

ST. MARY'S PARISH

LANCEFIELD & ROMSEY

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

29th January, 2023

Lancefield Church
29 Chauncey Street
Lancefield



Romsey Church
85 Main Street
Romsey



NO CURRENT MASS RESTRICTIONS – ALL WELCOME

	29/01/23	04/02/23	05/02/23	12/02/23
Ministry Roster				
Musician	Agnes	-----	Christine	Rosalie
Power Point	<i>Vol. required</i>	-----	Margaret	<i>Vol. required</i>
Reader	Judith	John H	Betty	Michael M
Collector	Ged/Tim	-----	Allan	Joe
Cleaner	Kerry	-----	Anthea	Rosalie
Location	Lancefield	Romsey	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 Grelis.

St. Mary's Parish Lancefield & Romsey will be hosting

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Friday, March 3rd, 2023
Romsey Church 10am

The focus of this years' service is Taiwan.

A Preparation meeting will be held at the Romsey Church, Friday February 3rd at 10am. Please feel free to attend if you would like to part of the day.

Should you just wish to attend the service and / or perhaps do a reading, please let Tam know so arrangements can be finalised prior to the event.

A morning tea will be held at the Romsey Church hall following the service. Those attending are asked to bring a plate to share.

SECRETARY ON ANNUAL LEAVE

So, for my very first plane trip over a mountain and over a sea, EVER,
I am off to New Zealand! 😊😊

Please send through all idea's for calming nerves!!!!

I will be flying out on Saturday Feb 11 so everything will be ready for Sunday Mass in Lancefield on Feb 12 and everything will also be ready at Romsey for Sunday Mass on Feb 19. I fly home on Feb 21 and will be back in the office on Wednesday Feb 22. Please note the office will be unattended for one week so could all urgent enquiries be directed to Fr. Martin at Woodend on 5427 2690 during this time.

I will attend to all non urgent emails when I return.

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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
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office@smlancefield.catholic.edu.au

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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29 January 2023

First Reading Zep 2:3; 3:12-13

In your midst I will leave a humble and a lowly people.

Seek the Lord
all you, the humble of the earth,
who obey his commands.
Seek integrity,
seek humility:
you may perhaps find shelter
on the day of the anger of the Lord.
In your midst I will leave
a humble and lowly people,
and those who are left in Israel will seek
refuge in the name of the Lord.
They will do no wrong,
will tell no lies;
and the perjured tongue will no longer
be found in their mouths.
But they will be able to graze and rest
with no one to disturb them.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 145:7-10. R. Mt 5:3

*(R.) Happy the poor in spirit;
the kingdom of heaven is theirs!*
or

(R.) Alleluia!

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith forever,
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord, who sets prisoners free. *(R.)*
2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the
blind,
who raises up those who are bowed
down,
the Lord, who protects the stranger
and upholds the widow and orphan. *(R.)*
3. It is the Lord who loves the just
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age. *(R.)*

Second Reading 1 Cor 1:26-31

God has chosen what is weak by human reckoning.

Take yourselves, brothers, at the time when you were called: how many of you were wise in the ordinary sense of the word, how many were influential people, or came from noble families? No, it was to shame the wise that God chose what is foolish by human reckoning, and to shame what is strong that he chose what is weak by human reckoning; those whom the world

thinks common and contemptible are the ones that God has chosen – those who are nothing at all to show up those who are everything. The human race has nothing to boast about to God, but you, God has made members of Christ Jesus and by God's doing he has become our wisdom, and our virtue, and our holiness, and our freedom. As scripture says: if anyone wants to boast, let him boast about the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 5:12

Alleluia, alleluia!

Rejoice and be glad;

Your reward will be great in heaven.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 5:1-12

Happy are the poor in spirit.

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

'How happy are the poor in spirit:
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Happy the gentle:
they shall have the earth for their
heritage.

Happy those who mourn:
they shall be comforted.
Happy those who hunger and thirst for
what is right:
they shall be satisfied.

Happy the merciful:
they shall have mercy shown them.

Happy the pure in heart:
they shall see God.

Happy the peacemakers:
they shall be called sons of God.
Happy those who are persecuted in the
cause of right:
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Happy are you when people abuse you
and persecute you and speak all kinds
of calumny against you on my account.
Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be
great in heaven.'



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Jesus doesn't start in a fantasy dream world of perfection. Jesus looks at the world as it often is for many people, perhaps for most people around the world: 'the poor in spirit', 'those who mourn', 'those who are gentle', 'those who hunger and thirst for justice'.

Jesus astonishes the crowd by saying that such people are 'Blessed'. How can this be? The answer lies in our Lord's emphasis on the new community he is establishing under the reign of God: what he calls 'the Kingdom of God'.

Those in such wretched circumstances *will* have things set right, but only if followers of Jesus do everything possible to lift the poor out of the poverty which crushes their spirit, do everything possible to comfort those who mourn, do everything possible to make sure the gentle share the earth's resources, do everything possible to satisfy the craving for justice.

We could pause for a moment to pray the 'Our Father' pledging ourselves to help construct this new society where the Beatitudes can come true:

'Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on *earth* as it is in heaven.'

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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: Recognising that Christ is our wisdom, our virtue, our holiness and our freedom,
we offer these prayers in the hope that we might serve God with our whole being.

R: We pray for Pope Francis and all those in ordained ministry. May they serve your
people in a spirit of charity and love.

We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

R: We pray for our faith community as we share in this Eucharist. May we strive to use
our God-given gifts in the service of others.

We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

R: As we begin a new school year, we pray for all teachers that they may be blessed in
dealing with our young people, encouraging them to work to the best of their abilities
and to enjoy success in their studies.

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 Madge Scanlon, Ann Connors, Laurence Harrigan, John Baynes and
Maureen Bordignon. 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, hear the prayers of all of us gathered here as we seek to more fully
serve you. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen

Collections last week Presbytery \$229 Thanksgiving \$540
1st collection: Presbytery & Priest 2nd collection: Thanksgiving (envelope)
Readings next week Isaiah 58:7-10 1 Corinthians 2:1-5 Matthew 5:13-16

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You are amazing, look what you did!!!!
The books were collected today with much gratitude.



WEEKLY MASS TIMES

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

29/01/23 – Lancefield
05/02/23 – Romsey
12/02/23 – Lancefield
19/02/23 – Romsey
26/02/23 – Lancefield

HEALING MASS

1st Saturday at 10:00am

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

POSITIONS VACANT

Applications are invited from suitably qualified & experienced people for the positions of:

Parish Positions

- Pastoral Worker – St Andrew’s Parish, Werribee
- Parish Secretary – St Dominic’s Parish, Melton
- Parish Bookkeeper – St Andrew’s Parish, Werribee
- Youth Pastoral Worker - St Christopher’s Parish, Syndal

Other Positions

Cook – Bayside Catholic Mission

Further details of the above positions can be found on the Archdiocese website at: <https://melbournecatholic.org/job-vacancies>

Parishioners are encouraged to forward this information to family or friends they may have living in the areas mentioned.

St. Mary’s Parish Drop-in

Upcoming Drop-in dates:

Thursday – 2nd February

Thursday – 2nd March

Thursday – 6th April

St. Mary’s Church Hall Romsey

10:30am – 2:30pm

Come along for a game of cards, a bite to eat and excellent company!

Please RSVP to Rose (5429 5270) for catering purposes.



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