

ST. MARY'S PARISH

LANCEFIELD & ROMSEY

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

12th February, 2023

Lancefield Church
29 Chauncey Street
Lancefield



Romsey Church
85 Main Street
Romsey



NO CURRENT MASS RESTRICTIONS – ALL WELCOME

	12/02/23	19/02/23	26/02/23	04/03/23
Ministry Roster				
Musician	Rosalie	Christine	Agnes	-----
Power Point	<i>Vol. required</i>	Margaret	<i>Vol. required</i>	-----
Reader	Michael M	Anne B	Leanne	Michael G
Collector	Joe	Rob B	Barry C	-----
Cleaner	Rosalie	Anne N	Anne T	-----
Location	Lancefield	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 THIS WEEK

Pastoral Care Appeal 2023

(formerly known as Chaplaincy Appeal)

This weekend is the Pastoral Care Appeal. Donations from our parish community will help the Chaplaincy programs to support the most vulnerable people in our community. Your support and generosity will ensure that Catholic Chaplains can continue to be the messengers of God's mercy, love and compassion. Parishioners are encouraged to offer prayers and financial support to help provide continued spiritual and emotional comfort to individuals and families in Victoria facing, illness, pain, loneliness, grief and death.

Please Give Generously.

Envelopes are available in church or you can contribute via 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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Lancefield Vic 3435
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Parish Email

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

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

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

12 February 2023

First Reading **Ecc1 15:15-20**

He never commanded anyone to be godless.

If you wish, you can keep the commandments, to behave faithfully is within your power. He has set fire and water before you; put out your hand to whichever you prefer. Man has life and death before him; whichever a man likes better will be given him. For vast is the wisdom of the Lord; he is almighty and all-seeing. His eyes are on those who fear him, he notes every action of man. He never commanded anyone to be godless, he has given no one permission to sin.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 118:1-2. 4-5. 17-18. 33-34. R. v.1

(R.) Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

1. They are happy whose life is blameless, who follow God's law!
They are happy those who do his will, seeking him with all their hearts. *(R.)*
2. You have laid down your precepts to be obeyed with care.
May my footsteps be firm to obey your statutes. *(R.)*
3. Bless your servant and I shall live and obey your word.
Open my eyes that I may consider the wonders of your law. *(R.)*
4. Teach me the demands of your statutes and I will keep them to the end.
Train me to observe your law, to keep it with my heart. *(R.)*

Second Reading **1 Cor 2:6-10**

God in his wisdom predestined our glory before the ages began.

We have a wisdom to offer those who have reached maturity: not a philosophy of our age, it is true, still less of the masters of our age, which are coming to their end. The hidden wisdom of God which we teach in our mysteries is the wisdom that God predestined to be for our glory before the ages began. It is a wisdom that none of the masters of this age have ever known, or they would not have crucified the Lord

of Glory; we teach what scripture calls: the things that no eye has seen and no ear has heard, things beyond the mind of man, all that God has prepared for those who love him.

These are the very things that God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit reaches the depths of everything, even the depths of God.

Gospel Acclamation **See Mt 11:25**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;

you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia!

Gospel **Mt 5:20-22. 27-28. 33-34. 37** **(or longer form Mt 5:17-37)**

Such was said to your ancestors; but I am speaking to you.

Jesus said to his disciples: I tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven.

'You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not kill; and if anyone does kill he must answer for it before the court. But I say this to you: anyone who is angry with his brother will answer for it before the court.

'You have learnt how it was said: You must not commit adultery. But I say this to you: if a man looks at a woman lustfully, he has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

'Again, you have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not break your oath, but must fulfil your oaths to the Lord. But I say this to you: do not swear at all. All you need say is "Yes" if you mean yes, "No" if you mean no; anything more than this comes from the evil one.'



Reflection *by Fr Michael Tate*

We have just heard the least observed command of Our Lord in the Sermon on the Mount. Referring to oaths he taught, 'Do not swear at all ... instead let your "yes" mean yes and your "no" mean no. Whatever goes beyond these simple words is from the Evil One.'

This is strong language. Why does Our Lord say this?

In the same Sermon on the Mount, he teaches us the proper use of God's name: 'Our Father'. It is our privilege as adopted children of God to use God's name in that way. The use of God's name for oath-swearing is an *abuse*.

Our Lord was trying to establish a new sort of society (The Kingdom) within which truth-telling was of paramount importance, where there is no two-tiered way of speaking the truth.

Truth telling should issue simply from the character of the person – the truthful person *truthes*.

We know this at the very private level of intimate relationships. As a Church, we need to heed this passage and listen to the epistle of St James recalling this passage almost verbatim. (James 5:12-13)

We could pause for a moment to pray that the Church herself heeds the Great Commission: 'Teach them to keep *all* that I have commanded you.' (Matthew 28:20)

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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:** The Lord has chosen us and blessed us, and so we seek him confidently with our prayers.
- R:** For our Church leaders: that as servant-leaders, they may inspire our faith in God's abundant plans for us.
- In faith we pray.** **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- R:** For our parish community: that our sense of belonging may be strengthened, that all members of our parish family may feel valued and reach their potential to live life to the full.
- In faith we pray.** **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- R:** For the work of CatholicCare Victoria's pastoral ministry, chaplains and volunteers; for being the messengers of God's mercy, love and compassion.
- In faith we pray.** **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- R:** For those who are ill: that they may be strengthened in their struggle and pain and may receive the healing power of God. We pray for those who have died recently and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially Brian Sheehan, Christopher Martin & Pat Toomey.
- In faith we pray.** **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- All HAIL MARY**
- Fr:** Loving God, you calm our fears and doubts, and are eager to bless us. Hear these petitions which we humbly place under your tender gaze, through Christ our Saviour and Lord.

Amen

Collections last week Presbytery \$248 Thanksgiving \$1635
1st collection: Presbytery & Priest 2nd collection: Thanksgiving (envelope)

Readings next week Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18 1 Corinthians 3:16-23 Matthew 5:38-48

ASH WEDNESDAY 40th ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATION BLACK SATURDAY 14th ANNIVERSARY

We don't need a photo to remind us of the tragedy that happened during both of these horrific events. Over the coming week there are a number of local services commemorating the 40th anniversary of Ash Wednesday along with more recent memories of Black Saturday which took place 14 years ago. For some the time has flown, for others time has stood still.

PRAYER

For those who lost their life or a loved one,
for those who fought to protect,
for those who battle the memories,
for those who want to forget,
for those who suffer in silence and
for those who cry out loud,
for those who watched their everything burn
and for those who grieved as their livestock perished.....
We hear you, we see you, we feel your pain,
know that God will help you through
and take strength from the happy memories that are to be cherished.

St. Mary's Parish Drop-in

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

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

HEALING MASS

1st Saturday at 10:00am

NO HEALING MASS IN MARCH

01/04/23 – 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

Parish Positions

Parish Bookkeeper – St Andrew’s Parish, Werribee

Parish Secretary – St Dominic’s Parish, Melton

Parish Administrative Coordinator - St Patrick's and St Kevin's Parishes, Murrumbeena

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.

Other Positions

Retail Shop Assistant – St Patricks Cathedral Shop

Pastoral Worker – St Andrew’s Parish, Werribee

Parish Secretary – St Dominic’s Parish, Melton

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