

ST. MARY'S PARISH

LANCEFIELD & ROMSEY

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

30 October, 2022

Lancefield Church
29 Chauncey Street
Lancefield



Romsey Church
85 Main Street
Romsey



CURRENT MASS CONDITIONS – ALL WELCOME

Please be sensitive to the well-being of others when in close proximity.
Hand sanitiser available at the church entrance, as are masks if required.
Social distancing is always recommended.

Ministry Roster	30/10/22	05/11/22	06/11/22	13/11/22
Musician	Agnes	-----	Christine	Agnes
Power Point	Vol. required	-----	Margaret	-----
Reader	Michael G	Joan	Michael M	Leanne
Collectors	Ged/Tim	-----	Gerard	Barry
Cleaner	Tam	-----	Anthea	Kerry
Location	Lancefield	Romsey	Romsey	Lancefield

Could those listed on the roster for 05/11/22, 06/11/22 or 13/11/22 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.

ONLINE SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

Thank you to all parish volunteers who have completed their Safeguarding training via online at home and sent me their completion emails.
The date is nearing where we won't be able to volunteer unless we have done this training.
If you would like to complete the training as a part of a group, please contact Tam by email or phone to book in. lancefield@cam.org.au or 5429 2130

Special Collection – World Mission Sunday

The total contribution to the collection was \$168
Thank you for your support.

UPCOMING CHRISTMAS MASSES

Plans are underway to host an outdoor Christmas Eve Mass this year.

Can you believe there is only 57 sleeps to go!!!!

Fr. Arnold Heredia has kindly agreed to celebrate Christmas Masses at St. Mary's this year so

Fr. Martin will be able to schedule a further 3 Masses at Woodend.

A total of 5 Christmas Masses will be available to all St. Mary's & St. Ambrose parishioners so there will be a time and place to suit everyone. ☺

More details to follow in the coming weeks.....

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Parish Email

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Parish Website

<http://pol.org.au/lancefield/Home.aspx>

Secretary Hours

Tues, Wed & Friday
9:00am – 3:00pm

St Mary's Primary School

Principal - Julie McDougall
T: 5429 1359

office@smlancefield.catholic.edu.au

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>

All children leaving the church during Mass must be accompanied by a parent.

Child Safety Committee

Fr. Martin Fleming
Tammie Dalgleish
Michael Mooney
Monica Tomlinson

The Living Word

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First Reading Wis 11:22-12:2

You have mercy on all things because you love everything that exists.

In your sight, Lord, the whole world is like a grain of dust that tips the scales, like a drop of morning dew falling on the ground.

Yet you are merciful to all, because you can do all things and overlook men's sins so that they can repent.

Yes, you love all that exists, you hold nothing of what you have made in abhorrence,

for had you hated anything, you would not have formed it.

And how, had you not willed it, could a thing persist,

how be conserved if not called forth by you?

You spare all things because all things are yours, Lord, lover of life,

you whose imperishable spirit is in all.

Little by little, therefore, you correct those who offend,

you admonish and remind them of how they have sinned,

so that they may abstain from evil and trust in you, Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 144:1-2, 8-11, 13-14. R. see v.1

(R.) I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

1. I will give you glory, O God my King,
I will bless your name for ever.
I will bless you day after day
and praise your name for ever. (R.)
2. The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. (R.)
3. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,
and your friends shall repeat their
blessing.
They shall speak of the glory of your reign
and declare your might, O God. (R.)
4. The Lord is faithful in all his words
and loving in all his deeds.
The Lord supports all who fall
and raises all who are bowed down. (R.)

Second Reading 2 Thes 1:11-2:2

The name of our Lord Jesus Christ will be glorified in you and you in him.

We pray continually that our God will make you worthy of his call, and by his power fulfil all your desires for goodness and complete all that you have been doing through faith; because in this way the name of our Lord Jesus Christ will be glorified in you and you in him, by the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

To turn now, brothers, to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and how we shall all be gathered round him: please do not get excited too soon or alarmed by any prediction or rumour or any letter claiming to come from us, implying that the Day of the Lord has already arrived.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 3:16

Alleluia, alleluia!

*God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son,
that all who believe in him might have eternal life.*

Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 19:1-10

The Son of Man came to seek and to find that which was lost.

Jesus entered Jericho and was going through the town when a man whose name was Zacchaeus made his appearance; he was one of the senior tax collectors and a wealthy man. He was anxious to see what kind of man Jesus was, but he was too short and could not see him for the crowd; so he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to catch a glimpse of Jesus who was to pass that way. When Jesus reached the spot he looked up and spoke to him: 'Zacchaeus, come down. Hurry, because I must stay at your house today.' And he hurried down and welcomed him joyfully. They all complained when they saw what was happening. 'He has gone to stay at a sinner's house' they said. But Zacchaeus stood his ground and said to the Lord, 'Look, sir, I am going to give half my property to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody I will pay him back four times the amount.' And Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house, because this man too is a son of Abraham; for the Son of Man has come to seek out and save what was lost.'



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Zacchaeus was an over-the-top character, not only figuratively but, in this incident, quite literally up in a sycamore tree. He thought he was keeping an eye out for Jesus, but Jesus was keeping an eye out for his sort of character!

