

# ST. MARY'S PARISH

LANCEFIELD & ROMSEY

First Sunday of Advent - Year A

27 November, 2022

Lancefield Church  
29 Chauncey Street  
Lancefield



Romsey Church  
85 Main Street  
Romsey



## NO CURRENT MASS RESTRICTIONS – ALL WELCOME

Ministry Roster	27/11/22	03/12/22	04/12/22	11/12/22
<b>Musician</b>	Rosalie	-----	Christine	Agnes
<b>Power Point</b>	<i>Vol. required</i>	-----	Margaret	<i>Vol. required</i>
<b>Reader</b>	Michael M	John H	Eileen	<i>Vol. required</i>
<b>Collectors</b>	Joe	-----	Rob B	Barry C
<b>Cleaner</b>	Anne T	-----	Christine	Leanne
<b>Location</b>	Lancefield	Romsey	Romsey	Lancefield

Could those listed on the roster for 03/12/22, 04/12/22 or 11/12/22 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, John Alford & Michael Grellis.

## OUTDOOR CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY MASS

Following in the footsteps of neighbouring parishes it has been decided that this year St. Mary's will enjoy our very special Christmas Eve Family Mass *outdoors*. This Mass will be open to all parishioners but particularly to our families.

Fr. Arnold will be celebrating the Mass in the Lancefield Church grounds at  
**6pm on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> December, 2022.**

The setting will be simple and family friendly. People are asked to bring their own chairs or picnic rug and be suitably attired and equipped to suit the weather - hats, sunscreen, water, coats etc. Should the weather be wet, of course, the Mass will need to be moved to the traditional indoor Family Mass in the Church.

Children will be welcome and encouraged to dress in character as part of the Nativity Scene; we hope to see lots of angels, shepherds and even Mary and Joseph among the crowd.

This is the first time our parish has tried an outdoor Family Christmas Eve Mass and we hope that many of our young families will take the opportunity to join in and allow their very excited children to kick the celebrations off with the real meaning of Christmas.

## UPCOMING CHRISTMAS MASSES

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. ☺

**Saturday 24 December – 6pm – outdoor family Mass – Lancefield – Fr. Arnold**

Saturday 24 December – 6pm – indoor family Mass – Woodend – **Fr. Martin**

**Saturday 24 December – 10pm Mass (including carols) – Woodend – Fr. Martin**

Sunday 25 December – 9am Christmas Day Mass – Lancefield (4<sup>th</sup> Sunday) – **Fr. Arnold**

**Sunday 25 December – 9am Christmas Day Mass – Woodend – Fr. Martin**

### Parish Priest

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### Parish Website

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### Secretary Hours

Wednesday & Friday  
8:00am – 5:00pm

### St Mary's Primary School

Principal - Julie McDougall  
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[office@smlancefield.catholic.edu.au](mailto:office@smlancefield.catholic.edu.au)

### School Website

[www.smlancefield.catholic.edu.au](http://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 Is 2:1-5

*The Lord will gather all nations in eternal peace in the kingdom of God.*

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz,  
concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In the days to come  
the mountain of the Temple of the Lord  
shall tower above the mountains  
and be lifted higher than the hills.  
All the nations will stream to it,  
peoples without number will come to it;  
and they will say:

'Come, let us go up to the mountain of  
the Lord,  
to the Temple of the God of Jacob  
that he may teach us his ways  
so that we may walk in his paths;  
since the Law will go out from Zion,  
and the oracle of the Lord from  
Jerusalem.'

He will wield authority over the nations  
and adjudicate between many peoples;  
these will hammer their swords into  
ploughshares,  
their spears into sickles.  
Nation will not lift sword against nation,  
there will be no more training for war.  
O House of Jacob, come,  
let us walk in the light of the Lord.

## Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 121:1-2. 4-5. 6-9. R. see v.1.**

*(R.) Let us go rejoicing to the house  
of the Lord.*

1. I rejoiced when I heard them say:  
'Let us go to God's house.'  
And now our feet are standing  
within your gates, O Jerusalem. *(R.)*
2. It is there that the tribes go up,  
the tribes of the Lord.  
For Israel's law it is,  
there to praise the Lord's name.  
There were set the thrones of  
judgement  
of the house of David. *(R.)*
3. For the peace of Jerusalem pray:  
'Peace be to your homes!  
May peace reign in your walls,  
in your palaces, peace!' *(R.)*
4. For love of my brethren and friends  
I say: 'Peace upon you!'  
For love of the house of the Lord  
I will ask for your good. *(R.)*

## Second Reading Rom 13:11-14

*The time has come, our salvation is near.*

You know 'the time' has come: you must  
wake up now: our salvation is even nearer  
than it was when we were converted. The  
night is almost over, it will be daylight soon  
– let us give up all the things we prefer  
to do under the cover of the dark; let us  
arm ourselves and appear in the light.  
Let us live decently as people do in the  
daytime: no drunken orgies, no promiscuity  
or licentiousness, and no wrangling or  
jealousy. Let your armour be the Lord Jesus  
Christ.

