

ST. MARY'S PARISH

LANCEFIELD & ROMSEY

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

30 January, 2022

Lancefield Church
29 Chauncey Street
Lancefield



Romsey Church
85 Main Street
Romsey



CURRENT MASS CONDITIONS – ALL WELCOME

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

Manual register available for those without a smart phone.

Ministry Roster	30/01/22	05/02/22	06/02/22	13/02/22
Musician	Agnes	-----	Christine	Rosalie
Power Point	Margaret	-----	Margaret	Margaret
Reader	Anne B	Leanne	Betty	Judith
QR Marshall	Julie	Monica	Rosemary D	Julie
Collectors	Al P	-----	Ged/Tim	Joe
Church Cleaner	Anne T	-----	Loretta	Eva
Location	Lancefield	Romsey	Romsey	Lancefield

Could those listed on the roster for 05/02/22, 06/02/22 or 13/02/22 please advise if they are unavailable.

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 & Gwen DeCarolis.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY ASSISTING REFUGEE STUDENTS

MERCY CONNECT MELBOURNE – Mercy Works Ltd. is currently recruiting volunteers to support Refugee Students and Asylum Seekers in Primary and Secondary schools across the Melbourne Archdiocese. The volunteer commitment is approximately half a day per week for four school terms. Experience working in an educational setting is preferred but not limited to. Please contact Sr. Mary Lewis RSM for an application form and further information. A Training Day for new volunteers with emphasis on Child Safeguarding will take place prior to commencement.

Email: somml@bigpond.com (preferred for contact)

Website: www.mercyworks.org.au

Mercy Connect Melbourne - Tel: 9326 1895

Parish Priest

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Parish Email

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Parish Website

currently under construction ☺
<http://pol.org.au/lancefield/Home.aspx>

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

The Living Word

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First Reading Jer 1:4-5, 17-19

I have appointed you as prophet to the nations.

In the days of Josiah, the word of the Lord was addressed to me, saying,

'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you;
before you came to birth I consecrated you;
I have appointed you as prophet to the nations.
So now brace yourself for action.
Stand up and tell them
all I command you.
Do not be dismayed at their presence,
or in their presence I will make you dismayed.
I, for my part, today will make you
into a fortified city,
a pillar of iron,
and a wall of bronze
to confront all this land:
the kings of Judah, its princes,
its priests and the country people.
They will fight against you
but shall not overcome you,
for I am with you to deliver you –
it is the Lord who speaks.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 70:1-6, 15, 17. R. v.15

(R.) I will sing of your salvation.

1. In you, O Lord, I take refuge;
let me never be put to shame.
In your justice rescue me, free me:
pay heed to me and save me. *(R.)*
2. Be a rock where I can take refuge,
a mighty stronghold to save me;
for you are my rock, my stronghold.
Free me from the hand of the wicked. *(R.)*
3. It is you, O Lord, who are my hope,
my trust, O Lord, since my youth.
On you I have leaned from my birth,
from my mother's womb you have been
my help. *(R.)*
4. My lips will tell of your justice
and day by day of your help.
O God, you have taught me from my youth
and I proclaim your wonders still. *(R.)*

Second Reading 1 Cor 12:31-13:13 or 1 Cor 13:4-13 (shorter form)

There are three things that last: faith, hope and love; and the greatest of these is love.

Be ambitious for the higher gifts. And I am going to show you a way that is better than any of them. If I have all the eloquence of men or of angels, but speak without love, I am simply a gong booming or a cymbal clashing. If I have the gift of prophecy, understanding all the mysteries there are, and knowing everything, and if I have faith in all its fullness, to move mountains, but without love, then I am nothing at all. If I give away all that I possess, piece by piece, and if I even let them take my body to burn it, but am without love, it will do me no good whatever.

Love is always patient and kind; it is never jealous; love is never boastful or conceited; it is never rude or selfish; it does not take offence, and is not resentful. Love takes no pleasure in other people's sins but delights in the truth; it is always ready to excuse, to trust, to hope, and to endure whatever comes.

Love does not come to an end. But if there are gifts of prophecy, the time will come when they must fail; or the gift of languages, it will not continue for ever; and knowledge – for this, too, the time will come when it must fail. For our knowledge is imperfect and our prophesying is imperfect; but once perfection comes, all imperfect things will disappear. When I was a child, I used to talk like a child, and think like a child, and argue like a child, but now I am a man, all childish ways are put behind me. Now we are seeing a dim reflection in a mirror; but then we shall be seeing face to face. The knowledge that I have now is imperfect; but then I shall know as fully as I am known.

In short, there are three things that last: faith, hope and love; and the greatest of these is love.

Gospel Acclamation Lk 4:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Gospel Lk 4:21-30

Jesus, like Elijah and Elisha, was not sent only to the Jews.

