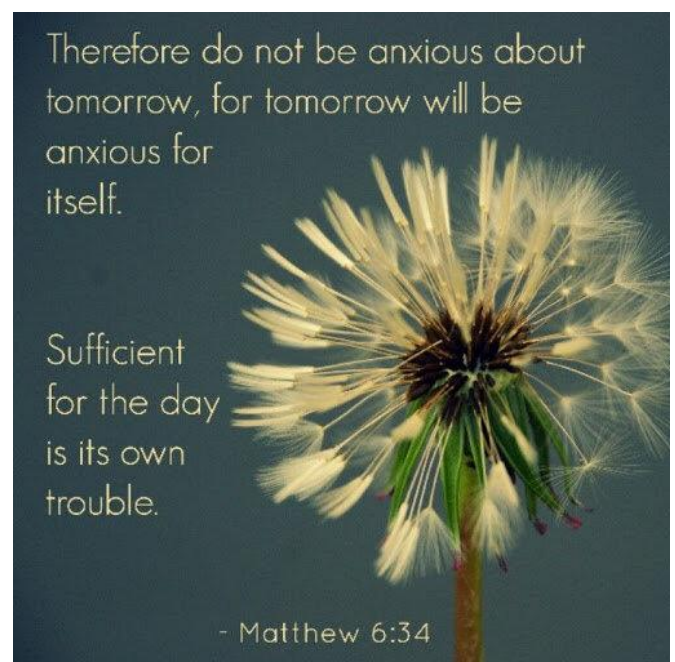
It is the gentiles who set their hearts on all these things.

Your heavenly Father knows you need them all.

Set your hearts on his kingdom first, and on God's saving justice, and all these other things will be given you as well.

So do not worry about tomorrow: tomorrow will take care of itself.

Each day has enough trouble of its own.

**Reflection by Fr Michael Tate**

This Gospel *does not* say we should not worry about what *others* eat or drink or have to wear. In fact we will be judged on whether we gave 'the Least' food, shelter, companionship in illness or in prison (Mt 25). In the mid-late 19th century, a young woman was very concerned with the plight of the poor and the marginalised in the colonies which later became the Commonwealth of Australia. Amongst the most obvious necessities of life for these 'least' was schooling of the young, as education is a proven path out of poverty. So, this woman, whose most famous saying was 'never see a need without trying to do something about it', set about remedying that situation. Mary McKillop established the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart principally to educate the poor. She suffered excommunication for revealing sexual abuse of youngsters by a paedophile priest. That was reversed five months later, but this all took its toll on her fragile health. We could pause for a moment to pray that we may join St Mary of the Cross in Heaven, together with all the Josephite sisters who set their hearts on the Father's kingdom and His saving justice.

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:** We know that God loves and cares for each one of us. Let us now bring our prayers before God.
- R:** That the Church will be open to the guidance of the Holy Spirit.
We pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.
- R:** That nations will share their wealth with those who are poor and suffering.
We pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.
- R:** That parents and teachers continue to pass on their faith to the children in their care.
We pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.
- R:** That the Sisters of St Joseph will be blessed as they continue the work begun by Mary MacKillop.
We pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.
- R:** That those who are sick or lonely will know the love of Christ through our caring.
We pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.
- R:** We pray for those who are ill, especially Maureen Brown 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.
We pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.

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- Fr:** Loving God, we know that you hear the prayers of all your children.
Help us to live our lives as followers of your Son Jesus.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen

Collections last week	Presbytery \$214	Thanksgiving \$850
Collections 25/07/21	Presbytery \$0	Thanksgiving \$120
Collections 18/07/21	Presbytery \$60	Thanksgiving \$295
Collections 11/07/21	Presbytery \$210	Thanksgiving \$1098
	1 st collection: Presbytery & Priest	2 nd collection: Thanksgiving (envelope)

Readings next week 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16, 16:1-2 1 Cor 15:20-26 Luke 1:39-56

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

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 Macartan's Catholic Church, Mornington
- Cook, Bayside Catholic Mission, Brighton
- Parish Secretary, Our Lady Help of Christians, Narre Warren
- Marketing Coordinator, St Benedict's Church, Burwood
- Graphic Designer, St Benedict's Church, Burwood
- Senior Relationship Manager, Client Services, Catholic Development Fund, East Melbourne
- Admin Assistant-Before and After School Hours Care Program (SLOSH), Wantirna
- Coordinator-Before and After School Hours Care Program (SLOSH), Wantirna
- Parish Seniors Advocate, St Xavier's Parish, Boxhill

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

Please forward these job vacancies to any friends or family you may have living in these suburbs.

WEEKLY MASS TIMES

St. Mary's Parish
Sunday's at 9:00am

To be confirmed as restrictions ease

15/08/21 – Romsey
22/08/21 – Lancefield
29/08/21 – Lancefield
05/09/21 – Romsey
12/09/21 – Lancefield
19/09/21 – Romsey
26/09/21 - Lancefield

HEALING MASS

St. Mary's Parish
1st Saturday at 10:00am

04/09/21 – Romsey
02/10/21 - Romsey

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.


CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal

This Sunday 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.


<p>LANCEFIELD BUS SERVICE Lancefield, Romsey & Districts</p> 	Enquiries: John McCarthy	<i>BUSES AVAILABLE FOR CHARTER</i>
	Tel: 5429 1282 Mob: 0429 197 210	<i>SELF-DRIVE MINI BUSES</i>

TJ Scott & Son Funeral Directors		<i>75 years of care</i>
<i>Romsey</i>	Kyneton 54226455 Gisborne 54284155	<i>Lancefield &</i>
Now also at 23 Sydney Street, Kilmore 57821112		

 TOBIN BROTHERS FUNERALS	Cnr Brook & Barkly Streets Sunbury	<i>Leaders in Service and Care</i>
	Tel: 9740 9500	<small>(INCORPORATING O'CONNOR FUNERALS)</small>

	<p>Florist & Homewares 5429 5474 NEW LOCATION 110 Main Street Romsey 9:00 – 5:30 Mon-Fri 9:00 – 3:00 Sat</p>
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<p>Do you have foot problems?</p> 	<p>Andrew Baddeley Podiatrist</p> <p>ROMSEY 5429 5254 99 Main St</p> <p>RIDDELLS CREEK 5428 7591 9 Station St</p>
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