

# ST. MARY'S PARISH

LANCEFIELD & ROMSEY

The Epiphany of the Lord - Year A

8 January, 2023

Lancefield Church  
29 Chauncey Street  
Lancefield



Romsey Church  
85 Main Street  
Romsey



## NO CURRENT MASS RESTRICTIONS – ALL WELCOME

Ministry Roster	07/01/23	08/01/23	15/01/23	22/01/23
<b>Musician</b>	-----	Agnes	Christine	Rosalie
<b>Power Point</b>	-----	<i>Vol. required</i>	Margaret	<i>Vol. required</i>
<b>Reader</b>	Anne B	Rosemary D	Eileen	Joan D
<b>Collector</b>	-----	Joe	Gerard	Barry C
<b>Cleaner</b>	-----	Eva	Marie H	Florence
<b>Location</b>	Romsey	Lancefield	Romsey	Lancefield

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.

### 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.

### 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](mailto: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.

### Parish Priest

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### Parish Secretary

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C/- Presbytery  
27 Chauncey Street  
Lancefield Vic 3435  
Ph: 5429 2130

### Parish Email

[lancefield@cam.org.au](mailto:lancefield@cam.org.au)

### Parish Website

<http://pol.org.au/lancefield/Home.aspx>

### Secretary Hours

Wednesday & Friday  
8:00am – 5:00pm

### St Mary's Primary School

**Principal** - Julie McDougall  
T: 5429 1359  
[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 Dalglish  
Michael Mooney  
Monica Tomlinson

# The Living Word

**The Epiphany of the Lord**

**8 January 2023**

## First Reading Is 60:1-6

*The glory of the Lord shines upon you.*

Arise, shine out, Jerusalem, for your light has come, the glory of the Lord is rising on you, though night still covers the earth and darkness the peoples.

Above you the Lord now rises and above you his glory appears. The nations come to your light and kings to your dawning brightness. Lift up your eyes and look round: all are assembling and coming towards you, your sons from far away and your daughters being tenderly carried.

At this sight you will grow radiant, your heart throbbing and full; since the riches of the sea will flow to you; the wealth of the nations come to you;

camels in throngs will cover you, and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; everyone in Sheba will come, bringing gold and incense and singing the praise of the Lord.

## Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 71:1-2, 7-8, 10-13, R. see v.11**

*(R.) Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.*

- 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.)*
- In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails. He shall rule from sea to sea, from the Great River to earth's bounds. *(R.)*
- The kings of Tarshish and the sea coasts shall pay him tribute. The kings of Sheba and Seba shall bring him gifts. Before him all kings shall fall prostrate, all nations shall serve him. *(R.)*
- 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.)*

## Second Reading Eph 3:2-3, 5-6

*The revelation means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body.*

You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery. This mystery that has now been revealed

through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and that the same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the gospel.

## Gospel Acclamation Mt 2:2

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*We have seen his star in the East; and have come to adore the Lord.*

*Alleluia!*

## Gospel Mt 2:1-12

*We have come from the East to worship the king.*

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.' When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him, 'for this is what the prophet wrote:

And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah, for out of you will come a leader who will shepherd my people Israel.'

Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.



## Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Unlike the writers of the horoscope columns in our newspapers, these Wise Men were scholar astrologers, probably from Syria or Iraq. They believed that the stars controlled the destiny of human beings, but they were open enough to the Hebrew scriptures to be led to the amazing discovery of a star-child in Bethlehem.

They knelt before this baby, doing homage, because they realised that the stars did not control *this* infant, but that there was something of this baby which caused the night sky to respond! They preserved the child from the deadly schemes of Herod, and then they returned to their home country, 'by a different way'. They were on a different journey after encountering the Child.

Who can doubt that the Holy Spirit led these wise men from the East to the manger? In fact, the Holy Spirit is at work in every human being, prompting each and every one to become seekers after Truth.

As a person responds to this prompting and tries to lead a good humane life, then the Church teaches that the Holy Spirit can draw them into the saving life of God. Thus, billions in China and India who have never heard the Gospel, can be saved. But, such persons do not savour the fullness of Truth as we do with the privilege of having the scriptures and the sacraments. Where it is possible, we are obliged to offer them the road map to the Truth.

We can take a moment to affirm our faith in the baby in the manger as the One of whom Dante spoke: 'the Love which moves the sun and other stars'. Come, let us adore him.

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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:** God speaks to us in many ways. On this Feast of the Epiphany, let us bring eyes that are searching, ears that are listening, and hearts that are open to how God is calling us. With deep gratitude, we bring our prayers to God.

**R:** We pray for our Church, Pope Francis and our Bishops and Priests. That they be faithful to their calling and, like the wise men from the East, exercise prudent judgement while listening to voices in this world.

**We pray to the Lord.**

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

**R:** We pray for the end of violence, abuse, and war throughout the world, that Jesus' light may shine upon all peoples to bring true and lasting peace.

**We pray to the Lord.**

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

**R:** We pray for our whole community, help them to know that they are sought after by God. Open their hearts so that they might let God's light shine through them.

**We pray to the Lord.**

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

**R:** We pray for all who travel on the road these holidays; that they travel with care and safety

**We pray to the Lord.**

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

**R:** We pray for those who are ill and those in continuing need of our prayers. We pray for those who have died recently and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially Jack Coburn and Hilda Whitworth. May they now share that eternal life promised to us through Jesus' death and resurrection.

**We pray to the Lord.**

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

## All HAIL MARY

**Fr:** We make these prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen**

**Collections last week** Presbytery \$252 Thanksgiving \$870  
1<sup>st</sup> collection: Presbytery & Priest 2<sup>nd</sup> collection: Thanksgiving (envelope)

**Readings next week** Isaiah 49:3, 5-6 1 Corinthians 1:1-3 John 1:29-34

## WEEKLY MASS TIMES

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

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

### 1<sup>st</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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!**

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