ST. MARY'S PARISH

LANCEFIELD & ROMSEY

First Sunday of Advent - Year A

Lancefield Church 29 Chauncey Street Lancefield





Romsey Church 85 Main Street Romsey



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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 Grelis.

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 24th 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 (4th Sunday) – Fr. Arnold Sunday 25 December – 9am Christmas Day Mass – Woodend – Fr. Martin

27 November, 2022

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CHILD PROTECTION is <u>everyone's</u> 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

First Sunday of Advent, Year A

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*.)
- 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.)
- 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.'

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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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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:** Gathered together in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ, we open our hearts in prayer for God's people everywhere.
- **R:** We pray for Pope Francis, as leader of our Church, as he continues to encourage us to look to the Gospel as the words of eternal life.

We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Lord, hear our prayer.

R: We pray for all peoples of our world, in the words of Isaiah, "that nation will not lift up sword against nation" and that peace will come to us all.

We pray to the Lord.

- R: We pray for all agencies that reach out to people in need. May their workers be supported in their efforts to awaken a feeling of self-worth in all those they encounter.
 We pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.
- **R:** We pray for our faith community. May the spirit of the season of Advent open our hearts to its message of goodwill to each other, especially within families.

We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

R: We pray for the sick members of our parish and for those who care for them. We pray for those who have died recently and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time especially Laurel Connors, James & Agnes Barry, Jack & Nell Grealy, Maurice Barry, Aileen Fleming and David Shannon. May they now rejoice in the presence of God's unconditional love.

We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

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Amen

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Fr: Gracious God,

through these prayers, continue to show us the way to your peace. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Collections last weekPresbytery\$1170Thanksgiving\$2421st collection: Presbytery & Priest2nd collection: Thanksgiving (envelope)Readings next weekIsaiah 11:1-10Romans 15:4-9Matthew 3:1-12

Secretary's change of working hours

Secretary's new office hours: Wednesday & Friday 8am to 5pm

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY ASSISTING REFUGEE STUDENTS



MERCY CONNECT MELBOURNE is currently recruiting volunteers to support Refugee Students and Asylum Seekers in Primary and Secondary schools across the Melbourne Archdiocese. The volunteer commitment is approximately half a day per week for 4 school terms. Experience working in an educational setting is preferred but not limited to.

Please contact Sr. Mary Lewis RSM for an application form and further information. A Training Day for new volunteers with emphasis on Child Safeguarding will take place prior to commencement in 2023.

Email: <a>somml@bigpond.com (preferred for contact) - Tel: 9326 1895

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St. Mary's School "CHRISTMAS RAFFLE"

Winners to be drawn at the school concert Thursday 8 December 1st Prize, 2nd Prize, 3rd Prize & 4th Prize

All prizes are hampers made up of donations from local business Items include tool kits, swags, family membership to the pool, vouchers and much more!

> Tickets are \$1 each Tickets available after Mass on:

Sunday 27 November – Lancefield Church & Sunday 4 December – Romsey Church

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

27/11/22 – Lancefield 04/12/22 – Romsey 11/12/22 – Lancefield 18/12/22 – Romsey 25/12/22 – Lancefield 01/01/23 – Romsey 08/01/23 – Lancefield 15/01/23 – Romsey

HEALING MASS

1st Saturday at 10:00am 03/12/22 – Romsey 07/01/23 – Romsey (tbc)

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

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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: <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.

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 dials 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.

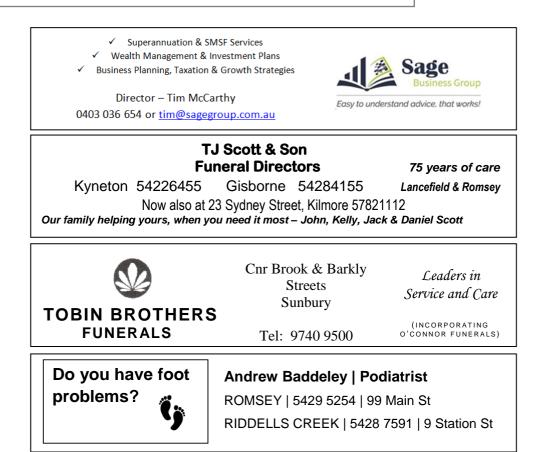
COLUMBAN CALENDARS & CHRISTMAS CARDS

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 <u>lancefield@cam.org.au</u> or by phone to book in. 5429 2130



CHRISTMAS SERVICES 2022

Advent Reconciliation

Wednesday 14th December – 7:00 p.m. Lancefield Church Wednesday 21st December – 7:30 p.m. Woodend Church

Christmas Outdoor Family Mass

Saturday 24th 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 ⁽²⁾, Mary or Joseph.



<u>Christmas Indoor Family Mass</u> Saturday 24th December – 6:00p.m. Woodend Church <u>Christmas Vigil Mass</u> Saturday 24th December – 9:00p.m. Woodend Church - Carols Saturday 24th December – 10:00p.m. Woodend Church - Mass

<u>Christmas Day Mass</u> Sunday 25th December – 9:00 a.m. Lancefield Church (4th Sunday) <u>Christmas Day Mass</u> Sunday 25th December – 9:00am Woodend Church