

ST. MARY'S PARISH

LANCEFIELD & ROMSEY

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

5th February, 2023

Lancefield Church
29 Chauncey Street
Lancefield



Romsey Church
85 Main Street
Romsey



NO CURRENT MASS RESTRICTIONS – ALL WELCOME

Ministry Roster	04/02/23	05/02/23	12/02/23	19/02/23
Musician	-----	Christine	Rosalie	Christine
Power Point	-----	Margaret	<i>Vol. required</i>	Margaret
Reader	John H	Rosemary D	Michael M	Anne B
Collector	-----	Allan	Joe	Rob B
Cleaner	-----	Anthea	Rosalie	Anne N
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 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 morning tea will be held at the Romsey Church hall following the service.

SPECIAL COLLECTION NEXT WEEK

Pastoral Care Appeal 2023

(formerly known as Chaplaincy Appeal)

Next weekend is the Pastoral Care Appeal in the Archdiocese of Melbourne. Each year a special collection is conducted in all parishes, so that the vital work of the Catholic Chaplains can continue. The Chaplains support thousands of Victorians every year in hospitals, prisons and youth justice centres. Your gift can help people find comfort and hope as they go through some of their darkest times of their life.

Please give generously.

Envelopes will be available in the church or you may contribute to the cash collection.

SECRETARY ON ANNUAL LEAVE

13/02/23 to 21/02/23

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 Email

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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
T: 5429 1359

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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5 February 2023

First Reading Is 58:7-10

Your light will shine like the dawn.

Thus says the Lord:

Share your bread with the hungry,
and shelter the homeless poor,
clothe the man you see to be naked
and turn not from your own kin.
Then will your light shine like the dawn
and your wound be quickly healed over.

Your integrity will go before you
and the glory of the Lord behind you.
Cry, and the Lord will answer;
call, and he will say, 'I am here.'

If you do away with the yoke,
the clenched fist, the wicked word,
if you give your bread to the hungry,
and relief to the oppressed,
your light will rise in the darkness,
and your shadows become like noon.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 111:4-9. R. v.4

*(R.) A light rises in the darkness for
the upright.*

or

(R.) Alleluia!

1. He is a light in the darkness for the upright:
he is generous, merciful and just.
The good man takes pity and lends,
he conducts his affairs with honour *(R.)*
2. The just man will never waver:
he will be remembered for ever.
He has no fear of evil news;
with a firm heart he trusts in the Lord. *(R.)*
3. With a steadfast heart he will not fear;
open-handed, he gives to the poor;
his justice stands firm for ever.
His head will be raised in glory. *(R.)*

Second Reading 1 Cor 2:1-5

I came to you to proclaim Christ crucified.

When I came to you, brothers, it was not with any show of oratory or philosophy, but simply to tell you what God had guaranteed. During my stay with you, the only knowledge I claimed to have was about Jesus, and only about him as the crucified Christ. Far from relying on any power of my own, I came among you in great 'fear and trembling' and in my speeches and the sermons that I gave, there were none of the arguments that belong to philosophy; only a demonstration of the power of the Spirit. And I did this so that your faith should not depend on human philosophy but on the power of God.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 8:12

Alleluia, alleluia!

*I am the light of the world,
says the Lord;*

*the man who follows me
will have the light of life.*

Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 5:13-16

You are the light of the world.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You are the salt of the earth. But if salt becomes tasteless, what can make it salty again? It is good for nothing, and can only be thrown out to be trampled underfoot by men.

'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill-top cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put it on the lamp-stand where it shines for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine in the sight of men, so that, seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your Father in heaven.'



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

You are the salt of the earth, you are the light of the cosmos. 'You' is in the plural. So these descriptions are meant to apply to us as a Christian community.

Salt in the ancient world was a preservative for food. So, we are the ones who are to preserve the earth, to prevent its deterioration, to keep it life-giving.

Salt has to penetrate food to have an effect. We have to penetrate the world with our Sermon on the Mount values. Staying self-contained as a perfect little band of Christians is about as useful as salt remaining in the saltshaker. In Our Lord's scary opinion we would quite rightly be trampled underfoot.

How are we light for the cosmos? By 'good works'? No, a truer translation is by 'beautiful works'. These are those things we do which have grace, elegance and proportion and are therefore pleasing to observe: beautifully-good-works.

We could pause for a moment to pray that we remain salty and tangy, doing good beautifully and elegantly.

