

ST. MARY'S PARISH

LANCEFIELD & ROMSEY

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

11th 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	11/09/22	18/09/22	25/09/22	01/10/22
Musician	Rosalie	Christine	Agnes	-----
Power Point	-----	-----	-----	-----
Reader	Michael M	Michael G	Joan	Anne B
Collectors	Joe	Ged/Tim	Barry	-----
Cleaner	Anne T	Monica	Leanne	-----
Location	Lancefield	Romsey	Lancefield	Romsey

Could those listed on the roster for 18/09/22, 25/09/22 or 01/10/22 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 & John Alford.

A Statement from Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB President of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference

The death of Queen Elizabeth II, after a long reign marked by extraordinary constancy, fidelity, courage and service, will bring great sadness to many people in Australia, including members of the Catholic community.

As the Queen enters into the great mystery of eternal life with the Lord, we will pray for the repose of her soul and for the support and comfort of her family, her nation and the wider community of the Commonwealth.

Queen Elizabeth was never reticent about acknowledging her Christian faith. Her annual Christmas message invariably focused on Jesus Christ as a model of humble and generous service. It was a model she strived to emulate throughout her long life. May she rest in peace.

September 9, 2022



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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

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The Living Word

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First Reading Ex 32:7-11, 13-14

The Lord relented and did not send the evil he had threatened.

The Lord spoke to Moses, 'Go down now, because your people whom you brought out of Egypt have apostatised. They have been quick to leave the way I marked out for them; they have made themselves a calf of molten metal and have worshipped it and offered it sacrifice. "Here is your God, Israel," they have cried, "who brought you up from the land of Egypt!" I can see how headstrong these people are! Leave me, now, my wrath shall blaze out against them and devour them; of you, however, I will make a great nation.'

But Moses pleaded with the Lord his God. 'Lord,' he said, 'why should your wrath blaze out against this people of yours whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with arm outstretched and mighty hand? Remember Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, your servants to whom by your own self you swore and made this promise: I will make your offspring as many as the stars of heaven, and all this land which I promised I will give to your descendants, and it shall be their heritage for ever.' So the Lord relented and did not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 50:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19. R. Lk 15:18

(R.) I will rise and go to my father.

1. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.
In your compassion blot out my offence.
O wash me more and more from my guilt
and cleanse me from my sin. *(R.)*
2. A pure heart create for me, O God,
put a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
nor deprive me of your holy spirit. *(R.)*
3. O Lord, open my lips
and my mouth shall declare your praise.
My sacrifice is a contrite spirit;
a humbled, contrite heart you will not
spurn. *(R.)*

Second Reading 1 Tm 1:12-17

Christ came to save sinners.

I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, and who judged me faithful enough to call me into his service even though I used to be a blasphemer and did all I could to injure and discredit the faith. Mercy, however, was shown me, because until I became a believer I had been acting

in ignorance; and the grace of our Lord filled me with faith and with the love that is in Christ Jesus. Here is a saying that you can rely on and nobody should doubt: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. I myself am the greatest of them; and if mercy has been shown to me, it is because Jesus Christ meant to make me the greatest evidence of his inexhaustible patience for all the other people who would later have to trust in him to come to eternal life. To the eternal King, the undying, invisible and only God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation 2 Cor 5:19

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself;

and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.

Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 15:1-10

or longer form **Lk 15:1-32**

There will be joy in heaven over one sinner who does penance.

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man' they said 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them:

'What man among you with a hundred sheep, losing one, would not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the missing one till he found it? And when he found it, would he not joyfully take it on his shoulders and then, when he got home, call together his friends and neighbours? "Rejoice with me," he would say "I have found my sheep that was lost." In the same way, I tell you, there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one repentant sinner than over ninety-nine virtuous men who have no need of repentance.

'Or again, what woman with ten drachmas would not, if she lost one, light a lamp and sweep out the house and search thoroughly till she found it? And then, when she had found it, call together her friends and neighbours? "Rejoice with me," she would say "I have found the drachma I lost." In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing among the angels of God over one repentant sinner.'



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Rule-obsessed Pharisees complained that Jesus 'welcomes sinners and eats with them'. So, who are 'sinners'? The word commonly used in the Gospels for sin is 'hamartia' which refers to an arrow falling short of the target.

Our target is sharing in the life of God, but we often miss the mark, falling short through laziness and negligence, sometimes by deliberately shooting the arrow of our life in the wrong direction. We need the forgiveness of God, expressed in the hospitality of Jesus Christ, to encourage us to aim better.

At every Mass, we are invited to share in the re-enactment of Jesus' expert drawing of the bow, letting fly and perfectly hitting the mark in his life, death, resurrection and ascension to heavenly glory.

We could pause for a moment to pray that Jesus may encourage and empower us to be the archers we are meant to be.

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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

Parish Positions

- Parish Administrative Coordinator, St Kevin's Parish
- 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
- Evangelisation Coordinator - St Catherine of Siena Parish

Other Positions

- Accounts Assistant - 12-month contract, Faithful Companions of Jesus
- Administration Officer, Property - 12-month contract, Faithful Companions of Jesus
- Maintenance Assistant – Mannix College

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.

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.

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