

# ST. MARY'S PARISH

LANCEFIELD & ROMSEY

The Epiphany of the Lord - Year A

15 January, 2023

Lancefield Church  
29 Chauncey St. Lancefield



Romsey Church  
85 Main St. Romsey



## NO CURRENT MASS RESTRICTIONS – ALL WELCOME

Ministry Roster	15/01/23	22/01/23	29/01/23	04/02/23
<b>Musician</b>	-----	Rosalie	Agnes	-----
<b>Power Point</b>	Margaret	<i>Vol. required</i>	<i>Vol. required</i>	-----
<b>Reader</b>	Eileen	Joan D	Judith	John H
<b>Collector</b>	Gerard	Barry C	Ged/Tim	-----
<b>Cleaner</b>	Marie H	Florence	Kerry	-----
<b>Location</b>	Romsey	Lancefield	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 Grelis.

### SECRETARY TAKING ANNUAL LEAVE

During January I will only be in the office on Friday's 8am to 5pm. Please leave a message or send an email and I will respond asan. Please contact Fr. Martin for urgent matters.

### MYSTERY OF FAITH

We proclaim your Death, O Lord,  
and profess your Resurrection  
until you come again.

### PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

**Fr:** As the people of God, gathered here today, let us invoke the Spirit that invites us to be closer to God. With this in mind we pray.

**R:** We pray for our Pope, Bishops and Priests. May they remain faithful to their divine call.

**We pray to the Lord.**

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

**R:** We pray for our Church. May the Holy Spirit inspire in us a deeper appreciation of our Baptism, as the Sacrament that makes us who we are in Christ.

**We pray to the Lord.**

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

**R:** We pray for the Work of the Holy Spirit in the world, bringing people to *truth, love* and *reconciliation*.

**We pray to the Lord.**

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

**R:** We pray for our parish community. may we follow in the footsteps of the apostles and continue to perform good works.

**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 Diane Phillips.

**We pray to the Lord.**

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

All **HAIL MARY**

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

**Amen**

**Collections last week**

Presbytery \$267

Thanksgiving \$660

1<sup>st</sup> collection: Presbytery & Priest

2<sup>nd</sup> collection: Thanksgiving (envelope)

### Parish Priest

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### Secretary Hours

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### St Mary's Primary School

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### WEEKLY MASS TIMES

#### St. Mary's Parish

Sunday's at 9:00am

15/01/23 – Romsey

22/01/23 – Lancefield

29/01/23 – Lancefield

05/02/23 – Romsey

### HEALING MASS

1<sup>st</sup> Saturday at 10:00am

04/02/23 – Romsey

### 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.

### Funerals

Contact Fr. Martin directly.

### Reconciliation

By appointment only  
Please contact Fr. Martin

### Thanksgiving

Please contact Tammie at the parish office to arrange some Thanksgiving envelopes.  
Thanksgiving contributions by Direct Debit or Credit Card welcome.

# The Living Word

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

15 January 2023

## First Reading Is 49:3, 5-6

*I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.*

The Lord said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I shall be glorified'; I was honoured in the eyes of the Lord, my God was my strength. And now the Lord has spoken, he who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, to gather Israel to him:

'It is not enough for you to be my servant, to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back the survivors of Israel; I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.'

## Responsorial Psalm

Ps 39:2. 4. 7-10. R. vv.8. 9.

(R.) *Here I am, Lord;  
I come to do your will.*

1. I waited, I waited for the Lord and he stooped down to me; he heard my cry. He put a new song into my mouth, praise of our God. (R.)
2. You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings, but an open ear. You do not ask for holocaust and victim. Instead, here am I. (R.)
3. In the scroll of the book it stands written that I should do your will. My God, I delight in your law in the depth of my heart. (R.)
4. Your justice I have proclaimed in the great assembly. My lips I have not sealed; you know it, O Lord.

## Second Reading 1 Cor 1:1-3

*The grace and peace of God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.*

I, Paul, appointed by God to be an apostle, together with brother Sosthenes, send greetings to the church of God in Corinth, to the holy people of Jesus Christ, who are called to take their place among all the saints everywhere who pray to our Lord Jesus Christ; for he is their Lord no less than ours. May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

## Gospel Acclamation Jn 1:14. 12

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us.*

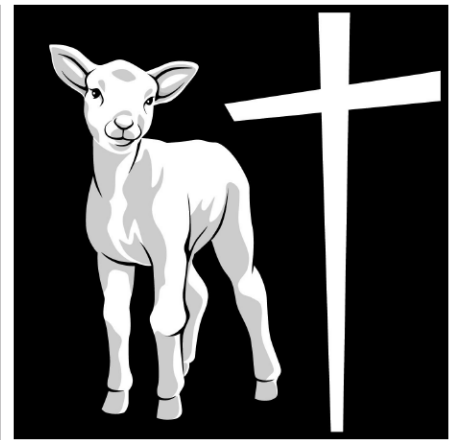
*He enabled those who accepted him to become the children of God.*

*Alleluia!*

## Gospel Jn 1:29-34

*This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.*

Seeing Jesus coming towards him, John said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world. This is the one I spoke of when I said: A man is coming after me who ranks before me because he existed before me. I did not know him myself, and yet it was to reveal him to Israel that I came baptising with water.' John also declared, 'I saw the Spirit coming down on him from heaven like a dove and resting on him. I did not know him myself, but he who sent me to baptise with water had said to me, "The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and rest is the one who is going to baptise with the Holy Spirit." Yes, I have seen and I am the witness that he is the Chosen One of God.'



## Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

What does it mean to be 'holy'? It does not mean 100% morally correct, or separate from the great mass of people: 'Holier than thou!' It means being so close to God that God's holiness rubs off.

We are adopted members of the Holy Family, and something rubs off.

Each one of us has heard at our baptism 'You are my beloved son/daughter'. We have been adopted into God's family and that brings us into close proximity to God.

So, if St Paul were writing to us today, as he did to the Corinthians, this is how it would run: '... to the church of God that is in [your town], made up of those who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus, called holy.'

But, we are not alone. In a multitude of places there are people who have also been baptised and therefore share a certain family resemblance. How is the 'togetherness' held together? By being in communion with the Bishop of Rome, currently Pope Francis.

We might pause for a moment to thank God that we are amongst the baptised who can receive St Paul's greeting: 'Grace and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.'

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