

# ST. MARY'S PARISH

LANCEFIELD & ROMSEY

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

23 January, 2022

Lancefield Church  
29 Chauncey Street  
Lancefield



Romsey Church  
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Romsey



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## CURRENT MASS CONDITIONS – ALL WELCOME

QR code login **still** mandatory for Mass.

Manual register available for those without a smart phone.

Ministry Roster	23/01/22	30/01/22	05/02/22	06/02/22
Musician	Rosalie	Agnes	-----	Christine
Power Point	Margaret	Margaret	-----	Margaret
Reader	Michael M	Rosemarie J	Anne B	Betty
QR Marshall	Julie	Julie	Monica	Rosemary D
Collectors	Denis L	Al P	-----	Ged/Tim
Church Cleaner	Rosemarie J	Anne T	-----	Loretta
Location	Lancefield	Lancefield	Romsey	Romsey

Could those listed on the roster for 30/01/22, 05/02/22 or 06/02/22 please advise if they are unavailable.

## MYSTERY OF FAITH

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

## PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

**Fr:** Gifts in abundance come to us from God our Father. As we rejoice in the peace of our land, let us bring our concerns and needs before the Lord.

**R:** We pray for Aboriginal Australians, the first people of this land, and for all who have come from different parts of the world to settle here with them. May the Holy Spirit lead all Australians to learn from each other, and to share and grow in love for one another as one nation.

**We pray to the Lord.**

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

**R:** As we celebrate Australia Day this week, we pray for our political leaders at all levels. May they overcome their differences and strive to work together for the good of our Commonwealth.

**We pray to the Lord.**

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

**R:** We pray for our faith community. May we acknowledge each person's special, God-given gifts and use our talents for the betterment of ourselves and others.

**We pray to the Lord.**

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

**R:** We pray for the sick members of our parish, especially Gwen DeCarolis and for those who care for them. We pray for those who have died recently and for all whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially Rose Theisz, Sue O'Brien, Madge Scanlon and Laurence Harrigan.. May they now rejoice in the presence of God's unconditional love.

**We pray to the Lord.**

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

## All HAIL MARY

**Fr:** Merciful God, as members of Christ's Body, we come before you in one heart and mind, confident that you will hear our prayers and bring us consolation.

We ask this through Jesus, our Lord.

**Amen**

**Readings next week** Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13 Luke 4:21-30

## PARISH SECRETARY ANNUAL LEAVE

Jan 24 to Jan 28 – only working  
Friday

## 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, Vittoria Cafari & Val Carr.

## WEEKLY MASS TIMES

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

16/01/22 - Romsey  
23/01/22 - Lancefield  
30/01/22 – Lancefield  
06/02/22 – Romsey

## HEALING MASS

1<sup>st</sup> Saturday at 10:00am  
05/02/22 – Romsey

## WEEKLY MASS TIMES

St. Ambrose Parish - Woodend

Saturday 6:00pm  
Sunday 11:00am  
Wednesday, Thursday  
& Friday 9:30am

# The Living Word

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## First Reading Neh 8:2-6, 8-10

*They read from the book of Law and they understood what was read.*

Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, consisting of men, women, and children old enough to understand. This was the first day of the seventh month. On the square before the Water Gate, in the presence of the men and women, and children old enough to understand, he read from the book from early morning till noon; all the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law.

Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden dais erected for the purpose. In full view of all the people – since he stood higher than all the people – Ezra opened the book; and when he opened it all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people raised their hands and answered Amen! Amen!; then they bowed down and, face to the ground, prostrated themselves before the Lord. And Ezra read from the Law of God, translating and giving the sense, so that the people understood what was read.

Then Nehemiah – His Excellency – and Ezra, priest and scribe (and the Levites who were instructing the people) said to all the people, 'This day is sacred to the Lord your God. Do not be mournful, do not weep'. For the people were all in tears as they listened to the words of the Law.

He then said, 'Go, eat the fat, drink the sweet wine, and send a portion to the man who has nothing prepared ready. For this day is sacred to our Lord. Do not be sad: the joy of the Lord is your stronghold.'

## Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 18:8-10. 15. R. See Jn 6:63**

*(R.) Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.*

1. The law of the Lord is perfect,  
it revives the soul.  
The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,  
it gives wisdom to the simple. *(R.)*
2. The precepts of the Lord are right,  
they gladden the heart.  
The command of the Lord is clear,  
it gives light to the eyes. *(R.)*
3. The fear of the Lord is holy,  
abiding for ever.  
The decrees of the Lord are truth  
and all of them just. *(R.)*
4. May the spoken words of my mouth,  
the thoughts of my heart,  
win favour in your sight, O Lord,  
my rescuer, my rock! *(R.)*

## Second Reading 1 Cor 12:12-30 or 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27 (shorter form)

*Together you are Christ's body; but each of you is a different part of it.*

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

Nor is the body to be identified with any one of its many parts. If the foot were to say, 'I am not a hand and so I do not belong to the body', would that mean that it stopped being part of the body? If the ear were to say, 'I am not an eye, and so I do not belong to the body,' would that mean that it is not a part of the body? If your whole body was just one eye, how would

you hear anything? If it was just one ear, how would you smell anything?

Instead of that, God put all the separate parts into the body on purpose. If all the parts were the same, how could it be a body? As it is, the parts are many but the body is one. The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I do not need you,' nor can the head say to the feet, 'I do not need you.'

What is more, it is precisely the parts of the body that seem to be the weakest which are the indispensable ones; and it is the least honourable parts of the body that we clothe with the greatest care. So our more improper parts get decorated in a way that our more proper parts do not need. God has arranged the body so that more dignity is given to the parts which are without it, and so that there may not be disagreements inside the body, but that each part may be equally concerned for all the others. If one part is hurt, all parts are hurt with it. If one part is given special honour, all parts enjoy it.

Now you together are Christ's body; but each of you is a different part of it. In the Church, God has given the first place to apostles, the second to prophets, the third to teachers; after them, miracles, and after them the gift of healing; helpers, good leaders, those with many languages. Are all of them apostles, or all of them prophets, or all of them teachers? Do they all have the gift of miracles, or all have the gift of healing? Do all speak strange languages, and all interpret them?

## Gospel Acclamation See Lk 4:18

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor and freedom to prisoners.*

*Alleluia!*

## Gospel Lk 1:1-4, 4:14-21

*The scriptures were fulfilled on this day.*

Seeing that many others have undertaken to draw up accounts of the events that have taken place among us, exactly as these were handed down to us by those who from the outset were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word, I in my turn, after carefully going over the whole story from the beginning, have decided to write an ordered account for you, Theophilus, so that your Excellency may learn how well founded the teaching is that you have received.

Jesus, with the power of the Spirit in him, returned to Galilee; and his reputation spread throughout the countryside. He taught in their synagogues and everyone praised him.

He came to Nazara, where he had been brought up, and went into the synagogue on the sabbath day as he usually did. He stood up to read, and they handed him the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. Unrolling the scroll he found the place where it is written:

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for he has anointed me.  
He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives and to the blind new sight, to set the downtrodden free, to proclaim the Lord's year of favour.

He then rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the assistant and sat down. And all eyes in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to speak to them, 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.'



## Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

The prophet Isaiah had drafted a manifesto for divine action in the world. Jesus of Nazareth is divine action in the world, and no doubt his fellow villagers in Nazara would have been thrilled that one of theirs would 'set the downtrodden free'.

But, in proclaiming 'the Lord's Year of Acceptance', Jesus inaugurated a revolutionary phase within the Jewish tradition. He invited people to relax !! Holiness is not a matter of our striving, but of accepting that we are accepted by the All Merciful God. Good works should follow in response, but good works don't gain our acceptance by God.

How does one best show acceptance of someone, forgiveness of someone, friendship with someone? One relaxes over a meal together. This was Jesus' characteristic way of embodying Divine Acceptance in our world. It still is.

We might pause for a moment to relax into the saving fact that we exist in 'the Lord's Year of Acceptance', that this acceptance is signified and effected by our sharing in the Bread of Life and the Spiritual Drink of Holy Communion which gives us the energy to help make Divine Acceptance a reality for others.

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