## Gospel Acclamation Ps 84:8

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Lord, show us your mercy and love,  
and grant us your salvation.*

*Alleluia!*

## Gospel Mt 24:37-44

*Stay awake, you must be ready.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As it was in  
Noah's day, so will it be when the Son of  
Man comes. For in those days before the  
Flood people were eating, drinking, taking  
wives, taking husbands, right up to the day  
Noah went into the ark, and they suspected  
nothing till the Flood came and swept all  
away. It will be like this when the Son of  
Man comes. Then of two men in the fields  
one is taken, one left; of two women at the  
millstone grinding, one is taken, one left.

'So stay awake, because you do not know  
the day when your master is coming.  
You may be quite sure of this that if the  
householder had known at what time of  
the night the burglar would come, he would  
have stayed awake and would not have  
allowed anyone to break through the wall  
of his house. Therefore, you too must stand  
ready because the Son of Man is coming at  
an hour you do not expect.'



## Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Our Lord loved to unfurl the scroll  
of the Prophet Isaiah in his local  
synagogue. The poetic image of  
swords being hammered into  
ploughshares reverberated into his  
renouncing violence against the  
Roman occupying army in his own  
time. When will this picture come  
true for all human beings for all  
time?

Only God knows! We don't know  
any more than we know when a  
burglar might target our home. But  
our ignorance of God's timetable is  
no excuse for being fatalistic and  
sleepy. We have our own span of  
life providing the timetable for our  
own contribution to the hammering  
of swords into ploughshares.

Recent Popes, especially St John  
Paul II, have taken up this theme  
for our times, teaching more  
restrictive criteria for using armed  
force, even dropping the term 'just  
war' to very small print in the  
Catechism.

We could pause for a moment to  
pray to be awake to our  
opportunities to shape society in  
the light of the vision of Isaiah and  
the practice of Jesus the Prince of  
Peace.

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## POSITIONS VACANT

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

### Parish Positions

Pastoral Worker – St Luke’s, Lalor

Pastoral Worker – St Bernard’s Parish, Belmont

Pastoral Worker – St Andrew’s Parish, Clayton South

Pastoral Worker – St Clement of Rome Parish, Bulleen

Parish Secretary - St Joseph's Parish, Malvern

Parish Secretary – St Dominic’s Parish, Melton

Administrative Officer – St Bernard’s Parish, Belmont

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.

## SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR DARRAWEIT GUIM PRIMARY SCHOOL

Darraweit Guim Primary School took a beating.....



If you would like to help this amazing school community get back on its feet so the kids can continue to thrive please consider contributing to this collection.

After discussion with a school representative, we decided to focus on putting some smiles on dialys so we will be collecting the following items:

**Equipment for the sandpit – sturdy quality plastic please**

*Spades, buckets, cars, dumptruck*

**Picture books – suitable for ages 5-11**

*New or good condition pre-loved*

Collection baskets will be located at the back of each church throughout December.

All donations very appreciated.

Thank you for your kindness.

## COLUMBAN CALENDARS & CHRISTMAS CARDS

Now available in both churches

Calendars - \$8

Cards - \$3.50

(packet of 8)

## ONLINE SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

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 at [lancefield@cam.org.au](mailto:lancefield@cam.org.au) or by phone to book in. 5429 2130

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# ***CHRISTMAS SERVICES 2022***

## **Advent Reconciliation**

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December – 7:00 p.m. Lancefield Church

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December – 7:30 p.m. Woodend Church

## **Christmas Outdoor Family Mass**

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> December – 6:00p.m. Lancefield Church Grounds

**Where:** Lancefield Church grounds between church & presbytery.

**Bring:** Chair or picnic rug, sun protection, drink.

**Wear:** Appropriate clothing to suit the weather.

**Costume:** Everyone is encouraged to dress as a character from the Nativity scene. Angels, shepherds, sheep ☺, Mary or Joseph.



## **Christmas Indoor Family Mass**

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> December – 6:00p.m. Woodend Church

## **Christmas Vigil Mass**

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> December – 9:00p.m. Woodend Church - Carols

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> December – 10:00p.m. Woodend Church - Mass

## **Christmas Day Mass**

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> December – 9:00 a.m. Lancefield Church (4<sup>th</sup> Sunday)

## **Christmas Day Mass**

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> December – 9:00am Woodend Church