

# ST. MARY'S PARISH

LANCEFIELD & ROMSEY

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

7<sup>th</sup> August, 2022

Lancefield Church  
29 Chauncey Street  
Lancefield



Romsey Church  
85 Main Street  
Romsey



## CURRENT MASS CONDITIONS – ALL WELCOME

- All Catholics in Melbourne continue to be dispensed from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass. Prayerfully participating in online Mass continues to be a great source of comfort on Sundays.
- Face coverings are recommended during the winter period. Please be sensitive to the well-being of others when in close proximity.

Hand sanitiser will remain available at the church entrance, as will masks if you required. Social distancing is always recommended.

Ministry Roster	06/08/22	07/08/22	14/08/22	21/08/22
Musician	-----	Christine	Rosalie	Christine
Power Point	-----	-----	-----	-----
Reader	John H	Michael G	Joan	Leanne
Collectors	-----	Ged/Tim	Joe	Allan T
Cleaner	-----	Anthea	Rosalie	Anne N
Location	Romsey	Romsey	Lancefield	Romsey

Could those listed on the roster for 14/08/22 or 21/08/22 please advise if you 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, Merle Trembath,  
Christine Cheney, Isabelle Fleming, Kath Ireland, Noel Doolan, Vittoria Cafari, Val Carr,  
Gwen DeCarolis & Brody Thrum.

## SECRETARY ON LEAVE

I will be taking leave for the week commencing 8<sup>th</sup> of August.  
Hoping to be back in the office on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> of August by lunchtime  
if flights go to plan.

If you have an urgent query please contact Fr. Martin directly at Woodend  
on 5427 2690 or for non urgent matters please send an email to  
[lancefield@cam.org.au](mailto:lancefield@cam.org.au) and I will respond as soon as I return.

## THANKSGIVING PROGRAM

Following on from the presentation given at Mass last Sunday in regards to Thanksgiving,  
pledge cards will be available from the table in church on Sunday's at both churches.

If you would like to change your giving arrangement to direct debit, please contact Tam at  
the office to provide you with our banking details.

If you would like to change your giving arrangement to credit card, please complete a  
pledge card and drop it into the office or place in the collection bag on Sunday.

If you would like to be a part of the Thanksgiving program, please contact Tam at the  
office to have a Thanksgiving number allocated to you and be advised of all your options.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH**

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## Parish Website

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## Secretary Hours

Tues, Wed & Friday  
9:00am – 3:00pm

## St Mary's Primary School

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## School Website

[www.smlancefield.catholic.edu.au](http://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 Dalglish  
Michael Mooney  
Monica Tomlinson

# The Living Word

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**7 August 2022**

## First Reading Wis 18:6-9

*Just as you struck our enemies, you made us glorious by calling us to you.*

That night had been foretold to our ancestors, so that,

once they saw what kind of oaths they had put their trust in,

they would joyfully take courage.

This was the expectation of your people, the saving of the virtuous and the ruin of their enemies;

for by the same act with which you took vengeance on our foes

you made us glorious by calling us to you.

The devout children of worthy men offered sacrifice in secret

and this divine pact they struck with one accord: that the saints would share the same blessings and dangers alike;

and forthwith they had begun to chant the hymns of the fathers.

## Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 32:1, 12, 18-20, 22. R. v.12**

*(R.) Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.*

1. Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just; for praise is fitting for loyal hearts. They are happy, whose God is the Lord, the people he has chosen as his own. (R.)
2. The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. (R.)
3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. (R.)

## Second Reading Heb 11:1-2, 8-19

*(or shorter form Heb 11:1-2, 8-12)*

*We will look for the city designed and built by God.*

Only faith can guarantee the blessings that we hope for, or prove the existence of the realities that at present remain unseen. It was for faith that our ancestors were commended.

It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going. By faith he arrived, as a foreigner, in the Promised Land, and lived there as if in a strange country, with Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. They lived there in tents while he looked forward to a city founded, designed and built by God.

It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore.

All these died in faith, before receiving any of the things that had been promised, but they saw them in the far distance and welcomed them, recognising that they were only strangers and nomads on earth.

People who use such terms about themselves make it quite plain that they are in search of their real homeland. They can hardly have meant the country they came from, since they had the opportunity to go back to it; but in fact they were longing for a better homeland, their heavenly homeland. That is why God is not ashamed to be called their God, since he has founded the city for them.