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MYSTERY OF FAITH

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,
we proclaim your Death, O Lord,
until you come again.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

- Fr:** God, in all wisdom, predestined our glory before the ages began. This has been revealed to us through the Holy Spirit. In faith, we entrust to this same Spirit our needs and petitions.
- R:** We pray for Pope Francis and all bishops of our church. May they be a force in the world for the fulfilment of the spirit of the commandments.
- We pray to the Lord.** **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- R:** We pray for all those in need – the sick, the homeless, the unemployed, hostages and refugees. May they feel the comfort of your mercy, which reaches out to all people.
- We pray to the Lord.** **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- R:** We pray for the quiet achievers of our world, those who dedicate themselves to be of service to others. May they be blessed in their endeavours, and may they be an example to others of what it means to live as Jesus taught us.
- We pray to the Lord.** **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- R:** We, the parishioners of St. Mary's, pray for each other and our families. May we walk together in faith and support one another with loving care.
- 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 Ernie French & Adelina Santana. May they now rejoice in the presence of God's unconditional love.
- We pray to the Lord.** **Lord, hear our prayer.**

All BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY PRAYER (see below)

HAIL MARY

Fr: Gracious God, through these prayers, continue to show us the way to your peace.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Collections last week Presbytery \$247 Thanksgiving \$345
1st collection: Presbytery & Priest 2nd collection: Thanksgiving (envelope)

Readings next week Ecclesiasticus 15:15-20 1 Corinthians 2:6-10 Matthew 5:17-27

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Congratulations and special blessings to all those who are celebrating birthdays and anniversaries during the month of February. 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:** Kath Ireland, Barry Ireland, Jan Davis, Michael Mooney & Elaine Scanlon
- Anniversaries:** Bevan & Monique McWha – 12 years
Tim & Melissa McCarthy – 16 years
Lindsay & Betty Peacock – 45 years
Mario & Joan Drago – 46 years
Tony & Jan Davis – 55 years!

St. Mary's Parish Drop-in

Upcoming Drop-in dates:

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.

WEEKLY MASS TIMES

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

05/02/23 – Romsey
12/02/23 – Lancefield
19/02/23 – Romsey
26/02/23 – Lancefield
05/03/23 – Romsey
12/03/23 - Lancefield

HEALING MASS

1st Saturday at 10:00am

04/02/23 – Romsey
04/03/23 – 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:

Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne

- Human Resource Partner

Other Positions

Cook – Bayside Catholic Mission

Parish Positions

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

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.

Crossword

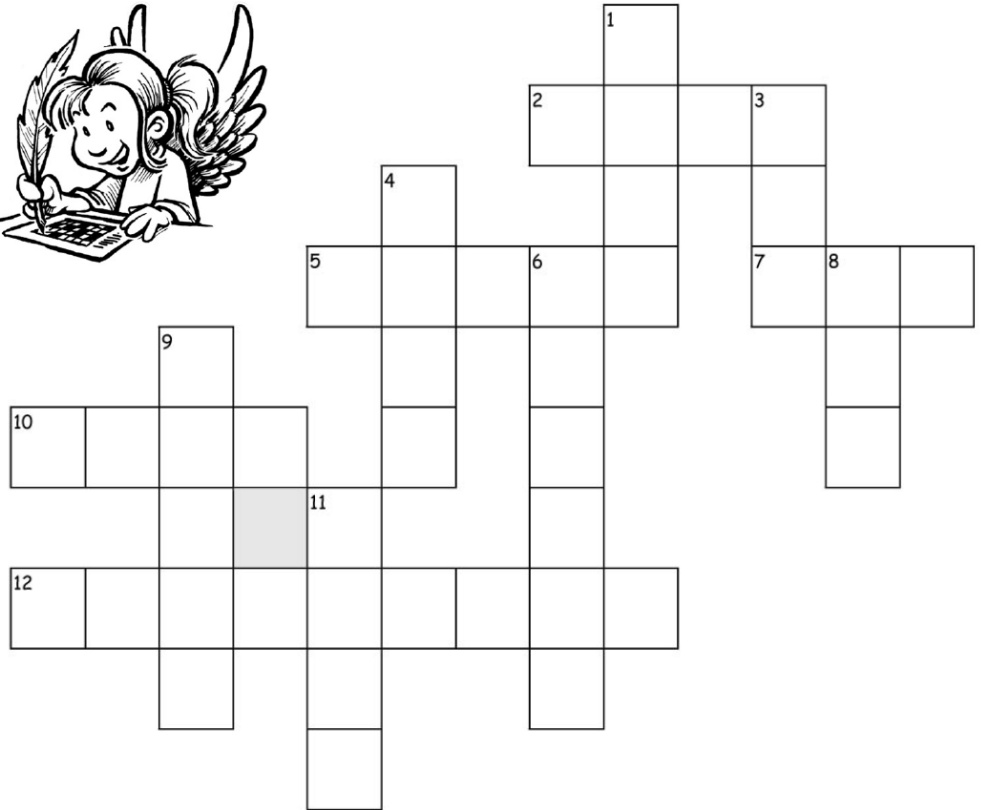


Across


- 2: a light you can carry around
- 5: not dark
- 7: the opposite of bottom
- 10: you eat this when you are hungry
- 12: Jesus’ friends

Down

- 1: Jesus told the disciples they were like _____ for everyone on earth
- 3: an indoor plant grows in this
- 4: a very large town
- 6: kept out of sight
- 8: the number before two
- 9: a place where you live
- 11: a small mountain



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