

ST. MARY'S PARISH

LANCEFIELD & ROMSEY

Second Sunday of Advent - Year A

4 December, 2022

Lancefield Church
29 Chauncey Street
Lancefield



Romsey Church
85 Main Street
Romsey



NO CURRENT MASS RESTRICTIONS – ALL WELCOME

Ministry Roster	03/12/22	04/12/22	11/12/22	18/12/22
Musician	-----	Christine	Agnes	Christine
Power Point	-----	Margaret	Vol. required	Margaret
Reader	John H	Eileen	Vol. required	Michael G
Collectors	-----	Rob B	Barry C	Allan
Cleaner	-----	Christine	Leanne	Monica
Location	Romsey	Romsey	Lancefield	Romsey

Could those listed on the roster for 04/12/22, 11/12/22 or 18/12/22 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 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

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Secretary Hours

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8:00am – 5:00pm

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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>

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 11:1-10

He judges the poor with justice.

A shoot springs from the stock of Jesse,
a scion thrusts from his roots:
on him the spirit of the Lord rests,
a spirit of wisdom and insight,
a spirit of counsel and power,
a spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord.
(The fear of the Lord is his breath.)
He does not judge by appearances,
he gives no verdict on hearsay,
but judges the wretched with integrity,
and with equity gives a verdict for the poor of the
land.

His word is a rod that strikes the ruthless,
his sentences bring death to the wicked.
Integrity is the loincloth round his waist,
faithfulness the belt about his hips.
The wolf lives with the lamb,
the panther lies down with the kid,
calf and lion cub feed together
with a little boy to lead them.
The cow and the bear make friends,
their young lie down together.
The lion eats straw like the ox.
The infant plays over the cobra's hole;
into the viper's lair
the young child puts his hand.
They do no hurt, no harm,
on all my holy mountain,
for the country is filled with the knowledge of the
Lord
as the waters swell the sea.
That day, the root of Jesse
shall stand as a signal to the peoples.
It will be sought out by the nations
and its home will be glorious.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 71:1-2. 7-8. 12-13. 17. R. cf. v.7

**(R.) Justice shall flourish in his time,
and fullness of peace for ever.**

1. O God, give your judgement to the king,
to a king's son your justice,
that he may judge your people in justice
and your poor in right judgement. (R.)
2. In his days justice shall flourish
and peace till the moon fails.
He shall rule from sea to sea,
from the Great River to the earth's bounds. (R.)
3. For he shall save the poor when they cry
and the needy who are helpless.
He will have pity on the weak
and save the lives of the poor. (R.)
4. May his name be blessed for ever
and endure like the sun.
Every tribe shall be blessed in him,
all nations bless his name. (R.)

Second Reading Rom 15:4-9

Christ, the hope of all people.

Everything that was written long ago in the
scriptures was meant to teach us something about
hope from the examples scripture gives of how
people who did not give up were helped by God.
And may he who helps us when we refuse to give
up, help you all to be tolerant with each other,
following the example of Christ Jesus, so that
united in mind and voice you may give glory to the
God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

It can only be to God's glory, then, for you to treat
each other in the same friendly way as Christ
treated you. The reason Christ became the servant
of circumcised Jews was not only so that God
could faithfully carry out the promises made to the
patriarchs, it was also to get the pagans to give
glory to God for his mercy, as scripture says in one
place: For this I shall praise you among the pagans
and sing your name.

Gospel Acclamation Lk 3:4, 6

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Prepare the way of the Lord, make
straight his paths:**

all people shall see the salvation of God.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 3:1-12

Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.

In due course John the Baptist appeared; he
preached in the wilderness of Judaea and this was
his message: 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven
is close at hand.' This was the man the prophet
Isaiah spoke of when he said:

A voice cries in the wilderness:
Prepare a way for the Lord,
make his paths straight.