It was by faith that Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac. He offered to sacrifice his only son even though the promises had been made to him and he had been told: It is through Isaac that your name will be carried on. He was confident that God had the power even to raise the dead, and so, figuratively speaking, he was given back Isaac from the dead.

## Gospel Acclamation Mt 24:42, 44

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Be watchful and ready:*

*You know not when the Son of Man is coming.*

*Alleluia!*

## Gospel Lk 12:32-48

*(or shorter form Lk 12:35-40)*

*See that you are prepared.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There is no need to be afraid, little flock, for it has pleased your Father to give you the kingdom.

'Sell your possessions and give alms. Get yourselves purses that do not wear out, treasure that will not fail you, in heaven where no thief can reach it and no moth destroy it. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

'See that you are dressed for action and have your lamps lit. Be like men waiting for their master to return from the wedding feast, ready to open the door as soon as he comes and knocks. Happy those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. I tell you solemnly, he will put on an apron, sit them down at table and wait on them. It may be in the second watch he comes, or in the third, but happy those servants if he finds them ready. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what hour the burglar would come, he would not have let anyone break through the wall of his house. You too must stand ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

Peter said, 'Lord, do you mean this parable for us, or for everyone?' The Lord replied, 'What sort of steward, then, is faithful and wise enough for the master to place him over his household to give them their allowance of food at the proper time? Happy that servant if his master's arrival finds him at this employment. I tell you truly, he will place him over everything he owns. But as for the servant who says to himself, "My master is taking his time coming", and sets about beating the menservants and the maids, and eating and drinking and getting drunk, his master will come on a day he does not expect and at an hour he does not know. The master will cut him off and send him to the same fate as the unfaithful.

'The servant who knows what his master wants, but has not even started to carry out those wishes, will receive very many strokes of the lash. The one who did not know, but deserves to be beaten for what he has done, will receive fewer strokes. When a man has had a great deal given him, a great deal will be demanded of him; when a man has had a great deal given him on trust, even more will be expected of him.'



## Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Jesus lived in a remote part of the Roman Empire where the majority eked out an existence. One of the few ways in which redistribution of wealth could occur was by voluntarily giving to the poor. So Jesus instructs his followers: 'Sell your possessions and give generously to those in need.'

We live in a very different society: 'The Commonwealth of Australia.' 'Commonwealth' indicates that the wealth of this nation, its people and resources, are meant to be directed to the common good.

So, we respond to Our Lord's command in ways very different to what was possible in his day.

We have a compulsory taxation system which forces us to give up some of our possessions, some of our wealth to the common-wealth. Taxation and social justice policies help fulfil Our Lord's command to create a society more humane than anything remotely possible under the Roman Empire. And that would please Our Lord. Why?

In part because those in need are helped. But, perhaps in greater part, because it makes us larger hearted people. We have to arrive at the moment of death with a heart so capacious that it can include the billions of people we hope inhabit heavenly existence.

We might pause for a moment to pray for our hearts to be expanded by our contribution to the common-wealth of all peoples throughout the world.

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## 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:** My sisters and brothers,  
the Word has invited us to live by faith and to be ready to meet the Lord  
whenever he comes, as we mark the beginning of vocation Awareness Week.
- R:** That the church, in all her trials, will hear the call of Jesus, and understand  
that there is no need to be afraid.
- We pray to the Lord.** **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- R:** That as we begin Vocation Awareness Week, we will all value the gift of our baptism  
into Christ, and serve him in the poorest and most vulnerable in the world.
- We pray to the Lord.** **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- R:** That the call to follow Jesus, as priests and deacons and as consecrated women and  
men, will be heard and responded to with generosity and faith.
- We pray to the Lord.** **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- R:** We pray for our parish children who will be receiving the Sacrament of Holy  
Communion over the next four Sunday Masses. May they feel our love and support  
as they take this next step of their Catholic lives.
- We pray to the Lord.** **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- R:** We pray for the sick members of our parish and those who care for them.  
We pray for those who have died recently and those whose anniversaries occur at this  
time, especially Eileen Peterson. May they be led to the fullness of eternal life.
- We pray to the Lord.** **Lord, hear our prayer.**