Jesus began to speak in the synagogue, 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.' And he won the approval of all, and they were astonished by the gracious words that came from his lips.

They said, 'This is Joseph's son, surely?' But he replied, 'No doubt you will quote me the saying, "Physician, heal yourself" and tell me, "We have heard all that happened in Capernaum, do the same here in your own countryside."' And he went on, 'I tell you solemnly, no prophet is ever accepted in his own country.'

'There were many widows in Israel. I can assure you, in Elijah's day, when heaven remained shut for three years and six months and a great famine raged throughout the land, but Elijah was not sent to any one of these: he was sent to a widow at Zarephath, a Sidonian town. And in the prophet Elisha's time there were many lepers in Israel, but none of these was cured, except the Syrian, Naaman.'

When they heard this everyone in the synagogue was enraged. They sprang to their feet and hustled him out of the town; and they took him up to the brow of the hill their town was built on, intending to throw him down the cliff, but he slipped through the crowd and walked away.



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Nazara was a village of 300-400 people and it had a small town mentality. The inhabitants were enraged when Jesus found good precedent for extending his saving mission to foreigners outside the community of the Chosen People. Jesus embodied the boundary-breaking nature of God's grace.

Many Christians recite the old formula: 'No salvation outside the Church.' But we Catholics believe that, by responding to God's (often anonymous) grace, a person can lead a good life which prepares them for heavenly glory.

This means that the billions around the world who will never hear the Gospel, or who hear it distorted through the megaphone of an alien culture, can be saved. There is no limit/boundary to the Merciful God's finding a way into the hearts of all human beings.

We could take a moment to pray in gratitude for our graced privilege of being members of the Church, nourished within it by the Sacraments and the Gospel, but whose boundaries can never circumscribe the mercy of God.

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MYSTERY OF FAITH

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

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

- Fr:** Our God is a God of love and compassion, who reaches out to all people.
Humbled by the many blessings bestowed on us, we lift up our hearts in prayer for those in need.
- R:** We pray with St. Paul that we might all learn the true qualities of love. May we avoid the shallowness of so much of our modern world's perception of love and instead put Paul's loving qualities into action in our lives.
- We pray to the Lord.** **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- R:** We pray for the blessing of school students and teachers as they embark on a new academic year, and for those who have recently completed their secondary studies. May our school leavers be accepted into their desired tertiary courses or find employment suitable to their talents.
- We pray to the Lord.** **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- R:** We pray for our parish organisations and groups as they plan their year's activities. May they be supported by parishioners so that our faith community might continue to grow and flourish.
- We pray to the Lord.** **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- R:** We pray for our parishioners who are sick 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 Ann Connors, John Baynes & Maureen Bordignon. May they share in the peace of eternal life promised to us all.
- We pray to the Lord.** **Lord, hear our prayer.**

All BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY PRAYER (see below)

HAIL MARY

- Fr:** Gracious God,
hear your people in their prayers of petition.
May all hearts turn to you as your love continues to shine on us.
We ask this through Christ, our Lord.
Amen

Collections last week	Presbytery \$196	Thanksgiving \$393	
Collections 16/01/22	Presbytery \$234	Thanksgiving \$269	
	1 st collection: Presbytery & Priest	2 nd collection: Thanksgiving (envelope)	
Readings next week	Isaiah 6:1-8	1 Corinthians 15:1-11	Luke 5:1-11

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Congratulations and special blessings to all those who celebrated birthdays and anniversaries during the month of January. 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:** Ged McCarthy, Rose McCarthy, Betty Peacock, Joe Lewandowski, John Barry, and a very special Happy Birthday to **ARCHER TULLY**.
- Anniversaries:** Michael & Julie McCarthy – 14 years

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

- ❖ Sacramental Coordinator, St Dominic's East Camberwell Parish
- ❖ Pastoral Youth Worker, Parish of St Macartan's, Mornington
- ❖ Continuous Improvement Specialist – Client Services Group, CDF
- ❖ Office Coordinator, Catholic Social Services Victoria
- ❖ Communications Administration Support Officer
- ❖ Executive Officer, Victorian Council of Churches

Further details of the above positions can be found on the Archdiocese website at:

<https://melbournecatholic.org/job-vacancies>

Parishioners are encouraged to forward these positions to family or friends they may have living in the areas mentioned.

WEEKLY MASS TIMES

St. Mary's Parish

Sunday's at 9:00am

30/01/22 – Lancefield
06/02/22 – Romsey
13/02/22 – Lancefield
20/02/22 – Romsey
27/02/22 – Lancefield
06/03/22 – Romsey

HEALING MASS

1st Saturday at 10:00am

05/02/22 – Romsey
05/03/22 – 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.