ST. MARY'S PARISH

LANCEFIELD & ROMSEY

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

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.

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Could those listed on the roster for 13/11/22 or 20/11/22 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

UPCOMING CHRISTMAS MASSES

Plans are underway to host an outdoor Christmas Eve Mass this year. 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. \bigcirc Saturday 24 December – 6pm – outdoor family Mass – Lancefield Saturday 24 December – 6pm – indoor family Mass – Woodend Saturday 24 December – 10pm Mass (including carols) – Woodend Sunday 25 December – 9am Christmas Day Mass – Lancefield (4th Sunday)

Sunday 25 December – 9am Christmas Day Mass – Woodend

6 November, 2022

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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 2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14

The king of the world will receive us into life eternal at the resurrection.

There were seven brothers who were arrested with their mother. The king tried to force them to taste pig's flesh, which the Law forbids, by torturing them with whips and scourges. One of them, acting as spokesman for the others, said, 'What are you trying to find out from us? We are prepared to die rather than break the Law of our ancestors.'

With his last breath the second brother exclaimed, 'Inhuman fiend, you may discharge us from this present life, but the King of the world will raise us up, since it is for his laws that we die, to live again for ever.'

After him, they amused themselves with the third, who on being asked for his tongue promptly thrust it out and held out his hands, with these honourable words, 'It was heaven that gave me these limbs; for the sake of his laws I disdain them; from him I hope to receive them again.' The king and his attendants were astounded at the young man's courage and his utter indifference to suffering.

When this one was dead they subjected the fourth to the same savage torture. When he neared his end he cried, 'Ours is the better choice, to meet death at men's hands, yet relying on God's promise that we shall be raised up by him; whereas for you there can be no resurrection, no new life.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 16:1. 5-6. 8. 15. R. v.15

- (R.) Lord, when your glory appears, my joy will be full.
- Lord, hear a cause that is just, pay heed to my cry. Turn your ear to my prayer: no deceit is on my lips. (*R*.)
- 2. I keep my feet firmly in your paths; there was no faltering in my steps.
 I am here and I call, you will hear me, O God. Turn your ear to me; hear my words. (*R.*)
- Guard me as the apple of your eye. Hide me in the shadow of your wings. As for me, in my justice I shall see your face and be filled, when I awake, with the sight of your glory. (*R*.)

Second Reading 2 Thes 2:16-3:5

May the Lord strengthen you in everything good that you do or say.

May our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father who has given us his love and, through his grace, such inexhaustible comfort and such sure hope, comfort you and strengthen you in everything good that you do or say.

Finally, brothers, pray for us; pray that the Lord's message may spread quickly, and be received with honour as it was among you; and pray that we may be preserved from the interference of bigoted and evil people, for faith is not given to everyone. But the Lord is faithful, and he will give you strength and guard you from the evil one, and we, in the Lord, have every confidence that you are doing and will go on doing all that we tell you. May the Lord turn your hearts towards the love of God and the fortitude of Christ.

Gospel Acclamation Rv 1:5.6

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus Christ is the firstborn of the dead; glory and kingship be his for ever and ever. Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 20:27-38 or shorter form Lk 20:27, 34-38

He is not a God of the dead but of the living.

Some Sadducees – those who say that there is no resurrection – approached Jesus and they put this question to him, 'Master, we have it from Moses in writing, that if a man's married brother dies childless, the man must marry the widow to raise up children for his brother. Well, then, there were seven brothers. The first, having married a wife, died childless. The second and then the third married the widow. And the same with all seven, they died leaving no children. Finally the woman herself died. Now, at the resurrection, to which of them will she be wife since she had been married to all seven?'

Jesus replied, 'The children of this world take wives and husbands, but those who are judged worthy of a place in the other world and in the resurrection from the dead do not marry because they can no longer die, for they are the same as the angels, and being children of the resurrection they are sons of God. And Moses himself implies that the dead rise again, in the passage about the bush where he calls the Lord the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. Now he is God, not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all men are in fact alive.'

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Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Billy Elliott was a boy brought up in a strife-torn mining town in the north of England. He discovered a passion for dancing. At an interview at the Royal Ballet School which was going badly, he was asked: 'What do you feel when you're dancing?'

'I've got fire in my body.' And he got the scholarship because the panel realised that when Billy danced, he became 'fully alive': bodymindspirit fully integrated. When Billy danced, everything that Billy was, was dancing.

That is what our Resurrection is all about. Our whole personality will be dancing with the radiance of Divine Fire coursing through our bodymindspirit. The Sadducees' small-minded sarcasm could not grasp that we will be bodies transfigured, translucent to divine light and energy.

We could take a moment to pray that, by the grace of God, our bodies will dance, enflamed by Divine Love.

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Mystery of Faith

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again..

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

- **Fr:** The Lord is faithful and will guard us from the evil one. We ask God to receive our prayers and to answer them in justice and mercy.
- **R:** We pray for Pope Francis, all bishops and priests of our Church who proclaim the Gospel of life. May their positive affirmation of the dignity of each person give us confidence that we are all welcome in God's house.

We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

R: We pray in support of all people who are undergoing persecution or rejection because of their faith. May they be strengthened in their resolve to stand firm in their beliefs, comforted by the words given to them by Jesus.

We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

R: We remember the women and men who have given their lives for our freedom. We pray for members of our armed forces that their efforts at this time will contribute to world peace.

We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

R: We pray for our faith community. May we all grow in appreciation of the hope of eternal life and of life to the full, as Jesus promised.

We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

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R: We pray for the sick members of our parish, especially Michael Grelis 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 James McCarthy, Jack Smith and Ken Francis. May they be brought to the fullness of life with Christ.

We pray to the Lord.

All BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY PRAYER (see below)

HAIL MARY

Fr: We are confident, God of mercy, that you will continue to encourage our hearts and strengthen them through grace. Hear our prayers, we pray, through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

 Collections last week
 Presbytery \$157
 Thanksgiving \$370

 1st collection: Presbytery & Priest
 2nd collection: Thanksgiving (envelope)

 Readings next week
 2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14
 2 Thessalonians 2:16-3:5
 Luke 20:27-38

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Congratulations and special blessings to all those who are celebrating birthdays and anniversaries during the month of November. 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: Anniversaries:

Genny Collaco & Linda Collaco.
Anne & Clark Todd Brendan & Florence Meyer – 46 years

Secretary's change of working hours

Effective from this week the new office hours are as follows: Wednesday & Friday 8am to 5pm

COMBINED CHURCHES CHOIR - ROMSEY CHRISTMAS CAROLS 2022

Romsey Community Carols - Saturday 10 December.

Combined Churches Choir - Oh Come All ye Faithful, Joy to the World and Come on Ring Those Bells.

Rehearsal dates for the CCC with the Encourage Church Band

Wednesday 23^{rd} & Wednesday 30^{th} November from 7.30pm – 8pm at Encourage Church. To help with preparations please contact Tam to rsvp your interest asap.

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

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 25/12/22 - Lancefield

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

POSITIONS VACANT

Applications are invited from suitably qualified & experienced people for the positions of: Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne - <u>https://melbournecatholic.org/job-vacancies</u>

- Parish Real Estate Coordinator
- Internship Program Expressions of Interest

Catholic Development Fund

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

Parish Positions

- 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
- 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
- Parish Secretary St Joseph's Parish, Malvern

Further details of the above positions can be found on the Archdiocese website at: <u>https://melbournecatholic.org/job-vacancies</u>

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



COLUMBAN CALENDARS & CHRISTMAS CARDS Now available in both churches Calendars - \$8

Cards - \$3.50 (packet of 8)