

ST. MARY'S PARISH

LANCEFIELD & ROMSEY

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

22nd August, 2021

Lancefield Church
29 Chauncey Street
Lancefield



Romsey Church
85 Main Street
Romsey



AND WE'RE BACK AGAIN 😊

Thankfully our churches have re-opened however our maximum number of parishioners has once again reduced to 30 at each Mass.

1 person per 4sq meters is allowed.

All prior booking arrangements have been cancelled as we need to take it in turns to ensure as many people get to Mass as possible. Weekly bookings will be required until this restriction lifts so please contact the secretary to book you into the next available Mass.

We can allow for a few extra's up in the choir loft so please advise if you are willing to go upstairs when you email your booking request.

Ministry Roster	22/08/21	29/08/21	04/09/21	05/09/21
Greeter	Rose	Rose	Rose	Rose
Musician	Agnes	Rosalie	-----	Christine
Power Point	Claire	Marg/Claire	-----	Marg/Claire
Reader	Julie A-McG	Michael M	Rosemarie J	Betty
QR Marshall	Julie T	Dennis	Agnes	Christina
Collectors	Joe	Joe	-----	Mick
Church Cleaner	Eva	Kerry	-----	Anthea G
Location	Lancefield	Lancefield	Romsey	Romsey

COULD THOSE LISTED ON THE ROSTER FOR 4/9/21 & 5/9/21 PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND ON THOSE DAYS AS I HAVEN'T YET FINISHED THE NEW ROSTER OR GIVEN YOU ANY NOTICE. ALL VOLUNTEERS AND THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS ARE AUTOMATICALLY BOOKED INTO MASS ON THEIR ROSTERED DAY.

TO ALL ST. MARY'S PARISHIONERS

We would like to thank Parishioners for their prayers for Terri Hillier (Hoban). Terri suffered major complications from child birth and was in a coma for 2 weeks with organ failure. Terri has made a remarkable recovery and is now at home in Warragul and slowly getting stronger each day.

Will is capable father and James is thriving (2 months old now).

Thank you and may God bless you all.

Tom & Marie Hoban

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS

The Communion Masses for our Year 4 & 5 children have been re-scheduled to 22/08/21 and 05/09/21. Due to the restriction of numbers allowed inside our churches, these Masses will be held in the school hall.

Keep these children in your prayers.

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 & Maureen Brown.

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Parish Website

currently under construction 😊

Secretary Hours

Tues, Wed & Friday
9:00am – 3:00pm

St Mary's Primary School

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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 Dagleish
Michael Mooney
Monica Tomlinson
David Fiddelaers

First Reading - Joshua 24:1-2, 15-18

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel together at Shechem; then he called the elders, leaders, judges and scribes of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. Then Joshua said to all the people: 'If you will not serve the Lord, choose today whom you wish to serve, whether the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are now living. As for me and my House, we will serve the Lord.'

The people answered, 'We have no intention of deserting the Lord and serving other gods! Was it not the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors out of the land of Egypt, the house of slavery, who worked those great wonders before our eyes and preserved us all along the way we travelled and among all the peoples through whom we journeyed. We too will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'

Responsorial Psalm - Ps 33:2-3, 16-23. R. v.9

(R.) Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. *(R.)*
2. The Lord turns his face against the wicked
to destroy their remembrance from the earth.
The Lord turns his eyes to the just
and his ears to their appeal. *(R.)*
3. They call and the Lord hears
and rescues them in all their distress.
The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;
those whose spirit is crushed he will save. *(R.)*
4. Many are the trials of the just man
but from them all the Lord will rescue him.
He will keep guard over all his bones,
not one of his bones shall be broken. *(R.)*
5. Evil brings death to the wicked;
those who hate the good are doomed.
The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants.
Those who hide in him shall not be condemned. *(R.)*



Second Reading - Ephesians 5:21-32

Give way to one another in obedience to Christ. Wives should regard their husbands as they regard the Lord, since as Christ is head of the Church and saves the whole body, so is a husband the head of his wife; and as the Church submits to Christ, so should wives to their husbands, in everything. Husbands should love their wives just as Christ loved the Church and sacrificed himself for her to make her holy. He made her clean by washing her in water with a form of words, so that when he took her to himself she would be glorious, with no speck or wrinkle or anything like that, but holy and faultless. In the same way, husbands must love their wives as they love their own bodies; for a man to love his wife is for him to love himself. A man never hates his own body, but he feeds it and looks after it; and that is the way Christ treats the Church, because it is his body – and we are its living parts. For this reason, a man must leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one body. This mystery has many implications; but I am saying it applies to Christ and the Church.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your words, Lord, are spirit and life:
you have the words of everlasting life.

Alleluia!

Gospel - John 6:60-69

After hearing his doctrine many of the followers of Jesus said, 'This is intolerable language. How could anyone accept it?' Jesus was aware that his followers were complaining about it and said, 'Does this upset you? What if you should see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before?'

