

ST. MARY'S PARISH

LANCEFIELD & ROMSEY

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

4th September, 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	03/09/22	04/09/22	11/09/22	18/09/22
Musician	-----	Christine	Rosalie	Christine
Power Point	-----	-----	-----	-----
Reader	Eileen	John H	Michael M	Michael G
Collectors	-----	Gerard	Joe	Ged/Tim
Cleaner	-----	Christine	Anne T	Monica
Location	Romsey	Romsey	Lancefield	Romsey

Could those listed on the roster for 11/09/22 or 18/09/22 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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

This Sunday, parishioners will have the honour to witness our parish children receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion.

The children will participate in the Mass and read the prayers.

Children receiving First Holy Communion this week are:

Charlotte McCarthy, Sophie McCarthy, Meg O'Meara

Emmett Mahony, Charlotte Mathews & Arianne Schachner

Please keep them in your prayers.

Embrace the Call to Global Mission



Palms Australic

There are currently many exciting opportunities to volunteer with Palms Australia in a range of international countries. [Enquire online](#) or **Ph: 0422 742 567** and [Register](#) for a Webinar on **Saturday September 24th at 11:30am** where you can talk directly with Veronica Lawson who is mentoring teachers in Pago Pago, American Samoa now. Or visit others already engaged in Mission with Palms on our [13-day Encounter Tour to Timor-Leste from October 16th to 28th](#).

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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

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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First Reading Wis 9:13-18

Who can comprehend the will of God?

What man can know the intentions of God?
Who can divine the will of the Lord?
The reasonings of mortals are unsure
and our intentions unstable;
for a perishable body presses down the
soul,
and this tent of clay weighs down the
teeming mind.
It is hard enough for us to work out what is
on earth,
laborious to know what lies within our
reach;
who, then, can discover what is in the
heavens?
As for your intention, who could have learnt
it, had you not granted Wisdom
and sent your holy spirit from above?
Thus have the paths of those on earth
been straightened
and men been taught what pleases you,
and saved, by Wisdom.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 89:3-6. 12-14. 17. R. v.1

*(R.) In every age, O Lord, you have been
our refuge.*

1. You turn men back into dust
and say: 'Go back, sons of men.'
To your eyes a thousand years
are like yesterday, come and gone,
no more than a watch in the night. (R.)
2. You sweep men away like a dream,
like grass which springs up in the
morning.
In the morning it springs up and flowers:
by evening it withers and fades. (R.)
3. Make us know the shortness of our life
that we may gain wisdom of heart.
Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever?
Show pity to your servants. (R.)
4. In the morning, fill us with your love;
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.
Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:
give success to the work of our hands. (R.)

Second Reading Phlm 9-10, 12-17

Receive him, not as a slave anymore, but as a very dear brother.

This is Paul writing, an old man now and,
what is more, still a prisoner of Christ Jesus.
I am appealing to you for a child of mine,
whose father I became while wearing these
chains: I mean Onesimus. I am sending
him back to you, and with him – I could
say – a part of my own self. I should have
liked to keep him with me; he could have
been a substitute for you, to help me while
I am in the chains that the Good News has
brought me. However, I did not want to do
anything without your consent; it would
have been forcing your act of kindness,
which should be spontaneous. I know you
have been deprived of Onesimus for a time,
but it was only so that you could have him
back for ever, not as a slave any more, but
something much better than a slave, a dear
brother; especially dear to me, but how
much more to you, as a blood-brother as
well as a brother in the Lord. So if all that
we have in common means anything to you,
welcome him as you would me.

Gospel Acclamation Ps 118:135

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Let your face shine on your servant,
and teach me your laws.*

Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 14:25-33

*All who do not renounce their possessions cannot be my
disciples.*

Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way
and he turned and spoke to them. 'If any man
comes to me without hating his father, mother,
wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes and his
own life too, he cannot be my disciple. Anyone
who does not carry his cross and come after
me cannot be my disciple.

'And indeed, which of you here, intending to
build a tower, would not first sit down and
work out the cost to see if he had enough to
complete it? Otherwise, if he laid the
foundation and then found himself unable
to finish the work, the onlookers would all
start making fun of him and saying, "Here is
a man who started to build and was unable to
finish." Or again, what king marching to war
against another king would not first sit down
and consider whether with ten thousand men
he could stand up to the other who advanced
against him with twenty thousand? If not, then
while the other king was still a long way off,
he would send envoys to sue for peace. So in
the same way, none of you can be my disciple
unless he gives up all his possessions.'



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

I am told that, in most Middle Eastern languages, there is no word for 'prefer'. Perhaps influenced by extremes of heat and cold, the vocabulary of 'love' and 'hate' is used instead. No one can imagine Jesus 'hating' Joseph, but he clearly gave *preference* to his mission, even as a precocious 12 year old in the Temple.

In today's Gospel, Jesus was preparing his followers, imminently and over the generations, for persecution. This would include real-life situations of families denouncing a son or daughter, or a brother turning over a brother to the authorities.

