

ST. MARY'S PARISH

LANCEFIELD & ROMSEY

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

18th 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	18/09/22	25/09/22	01/10/22	02/10/22
Musician	Christine	Agnes	-----	Christine
Power Point	-----	-----	-----	-----
Reader	Michael G	Joan	Anne B	Leanne
Collectors	Ged/Tim	Barry	-----	Rob B
Cleaner	Monica	Leanne	-----	Loretta
Location	Romsey	Lancefield	Romsey	Romsey

Could those listed on the roster for 25/09/22, 01/10/22 or 02/10/22 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.

CSSV SOCIAL SERVICES SUNDAY

This year there remains enormous challenges for all who work in social services across Victoria. The pressures on families and households have become more complex and severe, and the complexity of need has increased.

Catholic social services are working hard alongside many others to build a more just and compassionate society.

This Sunday 18 September 2022 marks Social Justice Sunday within the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne. This is an opportunity to give thanks and pray for all who stand with and support those who are disadvantaged and vulnerable in our communities. It is also a moment that you might take to think about how you might be more involved in work for justice, service and peace in your own community.

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Secretary Hours

Tues, Wed & Friday
9:00am – 3:00pm

St Mary's Primary School

Principal - Julie McDougall

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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

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First Reading Am 8:4-7

The Lord God spoke against those who buy the poor for money.

Listen to this, you who trample on the needy and try to suppress the poor people of the country,

you who say, 'When will New Moon be over so that we can sell our corn, and sabbath, so that we can market our wheat?

Then by lowering the bushel, raising the shekel,

by swindling and tampering with the scales, we can buy up the poor for money, and the needy for a pair of sandals, and get a price even for the sweepings of the wheat.'

The Lord swears it by the pride of Jacob, 'Never will I forget a single thing you have done.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 112:1-2. 4-8. R. see vv.1. 7

(R.) Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.
or

(R.) Alleluia!

1. Praise, O servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord!
May the name of the Lord be blessed both now and for evermore! (R.)
2. High above all nations is the Lord, above the heavens his glory.
Who is like the Lord, our God, who has risen on high to his throne yet stoops from the heights to look down, to look down upon heaven and earth? (R.)
3. From the dust he lifts up the lowly, from the dungheap he raises the poor to set him in the company of princes, yes, with the princes of his people. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Tm 2:1-8

Let prayers be offered to God for everyone; he wants all people to be saved.

My advice is that, first of all, there should be prayers offered for everyone – petitions, intercessions and thanksgiving – and especially for kings and others in authority, so that we may be able to live religious and reverent lives in peace and quiet. To do this is right, and will please God our saviour: he wants everyone to be saved and reach full knowledge of the truth. For there is only one God, and there is only one mediator between God and mankind, himself a man, Christ Jesus, who sacrificed himself as a ransom for them all. He is the evidence of this, sent at the appointed time, and I have been named a herald and apostle of it and – I am telling the truth and no lie – a teacher of the faith and the truth to the pagans.

In every place, then, I want the men to life their hands up reverently in prayer, with no anger or argument.

Gospel Acclamation 2 Cor 8:9

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor, to make you rich out of his poverty.

Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 16:1-13 or (shorter form Lk 16:10-13)

You cannot be slaves both of God and of money.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There was a rich man and he had a steward who was denounced to him for being wasteful with his property. He called for the man and said, "What is this I hear about you? Draw me up an account of your stewardship because you are not to be my steward any longer." Then the steward said to himself, "Now that my master is taking the stewardship from me, what am I to do? Dig? I am not strong enough. Go begging? I should be too ashamed. Ah, I know what I will do to make sure that when I am dismissed from office there will be some to welcome me into their homes."

'Then he called his master's debtors one by one. To the first he said, "How much do you owe my master?" "One hundred measures of oil," was the reply. The steward said, "Here, take your bond; sit down straight away and write fifty." To another he said, "And you, sir, how much do you owe?" "One hundred measures of wheat," was the reply. The steward said, "Here, take your bond and write eighty."

'The master praised the dishonest steward for his astuteness. For the children of this world are more astute in dealing with their own kind than are the children of light.

'And so I tell you this: use money, tainted as it is, to win you friends, and thus make sure that when it fails you, they will welcome you into the tents of eternity. The man who can be trusted in little things can be trusted in great; the man who is dishonest in little things will be dishonest in great. If then you cannot be trusted with money, that tainted thing, who will trust you with genuine riches? And if you cannot be trusted with what is not yours, who will give you what is your very own?

'No servant can be the slave of two masters: he will either hate the first and love the second, or treat the first with respect and the second with scorn. You cannot be the slave both of God and of money.'