This man John wore a garment made of camel-hair
with a leather belt round his waist, and his food
was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and
all Judaea and the whole Jordan district made their
way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the
river Jordan they confessed their sins. But when
he saw a number of Pharisees and Sadducees
coming for baptism he said to them, 'Brood of
vipers, who warned you to fly from the retribution
that is coming? But if you are repentant, produce
the appropriate fruit, and do not presume to tell
yourselves, "We have Abraham for our father,"
because, I tell you, God can raise children for
Abraham from these stones. Even now the axe
is laid to the roots of the trees, so that any tree
which fails to produce good fruit will be cut down
and thrown on the fire. I baptise you in water for
repentance, but the one who follows me is more
powerful than I am, and I am not fit to carry his
sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and
fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand; he will clear
his threshing-floor and gather his wheat into the
barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will
never go out.'



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

John proclaimed that the reign of
God was 'at hand' as he immersed
and plunged followers into the
waters of the Jordan River. (His
nickname was John the Immerser,
or 'baptiser' in the Greek.) He used
flowing water to symbolise the
washing away of the past for those
who repented so that they could be
totally focused on the 'at hand'
person who would inaugurate
God's kingdom.

In this passage, John does not
identify the 'Someone'! But he
realised that this 'Someone' would
have divine power to affect the
future by immersing, baptising, his
followers with the Holy Spirit and
with fire.

At this stage of Advent, we should
be like John's disciples, filled with
a sense of anticipation, looking
forward to the *coming towards us*
(Advent in Latin) of the One who
can flood our minds and bodies
with the Holy Spirit and can
immerse our hearts in Divine Fire.

We could pause for a moment to
thank God that, even though we
are unworthy to carry His sandals,
there is One who is coming towards
us wanting to transform us with
Divine Power.

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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: Encouraged by the Scriptures, we are a people of hope. With one voice,
we bring our prayers of petition before the Lord.

R: We pray for Pope Francis and all the bishops as the shepherds of God's people.
May their words of peace and goodwill during this season of Advent be heard and
heeded throughout the world.

We pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

R: As we celebrate Human Rights Day this week, we pray that we may consciously
develop a respect for all people, regardless of their race or religion, especially those
we meet in our everyday lives.

We pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

R: We pray for our faith community. May we love one another and be united in mind
and voice to give glory to God.

We pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

R: We pray for our sick family and friends, and for those who feel forgotten in their hour
of need. We pray for those who have died recently and for those whose anniversaries
occur at this time, especially Bernard Murphy. May they be welcomed by God to
their heavenly home.

We pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

All BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY PRAYER (see below)

HAIL MARY

Fr: God of wisdom and understanding, receive the prayers of your people.
May your justice flourish in our time, and may the fullness of your peace
come to all who have placed their trust in you.
We as this through Christ our Lord.

Amen

Collections last week Presbytery \$212 Thanksgiving \$684
1st collection: Presbytery & Priest 2nd collection: Thanksgiving (envelope)

Readings next week Isaiah 35:1-6, 10 James 5:7-10 Matthew 11:2-11

SPECIAL COLLECTION 11 DECEMBER, 2022 MELBOURNE OVERSEAS MISSION

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

*Congratulations and special blessings to all those who are celebrating birthdays and
anniversaries during the month of December. 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: Julie Tully, Greta James, Michael McCarthy, Tim McCarthy
Peter Scanlon, Anne Barry & Chelsea McCarthy.

Anniversaries: Joe & Shirley Lewandowski – 54 years

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 4 December – Romsey Church

WEEKLY MASS TIMES

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

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
22/01/23 – Lancefield

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



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: somml@bigpond.com (preferred for contact) - Tel: 9326 1895

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 dial's 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

Caleendars - \$8

Cards - \$3.50

(packet of 8)

ONLINE SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

Volunteers who have not completed the Safeguarding training have not been included on the roster for January – April 2023.

Please contact Tam is you would like some help with this training or if you would like to complete the training as a part of a group.

Email: lancefield@cam.org.au or phone: 5429 2130

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Andrew Baddeley | Podiatrist

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RIDDELLS CREEK | 5428 7591 | 9 Station St

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 ☺, Mary or Joseph.



Christmas Indoor Family Mass

Saturday 24th December – 6:00p.m. Woodend Church

Christmas Vigil Mass

Saturday 24th December – 9:00p.m. Woodend Church - Carols

Saturday 24th December – 10:00p.m. Woodend Church - Mass

Christmas Day Mass

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

Christmas Day Mass

Sunday 25th December – 9:00am Woodend Church