'It is the spirit that gives life,
the flesh has nothing to offer.

The words I have spoken to you are spirit
and they are life.

'But there are some of you who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the outset those who did not believe, and who it was that would betray him. He went on, 'This is why I told you that no one could come to me unless the Father allows him.' After this, many of his disciples left him and stopped going with him. Then Jesus said to the Twelve, 'What about you, do you want to go away too?' Simon Peter answered, 'Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God.'

Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

I remember seeing a James Bond film in which the Voodoo priest could summon the Living Dead – called Zombies – people hovering between life in the grave and life above ground level, but ultimately trapped as human beings living a grave-dominated existence. There are billions of the Living Dead around the world. People, apparently like you and me, but in fact living with the belief that the grave will mark the extinction of their life. But *our* ears are attuned to pick up words which sound the possibility of a different destiny, a different reality. We have heard a voice which speaks the truth, a voice which speaks of a more beautiful reality. That voice says that you and I, individually, personally, are star dust with a marvellous destiny: a destiny that will see our ensouled bodies transformed, transfigured, translucent with Divine Light and energy. The voice is that of Our Lord Jesus Christ. We hear that voice from within the Church, which has transmitted the tradition of 'The Voice' for twenty centuries. Heeding that Voice, I move from the company of the Living Dead to the companionship of the Conqueror of Death. I am no longer a 'Dead Man Walking' but a man alive with the reality of eternal life already within me. That is why when I hear the challenge: 'Do you also wish to go away?' I enter into that tradition and answer with St Peter, I answer in the company of billions of others over twenty centuries: 'Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.' We could pause for a moment and pray that, living in the tradition of the Church, I may hear the Word in the Gospel and take that Word within myself in Holy Communion so that I might be no longer a 'Dead Man Walking', but a human being alive with the reality of eternal life already within me.

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:** Christ brings us the words of eternal life, and we believe. With that faith, we can confidently beseech our Father in heaven to hear the prayers of this community.
- R:** For the Vicar of Christ on earth, that the People of God may hear and follow his words.
We pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- R:** For those who legislate for us, that they may respect and promote the rights of the family.
We pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- R:** For separated spouses, that, through Jesus, they may rediscover themselves and forgiveness.
We pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- R:** For husbands and wives, that they may "give way to one another in obedience to Christ".
We pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- R:** We pray for those who are ill, especially Vittoria Cafari and those in continuing need of our prayers. For the recently deceased and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially Tamara Scicchitano, Veronica Powell, Nell Connors & Alice McCarthy.
We pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- All HAIL MARY**
- Fr:** Father, your Son has the words of life:
we have nowhere to go but to him.
Our prayers are offered in his name, the Lord of the Church,
who lives and reigns for ever and ever.
Amen

Collections last week Presbytery \$tbc Thanksgiving \$tbc
1st collection: Presbytery & Priest 2nd collection: Thanksgiving

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
- Cook, Bayside Catholic Mission, Brighton
- Parish Seniors Advocate, St Xavier's Parish, Boxhill
- Safeguarding Officer (Western Region), Professional Standards Unit
- Finance Officer, Catholic Development Fund (CDF) - Part Time

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.

MINISTRY ROSTER

The new roster from September onwards is being produced and will be emailed to volunteers. As our parish has now adopted the St. Mary's Safeguarding Children and Young People Policy, volunteers who have not yet provided a WWCC can no longer be included on the roster. Please contact the secretary if you would like to volunteer as a Reader, Church Cleaner or Collector. We have had a number of volunteers move away from the parish in recent months and always welcome extra help.

WEEKLY MASS TIMES

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

To be confirmed as restrictions ease

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.

**PRIESTS RETIREMENT FOUNDATION
FATHER'S DAY APPEAL 2021**


Father's Day is nearing (Sunday September 5), the traditional day for the annual collection for the Priests Retirement Foundation. This appeal is one of the main income streams for the Foundation enabling them to support the retired priests of the Archdiocese.

Appeal envelopes are now available in our churches on Sunday's leading up to Father's Day.
Contributions of \$2 or more are tax deductible.
Envelopes may be placed in the collection bag.
Thank you for your support of our retired priests.

- ❖ Priest's are not employees of the Archbishop or the Parish so they are not eligible for superannuation
- ❖ Priest's generally retire at age 75 according to Canon (Church) law
- ❖ 96 Melbourne priest's are currently retired
- ❖ 6 of Melbourne's retired priest's are in their 90's, 53 are in their 80's and 37 are aged between 75 & 80
- ❖ Most priest's have served 50 years in parish ministry before retiring (at age 75)


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

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

	Florist & Homewares 5429 5474 NEW LOCATION 110 Main Street Romsey 9:00 – 5:30 Mon-Fri 9:00 – 3:00 Sat
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