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Jesus, surprisingly, found something appealing about this steward who was in the rapacious lending business. What was it? Faced with the news that he was about to lose his position, his catastrophic reversal of fortune, he cut a deal with his debtors to help secure his future. Jesus gave him full marks for being astute and shrewd.

Jesus laments the fact that many of his followers, 'children of the light,' are not as smart in the face of the Great Reversal – which He is inaugurating in which 'the hungry will be filled with good things and the rich sent empty away' (Mary's *Magnificat*).

We should be using our money ('mammon') to alleviate the myriad hungers of the world, not to buy our way into Heaven, but so that we become the sort of person who will be able to enjoy the heavenly companionship of those who hungered.

We could take a moment to pause and take stock of the use of our resources which are *passing*, so that we may be received into the *eternal* habitation.

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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:** Through grace, we are given the capacity to live trustworthy lives. We lift up our hearts in prayer that in your mercy, you will listen to the needs of your people.
- R:** We pray for Pope Francis and all religious leaders who proclaim the Gospel. May they inspire people to seek the true Gospel values of truth and justice.
- We pray to the Lord.** **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- R:** We pray for all leaders of government. May they cooperate to overcome conflicting values and exercise their power for the betterment of all people.
- We pray to the Lord.** **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- R:** We pray for our faith community as we share the Eucharist. May we be more devoted to God than to money so that we can bring the riches of love and mercy to our society.
- We pray to the Lord.** **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- R:** We pray for the sick members of our parish, especially Greta James and for those who have asked for our prayers. We pray for those who have died recently and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially Joan Harder, Manuel Hernandez and Gerald Hawkins. May God welcome them into the eternal kingdom and give them the reward of their faithful service.
- We pray to the Lord.** **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- All HAIL MARY**
- Fr:** Receive our prayers of petition, merciful God,
so that all people may live their lives in peace and tranquility.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
- Amen**

Collections last week	Presbytery \$270	Thanksgiving \$560
	1 st collection: Presbytery & Priest	2 nd collection: Thanksgiving (envelope)
Readings next week	Amos 6:1, 4-7	1 Timothy 6:11-16 Luke 16:19-31

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

Catholic Development Fund

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

Parish Positions

- Parish Administrative Coordinator, St Kevin's Parish
- Parish Administration Coordinator, Sacred Heart-Emmaus Parish
- OSHC Program Coordinator - Hoppers Crossing Parish
- Parish Secretary - St Dominic's Parish, Camberwell East
- Parish Manager - St Dominic's Parish, Camberwell East
- 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
- Stewardship Coordinator - Strathmore & Moonee Ponds Parishes

Other Positions

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

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

WEEKLY MASS TIMES

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

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
06/11/22 - Romsey

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

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

"Live Your Best Life in Love"

This experience gives you the tools to keep your passion alive in a gentle, nurturing environment, away from pressures & distractions of daily living. The weekend is based around Catholic values but couples of all faiths are welcome.

Please check our website for more details.

22- 23 October 2022 at St John Bosco, Niddrie

Information/Bookings: Phone Mercy & James 0409 183 676

or Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au Website: wwme.org.au

'Walking with Wisdom Series' (in person or via Zoom),

4 x Thursdays, 6-27 October 2022, 10am-12.30pm.

This series offers a time to explore the depths of wisdom in our own heart, to recognise wisdom in the encounter with another ... to dwell in the Heart of Contemplation. Led by spiritual directors Carole Carmody rsm and Julie Adam.

Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation, Rear 41 Stanhope St, Malvern VIC.

Cost \$30 per session or \$100 for the series.

Book and pay via www.heartoflife.melbourne, email office@heartoflife.melbourne, or tel (03) 9890 1101.

WORLD MIGRANT & REFUGEE SUNDAY

The Catholic Alliance for People Seeking Asylum (CAPSA) has launched its National Week of Prayer and Action, a week of activities and events aimed at engaging the Australian Catholic community to stand in solidarity with people seeking asylum by taking a range of practical steps and actions.

The National Week of Prayer and Action starts on World Migrant and Refugee Sunday, 25th September.

The theme of this year's World Migrant and Refugee Sunday is building the future with migrants and refugees and in line with this, the National Week of Prayer and Action will highlight actions that can be taken now to help build an Australia that welcomes people seeking asylum and treats them with humanity and compassion. <https://capsa.org.au/>

Mass for Migrant Communities Join with migrant communities from all over Melbourne at St Patrick's Cathedral next Sunday to celebrate World Day of Migrants and Refugees.

Mass celebrated by Archbishop Peter A Comensoli and migrant chaplains of the Archdiocese of Melbourne 3pm-4pm

Rosary in various languages starts at 2pm.

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