Imagine a Chinese Catholic hearing this Gospel this morning, and this afternoon being betrayed by family members for remaining loyal to the successor of St Peter. Jesus exhorts such a follower to prefer this cross over what the family considers politically correct.

We could pause for a moment to pray for all families, torn apart for allegiance to Jesus in His Church, that they may be re-united in the peace of the Risen Lord.

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MYSTERY OF FAITH

Save us, Saviour of the world,
for by your Cross and Resurrection
you have set us free.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Fr: God gives us wisdom through the Spirit. May this Holy Spirit guide us in our prayers today on behalf of all who are in need.

R: Today we will receive a very special gift from Jesus when we share His body for the first time. Let us say thank you for being so lucky. As we celebrate our First Eucharist, we thank Jesus for the people who love us – our families and friends.

We pray to the Lord.

Lord, graciously hear our prayer.

R: As we receive the body of Jesus, may we remember what he told us to do – “Love one another as I have loved you”.

We pray to the Lord.

Lord, graciously hear our prayer.

R: We pray for Fr. Martin who is here with us at our First Holy Communion. May Jesus help him as he continues his work.

We pray to the Lord.

Lord, graciously hear our prayer.

R: We pray for children around the world who are not as lucky as we are.

We pray to the Lord.

Lord, graciously hear our prayer.

R: We pray for people around the world who do not have enough to eat and are hungry. May we remember them in our prayers.

We pray to the Lord.

Lord, graciously hear our prayer.

R: We thank God for our parents and teachers who teach us about Jesus. May God keep them safe.

We pray to the Lord.

Lord, graciously hear our prayer.

R: We pray for the sick members of our parish, especially John Alford and Greta James and those who care for them. We pray for those who have died recently and those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they share fully in the glory of God’s promise.

We pray to the Lord.

Lord, graciously hear our prayer.

All BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY PRAYER

HAIL MARY

Fr: Merciful God, in your goodness, hear our prayers. Fill us with your kindness so that we may shout with joy and gladness all our days. We offer our prayers to you through Christ our Lord.

Amen

Collections last week	Presbytery \$239	Thanksgiving \$396
	1 st collection: Presbytery & Priest	2 nd collection: Thanksgiving (envelope)
Readings next week	Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14	1 Timothy 1:12-17 Luke 15:1-32

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Congratulations and special blessings to all those who are celebrating birthdays and anniversaries during the month of September. 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: Siobhan Redmond, Kate Redmond, Rosalie McCarthy, Denis Collaco, Eileen French and A **Very Big Happy Birthday to COLE NEWNHAM!**

On **10 October 2022** (10-11:30am AEDT) the ACU Centre for Liturgy will host the Prof Julie Hanlon Rubio from the Jesuit School of Theology at Santa Clara University, Berkeley CA, USA, who will give an online public lecture (via Zoom) entitled

“Does the Catholic Sacrament of marriage have a future?”

Given consistently decreasing rates of Catholic marriage in Australia and other places around the world, it is more important than ever to consider the future of this beautiful and essential Christian vocation. For more information and to register, please go to

www.acu.edu.au/News_CentreforLiturgy.

WEEKLY MASS TIMES

St. Mary’s Parish Sunday’s at 9:00am

04/09/22 – Romsey
11/09/22 – Lancefield
18/09/22 – Romsey
25/09/22 – Lancefield
02/10/22 – Romsey
09/10/22 – Lancefield
16/10/22 – Romsey
23/10/22 – Lancefield
30/10/22 – Lancefield

HEALING MASS

1st Saturday at 10:00am

03/09/22 – Romsey
01/10/22 – 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.

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>

- Bookshop Manager - Permanent Full Time
- World Youth Day (WYD) Coordinator
- Parish Animation Consultant

Catholic Development Fund

- Account Executive, Client Services
- Events Coordinator
- Integration Engineer
- Risk & Compliance Analyst
- Relationship Manager
- Account Executive, Bunbury

Parish Positions

- Bookkeeper - St Peter Apostle Mission Parish
- Senior Pastoral Associate - St Mary's Parish Greensborough
- OSHC Program Coordinator - Hoppers Crossing Parish
- Outside of School Hours Care (OSHC) Educator – Hoppers Crossing Parish
- Parish Secretary - St Dominic's Parish
- Parish Manager - St Dominic's Parish
- Parish Secretary - St Mary's Parish, Castlemaine
- Pastoral Associate - St. Clement of Rome Parish, Bulleen
- Parish Secretary – St Bernard's Parish, Belmont
- Parish Pastoral Worker - St Bernard's Parish, Belmont

Other Positions

- Accounts Assistant - 12-month contract, Faithful Companions of Jesus
- Administration Officer, Property - 12-month contract, Faithful Companions of Jesus

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.

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INNER HEALING & FORGIVENESS THROUGH MEDITATION

September 16 – 17, 2022

Prayer & Meditation through gentle postures and breathing in the Holy Spirit, heals body, mind and soul.

Retreat begins at 5.30pm on Friday 16th Sept. and concludes at 4.30pm on Saturday 17th of Sept.

Guided by Fr. Gilbert Carlo SVD Contact: 22 Woodvale Rd, Boronia, Victoria 3155.

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