

# ST. MARY'S PARISH

LANCEFIELD & ROMSEY

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

22 January, 2023

Lancefield Church  
29 Chauncey St. Lancefield



Romsey Church  
85 Main St. Romsey



## NO CURRENT MASS RESTRICTIONS – ALL WELCOME

Ministry Roster	22/01/23	29/01/23	04/02/23	05/02/23
<b>Musician</b>	Rosalie	Agnes	-----	Christine
<b>Power Point</b>	<i>Vol. required</i>	<i>Vol. required</i>	-----	Margaret
<b>Reader</b>	Joan D	Judith	John H	Betty
<b>Collector</b>	Barry C	Ged/Tim	-----	Allan
<b>Cleaner</b>	Florence	Kerry	-----	Anthea
<b>Location</b>	Lancefield	Lancefield	Romsey	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 asap. 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 we gather to be formed in faith by God's word, we ask the Lord of all hopefulness to receive these prayers of intercession for all God's people.

**R:** As we celebrate Australia Day this week, may we be sensitive to and acknowledge the First Nations of this land. We pray for God's blessings on all of us and on our land, where we are privileged to live.

**We pray to the Lord.**

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

**R:** We pray for our faith community. In the light of the prophetic call of our baptism, may we discern the movement of God's Spirit in our daily lives.

**We pray to the Lord.**

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

**R:** We pray for Pope Emeritus Benedict. May he share in the heavenly liturgy, having devoutly exercised the ministry of priest and bishop in the earthly liturgy.

**We pray to the Lord.**

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

**R:** We pray for sick parishioners, family & friends, that they will find healing. We pray for those who have died recently and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially Rose Theisz, Sue O'Brien, Brian Scanlon and David Connolly. May they enter into the eternal life of God's kingdom, as promised to us all.

**We pray to the Lord.**

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

All **HAIL MARY**

**Fr:** Father in heaven, we have come together to ask your blessings upon us and on all who have asked for our prayers. We are confident you do not forget your own people. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

**Collections last week**    Presbytery \$277    Thanksgiving \$1402  
1<sup>st</sup> collection: Presbytery & Priest    2<sup>nd</sup> collection: Thanksgiving (envelope)  
**Readings next week**    Zephaniah 2:3, 3:12-13    1 Corinthians 1:26-313    Matthew 5:1-12

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### Secretary Hours

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### WEEKLY MASS TIMES

#### St. Mary's Parish

#### Sunday's at 9:00am

22/01/23 – Lancefield

29/01/23 – Lancefield

05/02/23 – Romsey

12/02/23 – Lancefield

#### 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

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## First Reading Is 8:23-9:3

*In the Galilean country, the people have seen a great light.*

In days past the Lord humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in days to come he will confer glory on the Way of the Sea on the far side of Jordan, province of the nations.

The people that walked in darkness  
has seen a great light;  
on those who live in a land of deep shadow  
a light has shone.  
You have made their gladness greater,  
you have made their joy increase,  
they rejoice in your presence  
as men rejoice at harvest time,  
as men are happy when they are dividing  
the spoils.  
For the yoke that was weighing on him,  
the bar across his shoulders,  
the rod of his oppressor,  
these you break as on the day of  
Midian.

## Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 26:1. 4. 13-14. R. v.1**

*(R.) The Lord is my light and my salvation.*

1. The Lord is my light and my help;  
whom shall I fear?  
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;  
Before whom shall I shrink? *(R.)*
2. There is one thing I ask of the Lord,  
for this I long,  
to live in the house of the Lord,  
all the days of my life,  
to savour the sweetness of the Lord,  
to behold his temple. *(R.)*
3. I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness  
in the land of the living.  
Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.  
Hope in the Lord! *(R.)*

## Second Reading 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17

*I appeal to you, my brothers and sisters, make up the differences between you.*

I appeal to you, brothers, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, to make up the differences between you, and instead of disagreeing among yourselves, to be united again in your belief and practice. From

what Chloe's people have been telling me, my dear brothers, it is clear that there are serious differences among you. What I mean are all these slogans that you have, like: 'I am for Paul', 'I am for Apollos', 'I am for Cephas', 'I am for Christ'. Has Christ been parcelled out? Was it Paul that was crucified for you? Were you baptised in the name of Paul?

For Christ did not send me to baptise, but to preach the Good News, and not to preach that in the terms of philosophy in which the crucifixion of Christ cannot be expressed.

## Gospel Acclamation Mt 4:23

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Jesus preached the Good News  
of the kingdom*

*and healed all who were sick.*

*Alleluia!*

## Gospel Mt 4:12-17

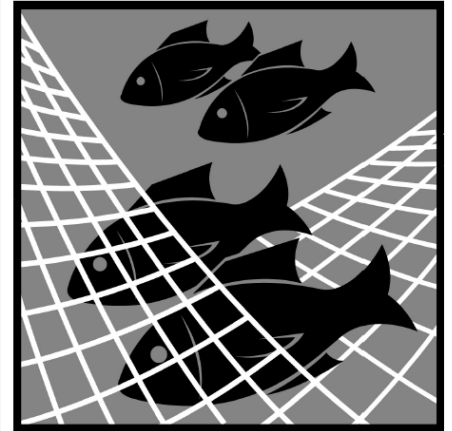
**(or longer form Mt 4:12-23)**

*He went to Capernaum, that the prophecy of Isaiah be fulfilled.*

Hearing that John had been arrested Jesus went back to Galilee, and leaving Nazareth he went and settled in Capernaum, a lakeside town on the borders of Zebulun and Naphtali. In this way the prophecy of Isaiah was to be fulfilled:

Land of Zebulun! Land of Naphtali!  
Way of the sea on the far side of Jordan,  
Galilee of the nations!  
The people that lived in darkness  
has seen a great light;  
on those who dwell in the land and  
shadow of death  
a light has dawned.

From that moment Jesus began his preaching with the message, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'



## Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Two sets of two brothers were running successful family businesses. But once Jesus passed by and *called* them, the Gospel says, at *once* they left their boats and followed him. I think because, hearing his voice, they realised that Jesus was the true vocalist of God.

Irish author and mystic, John O'Donohue, once wrote, 'Something in us senses and knows how perfectly the contours of the soul fit the divine embrace.' \*

Maybe Simon Peter, Andrew, James and John sensed that, in this Jesus, there was a Soul whose contours perfectly fitted the divine embrace. They were prepared to risk everything for the chance to have *their* souls contoured along the same lines.

The call: 'Follow me ...', was not to an isolated individual promising to save his soul, but to two brothers and then another two brothers. Immediately, a community was being formed and its task was to bring others into that Jesus-following community.

We could pause for a moment to hear the brothers beckoning us to follow the call of that voice sounded by Our Lord Jesus Christ.

\*John O'Donohue, *Divine Beauty: The Invisible Embrace*, Bantam Press, 246.

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