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
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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 naton and the wider community of the Commonwealth.

Queen Elizabeth was never reticent about acknowledging her Christian faith. Her annual Chrismas 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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Secretary Hours

Tues, Wed & Friday 9:00am - 3:00pm

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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 Dalgleish Michael Mooney Monica Tomlinson

The Living Word

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

11 September 2022

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.

- 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.)
- 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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MYSTERY OF FAITH

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

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

- As Moses prayed on behalf of his people, we confidently ask our God of mercy and justice to hear our prayers.
- R: We pray for entire nations as they mourn the passing of Queen Elizabeth II. We give thanks for her life of dedicated service and may her example continue to inspire all of us to live as Jesus taught us.

We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

R: We pray for His Majesty, King Charles III. That he may serve the people entrusted to his care with wisdom and dedication.

We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

R: We pray for those who work with families. May they be guided and strengthened by the Holy Spirit in their work, and may their efforts bring peace and happiness to the families who seek their assistance.

We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

R: We pray for families in our community. Where there is division or tension, may they come to experience the peace that comes from forgiveness and reconciliation.

We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for the sick members of our parish, especially Greta James and for those who R: care for them. We pray for those who have died recently, especially Queen Elizabeth and for those who anniversaries occur at this time, especially Bernie Johnston, Catherine O'Brien and Pat Shannon. May they share fully in the glory of God's promise.

We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

All HAIL MARY

Fr: Father.

we thank you for the many ways you have blessed us, especially for the gift of our families. We make our prayers to you in the spirit of trust, through Christ our Lord.

Amen

Collections last week

Presbytery \$230 Thanksgiving \$460 1st collection: Presbytery & Priest 2nd collection: Thanksgiving (envelope)

Readings next week

Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14

Luke 15:1-32 1 Timothy 12-17

Special Collection - PRF - Father's Day Appeal 2022 The total contribution from our parish was \$300.

Thank you to all who contributed to this important collection.

These funds help to care for the 95 Melbourne priests who are currently retired. Retired priests have served us well. Most have served 50 years in parish ministry before retiring at age 75.

They are grateful for your support now and in the future.

SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY 2022

This weekend, the Catholic Church in Australia marks Safeguarding Sunday, on which we pray for those who have been abused, their families and supporters.

We recognise and apologise for the harm done by priests, religious and lay people in Church settings. Rebuilding trust and confidence in the Church requires constant work and vigilance. We recommit to cultural change that will help the Church be a place where people feel safe and supported.

> You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at: www.catholic.org.au/safeguardingsunday

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. & concludes at 4.30pm on Saturday 17th of Sept. Guided by Fr. Gilbert Carlo SVD Contact: 22 Woodvale Rd, Boronia, Victoria 3155. RSVP Tel: 0424202191 or Email: gilbertcarlo@gmail.com

WEEKLY MASS TIMES

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

11/09/22 - Lancefield

18/09/22 - Romsey

25/09/22 - Lancefield

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16/10/22 – Romsey

23/10/22 – Lancefield

30/10/22 – Lancefield

HEALING MASS 1st Saturday at 10:00am

01/10/22 - Romsey

05/11/22 - 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

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 <u>online</u> 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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