

ST. MARY'S PARISH

LANCEFIELD & ROMSEY

Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God Year A

1 January, 2023

Lancefield Church
29 Chauncey Street
Lancefield



Romsey Church
85 Main Street
Romsey



NO CURRENT MASS RESTRICTIONS – ALL WELCOME

Ministry Roster	01/01/2023	07/01/23	08/01/23	15/01/23
Musician	Christine	-----	Agnes	Christine
Power Point	Margaret	-----	<i>Vol. required</i>	Margaret
Reader	Michael G	Anne B	Rosemary D	Eileen
Collector	Rob B	-----	Joe	Gerard
Cleaner	Loretta	-----	Eva	Marie H
Location	Romsey	Romsey	Lancefield	Romsey

Could those listed on the roster 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

Thank you to all who participated in this wonderful event.



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Secretary Hours

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8:00am – 5:00pm

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School Website

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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

Mary, Mother of God

1 January 2023

First Reading Nm 6:22-27

They will call down my name on the children of Israel and I will bless them.

The Lord spoke to Moses and said, 'Say this to Aaron and his sons: "This is how you are to bless the sons of Israel. You shall say to them:

May the Lord bless you and keep you.

May the Lord let his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

May the Lord uncover his face to you and bring you peace."

This is how they are to call down my name on the sons of Israel, and I will bless them.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 66:2-3. 5. 6. 8. R. v.2

(R.) May God bless us in his mercy.

1. God, be gracious and bless us and let your face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon earth
and all nations learn your saving help. *(R.)*
2. Let the nations be glad and exult for you rule the world with justice. With fairness you rule the peoples. you guide the nations on earth. *(R.)*
3. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. May God still give us his blessing till the ends of the earth revere him. *(R.)*

Second Reading Gal 4:4-7

When the appointed time came, God sent his son, born of a woman.

When the appointed time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born a subject of the Law, to redeem the subjects of the Law and to enable us to be adopted as sons. The proof that you are sons is that God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts: the Spirit that

cries, 'Abba, Father', and it is this that makes you a son, you are not a slave any more; and if God has made you son, then he has made you heir.

Gospel Acclamation Heb 1:1-2

Alleluia, alleluia!

In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets;

now he speaks to us through his Son.

Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 2:16-21

The shepherds found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the crib... When the eighth day came they gave him the name of Jesus.

The shepherds hurried away to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in the manger. When they saw the child they repeated what they had been told about him, and everyone who heard it was astonished at what the shepherds had to say. As for Mary, she treasured all these things and pondered them in her heart. And the shepherds went back glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen; it was exactly as they had been told.

When the eighth day came and the child was to be circumcised, they gave him the name Jesus, the name the angel had given him before his conception.



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

It is fitting that on New Year's Day we celebrate the calendar-shattering event in human history: the extraordinary role that a young woman in Galilee played in God's plan for the human race.

In the Western Church, the young woman is titled 'Mother of God'. This signifies a relationship, a loving, nurturing relationship. We know that it encompassed a mother's horror of seeing her son tortured and done to death on the Cross.

Yes, she was a mother, but Mother of God.

How can this be portrayed for our minds to grasp? In the Book of Genesis, the creative act which began all reckoning of the passage of time and seasons was signalled by the Divine Wind hovering over the formless void.

When that Holy Gust hovered over Mary, and she responded: 'Be it done unto me according to thy Word', the human existence of Our Lord Jesus Christ began, the fulcrum of history from which our calendar begins.

We could pause for a moment to pray that at the end of all history, at the end of all calendars, we may share in Divine life with Mary of Galilee, Mother of God.

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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: As we honour Mary as Mother of God, we also respond to Pop Francis' invitation to observe this World Day of Prayer for Peace.

R: For peace throughout the world, that the whole Church, under the leadership of Pope Francis will be committed to working for and sustaining peace.

We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

R: For the silencing of all guns and bombs, and for the calming of every anxious heart that peace will come to Ukraine, the Holy Land, Syria, South Sudan, Iran and the Congo.

We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

R: For the gift of hope as we start a new year relying on the prayers and example of Mary, Mother of God, that Christians who face persecution and all who are denied the right to freedom of religion will receive peace and justice.

We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

R: For respect for family life, the foundation of peace in this world, that parents and children, single people and other couples will receive respect and flourish in goodness..

We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

R: We pray for our sick family and friends, 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 Freda & Dan McCarthy and Jack Martin.

We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

All BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY PRAYER (see below)

HAIL MARY

Fr: Lord, bless and keep us, let your face shine upon us
and bring us your peace through Jesus Christ,
your Son and our Saviour,
who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Amen

Collections last week Presbytery \$484 Thanksgiving \$945
1st collection: Presbytery & Priest 2nd collection: Thanksgiving (envelope)

Readings next week Isaiah 60:1-6 Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6 Matthew 2:1-12

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Congratulations and special blessings to all those who are celebrating birthdays and anniversaries during the month of January. 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: Ged McCarthy, Betty Peacock, Rose McCarthy, Joe Lewandowski,
John Barry, and a *Very Special Happy Birthday to Archer Tully!*

Anniversaries: Michael & Jules McCarthy – 15 years

SECRETARY TAKING ANNUAL LEAVE

During the month of January, 2023, I will only be in the office on Friday's from 8am to 5pm. Please leave a message or send an email and I will respond as soon as possible. Please contact Fr. Martin for urgent matters.

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

The Parish of Ivanhoe has a couple of vacancies for its Parish Pilgrimage to the Holy Land 11th – 28th April 2023.

If you are interested please visit their Parish Website
www.melbcatholic.org/ivanhoe and click on the News Page
or phone Fr. Bill Edebohls, Ivanhoe Parish Priest on 0427 879 733.

WEEKLY MASS TIMES

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

01/01/23 – Romsey
08/01/23 – Lancefield
15/01/23 – Romsey
22/01/23 – Lancefield
29/01/23 – Lancefield
05/02/23 – Romsey
12/02/23 – Lancefield
19/02/23 – Romsey

HEALING MASS

1st Saturday at 10:00am

07/01/23 – Romsey
04/02/23 – 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

REFURBISHMENT OF SACRISTY AT ROMSEY & LANCEFIELD CHURCHES

Over the last two years an extensive repairs and maintenance program has been undertaken to the Romsey and Lancefield Churches. We are most grateful to those who left legacies to the parish; some for specific purposes and some at the parish discretion and to those who donated their time to managing and leading the projects through this time.

Fr. Martin is most grateful for the works carried out and has indicated that the sacristies at both churches are in need of some basic refurbishment. The works would involve some cabinetry works and the installation of a sink, bench and small hot water service to enhance the functionality of that area of the church.

The foundation of the projects has been to ensure the long term structural stability of the churches in our region. So, whilst individually we may not use the churches on a regular basis, it is most important that they be well maintained so that we can enjoy their privilege for special life events starting with baptism's through to weddings and funerals for loved ones.

If there is anybody from the parish, school or local community who would be interested in quoting the job please contact Tim McCarthy who can show you the basic plan and discuss any details.

Mob: 0403 036 654 or via email: tim@sagegroup.com.au

2023 ROSTERS

The 2023 roster from January to June has been emailed out to all volunteers. Please let me know if you have not received it and I will leave a hard copy for you at Mass.

Thank you for your continued support of the parish.

SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR DARRAWEIT GUIM PRIMARY SCHOOL

Thank you to all those who contributed books and games for the children of Darraweit Guim Primary School.

Donations can still be made to the back of the churches or to the Presbytery during December and delivery will be made to the school in the New Year.



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