'Zacchaeus' means 'clean'. But his fellow Jews regarded him as a filthy collaborator with the Romans. However, Jesus looked up and saw Zacchaeus in a double perspective, not only as he was but as he could become if only he responded to the grace on offer. He did, and the response was truly 'over the top'!

We come to Mass to catch a glimpse of Jesus in the scriptures and sacrament. But, we find that our Risen Lord is constantly gazing at us. He is the Divine Seer who sees us as we are, but also as we are capable of becoming.

We could pause for a moment to pray to become more conscious of the gaze of the Divine Seer. There could be 'over-the-top' consequences!

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MYSTERY OF FAITH

We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
and profess your Resurrection
until you come again.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

- Fr:** Trusting in the love and mercy that God has for all of us, we offer our prayers of petition.
- R:** We pray for the many Australians who continue to be affected by flood damage to their homes, towns, businesses and farms. May they support each other and know the support of government and the wider community.
- We pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.**
- R:** In these final weeks of the academic year, we pray for all students facing exams. May they be blessed with results that reward their study and efforts.
- We pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.**
- R:** For our children who are preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation; may they be strengthened through the prayers of our Parish community.
- We pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.**
- R:** We pray for our faith community. May we, like Zacchaeus, rejoice that the Lord has come to our home today.
- We pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.**
- R:** We pray for the sick members of our parish 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. May they share fully in the glory of God's promise.
- We pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.**
- All HAIL MARY**
- Fr:** God of unconditional love, hear our prayers of petition.
Thankful for your total acceptance of us,
we ask that you continue to shower us with your grace.
We ask this, through Christ our Lord
- Amen**

Collections last week Presbytery \$262 Thanksgiving \$555
 1st collection: Presbytery & Priest 2nd collection: Thanksgiving (envelope)

Readings next week Wisdom 11:22-12:2 2 Thessalonians 1:11-2:2 Luke 19:1-10

POSITIONS VACANT

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

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

Catholic Development Fund

- Account Executive – Bunbury WA
- Integration Engineer
- Risk & Compliance Analyst

Parish Positions

- Pastoral Worker - Westernport Parish, Hastings
- Outside of School Hours Care (OSHC) Educator – St Peter Apostles Parish, Hoppers Crossing
- Outside of School Hours Care (OSHC) Program Coordinator - St Peter Apostles Parish, Hoppers Crossing
- Evangelisation Coordinator - St Catherine of Siena Parish, Caroline Springs
- Parish Secretary/Finance Administrator - St Kevin's Parish, Templestowe
- Parish Secretary – St Kevin's Parish, Hampton Park
- Parish Secretary/Finance Administrator - St Joseph's Parish, Chelsea
- Pastoral Worker – St Luke's, Lalor
- Administration Assistant - St Vincent de Paul & St Monica Parishes, Strathmore & Moonee Ponds
- Pastoral Worker - St Kevin's Parish, Templestowe

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.

WEEKLY MASS TIMES

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

30/10/22 – Lancefield
06/11/22 – Romsey
13/11/22 – Lancefield
20/11/22 – Romsey
27/11/22 – Lancefield
04/12/22 – Romsey
11/12/22 – Lancefield
18/12/22 - Romsey

HEALING MASS 1st Saturday at 10:00am

05/11/22 – Romsey
03/12/22 – 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

COMBINED CHRISTMAS CAROLS

We have been approached by Encourage Church in Romsey to see if St. Mary's parishioners would like to be involved in the combined parishes and community event – Christmas Carols – 2022.

No dates for the event available as yet but please let me know if you are interested and I will include you in on any correspondence to do with the Christmas Carols.

COLUMBAN CALENDARS AND CHRISTMAS CARDS

Now available in both churches

Calendars - \$8

Cards - \$3.50 (packet of 8)

125th Anniversary of the consecration of St. Patrick's Cathedral

A car load of parishioners enjoyed a lovely (but very wet) day celebrating Mass on this historic occasion. Rose brought a delicious "in car picnic" which is always a great start to any event and we joined a large crowd of parishioners at St. Patrick's Cathedral to celebrate the 125th Anniversary of its consecration.

The Mass was celebrated by Archbishop Comensoli and Bishops and Priests from the Melbourne Archdiocese, including Fr. Martin. Those in attendance were then able to meet Archbishop Comensoli after the Mass.

The story of St. Pat's is one of bold vision, disheartening setbacks, passionate convictions, and remarkable generosity and patience. More information on the origins of this beloved landmark, which has also been a place of inspiration, community and solace for generations of Melbourne's inhabitants can be found at [story of St Pat's](#)

HELP NEEDED

If anyone has a whipper snipper and a spare hour, your help is required to trim around the edges at the Presbytery. Please contact Tam if you are able to help out. Thank you.

RCIA PROGRAM

The parish has recently had a number of enquiries from adults wishing to become Catholic and participate in the RCIA program. Fr. Martin strongly encourages anyone wishing to learn more about the Catholic faith to come to Mass, introduce themselves to him and discuss this further.

Should a program get up and running it needs the assistance of parishioners to help those going through the program.

If you would be interested in being a mentor or to share your faith experience with someone wanting to learn about becoming Catholic please contact Tam at the office.



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