**All BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY PRAYER** (see below)

### HAIL MARY

- Fr:** Almighty God,  
we hope in your love  
for you rescue us from danger,  
and are our constant help.  
We make our prayer through Christ, our Lord.  
**Amen**

<b>Collections last week</b>	Presbytery \$107	Thanksgiving \$370	
	1 <sup>st</sup> collection: Presbytery & Priest	2 <sup>nd</sup> collection: Thanksgiving (envelope)	
<b>Readings next week</b>	Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10	Hebrews 12:1-4	Luke 12:49-53

## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

*Congratulations and special blessings to all those who are 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 and Robert James.
- Anniversaries:** Brendan & Julie Tully – 46 years  
Tom & Marie Hoban – 55 years

## THANK YOU

to James and Ryan from Service Abbey (local cleaning service)  
who recently cleaned the Lancefield Church. Their equipment enabled them to reach right  
to the peak and clear cobwebs and dirt from all the places our church carers couldn't  
reach. Our stain glass windows have never shone so bright!

## Special collection next week – CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal

Next weekend is the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. As our parish's social service  
agency, CatholicCare Victoria delivers over 60 programs and services including  
counselling and mental health services, specialised support for children and teens, refugee  
and asylum seeker help, pastoral care in hospitals and prisons, support for separating  
families, social housing and homelessness support. Donations from our parish community  
help CatholicCare Victoria support the most vulnerable individuals and families in our  
community and empower everyone to live life to the full.

## WEEKLY MASS TIMES

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

07/08/22 – Romsey  
14/08/22 – Lancefield  
21/08/22 – Romsey  
28/08/22 – Lancefield  
04/09/22 – Romsey  
11/09/22 – Lancefield  
18/09/22 – Romsey  
25/09/22 – Lancefield

## HEALING MASS

**1<sup>st</sup> Saturday at 10:00am**

06/08/22 – Romsey  
03/09/22 – 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 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>  
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.

## Volunteering Ministries

A current Working with Children  
Check is required to volunteer  
within the parish.

*Help is always welcome!*

Reader of the Word  
Church Cleaning  
Gardening

## POSITIONS VACANT

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

**Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne** - <https://melbournecatholic.org/job-vacancies>

- Property Administrator, Property & Infrastructure – 12 Month Parental Leave Contract (Part Time - 4 days per week)
- Bookshop Manager - Permanent Full Time
- World Youth Day (WYD) Coordinator
- Account Executive

### Parish Positions

- Parish Business Manager - South Yarra Catholic Parish
- Outside of School Hours Care (OSHC) Educator - Hoppers Crossing Parish
- OSHC Program Coordinator - Hoppers Crossing Parish
- Parish Bookkeeper - St Mary's Parish, Castlemaine
- Parish Secretary - St Mary's Parish, Castlemaine
- Senior Pastoral Associate - St Mary's Parish Greensborough

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

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

### THE ARCHBISHOPS DINNER

**Friday August 19, 2022 7.00pm – 9.00pm**  
**Moonee Valley Racecourse, Moonee Ponds**

Join the Knights of the Southern Cross Victoria to celebrate the 22nd annual Archbishop's Dinner. The Dinner is held each year to raise funds for the Priests Support and Education Fund. This fund was established by the Knights of the Southern Cross to assist in the funding and education of seminarians and the post-ordination education of priests.

For any queries, email Nadia Bolzonello at [giveback@optusnet.com.au](mailto:giveback@optusnet.com.au) or call (0407 055 237).

### INFORMATION SESSION FOR THE PERMANENT DIACONATE DO YOU FEEL LIKE BEING CALLED TO SERVE?

The Permanent Diaconate is open to single and married men who want to serve God and the Church as ordained ministers.

An Information Session about the Permanent Diaconate will be held on **Saturday 3 September 2022, 10:00-11.45** at the Catholic Theological College (CTC), East Melbourne.

A new Vocations website for the Archdiocese is now available.

**Read More:** [Brochure] <https://www.cam1.org.au/permanent-diaconate>

**Contact:** Office of the Permanent Diaconate (Phone) 03 9412 3357 - (Email) [diaconate@cam.org.au](mailto:diaconate@cam.org.au)

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