

ST. MARY'S PARISH

LANCEFIELD & ROMSEY

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

19th February, 2023

Lancefield Church
29 Chauncey Street
Lancefield



Romsey Church
85 Main Street
Romsey



NO CURRENT MASS RESTRICTIONS – ALL WELCOME

	19/02/23	26/02/23	04/03/23	05/03/23
Ministry Roster				
Musician	Christine	Agnes	NO	Christine
Power Point	Margaret	<i>Vol. required</i>	HEALING	Margaret
Reader	Anne B	Leanne	MASS	Eileen
Collector	Rob B	Barry C	IN	Gerard
Cleaner	Anne N	Anne T	MARCH	Christine
Location	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.

SPECIAL COLLECTION LAST WEEK

Pastoral Care Appeal 2023

Thank you! Last weekend, we conducted the annual Pastoral Care Appeal in our parish. The presence of Catholic chaplains is a crucial witness to our faith, a crucial dimension of our service of love, and a vital testimony to the value of life in all its stages. Thank you to those who have supported this Appeal.

Special Collection through Lent - Caritas - Project Compassion

22 February – 8 April

Mite boxes and Collection envelopes are now available in both churches.

PRAYER

We pray for the ability to understand that God's wisdom is greater than ours. May our support for Project Compassion enable us to join Mary in saying yes to God's plan of justice for the whole human family.



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.

Parish Priest

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Woodend Vic 3442
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Parish Secretary

Tammie Dalgleish
C/- Presbytery
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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

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First Reading Lv 19:1-2, 17-18

You must love your neighbour, as yourself.

The Lord spoke to Moses; he said: 'Speak to the whole community of the sons of Israel and say to them: "Be holy, for I, the Lord your God, am holy.

"You must not bear hatred for your brother in your heart. You must openly tell him, your neighbour, of his offence; this way you will not take a sin upon yourself. You must not exact vengeance, nor must you bear a grudge against the children of your people. You must love your neighbour as yourself. I am the Lord."

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 102:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13. R. v.8

(R.) The Lord is kind and merciful.

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my being, bless his holy name. My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings. (R.)
2. It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion. (R.)
3. The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy. He does not treat us according to our sins nor repay us according to our faults. (R.)
4. As far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our sins. As a father has compassion on his sons, the Lord has pity on those who fear him. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Cor 3:16-23

All things are yours, but you belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God.

Didn't you realise that you were God's temple and that the Spirit of God was living among you? If anybody should destroy the temple of God, God will destroy him, because the temple of God is sacred; and you are that temple.

Make no mistake about it: if any one of you thinks of himself as wise, in the ordinary sense of the word, then he must learn to be a fool before he really can be wise. Why? Because the wisdom of this world is foolishness to God. As scripture says: The

Lord knows wise men's thoughts: he knows how useless they are, or again: God is not convinced by the arguments of the wise. So there is nothing to boast about in anything human: Paul, Apollos, Cephas, the world, life and death, the present and the future, are all your servants; but you belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God.

Gospel Acclamation 1 Jn 2:5

Alleluia, alleluia!

Whoever keeps the word of Christ, grows perfect in the love of God. Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 5:38-48

Love your enemies.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You have learnt how it was said: Eye for eye and tooth for tooth. But I say this to you: offer the wicked man no resistance. On the contrary, if anyone hits you on the right cheek, offer him the other as well; if a man takes you to law and would have your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. And if anyone orders you to go one mile, go two miles with him. Give to anyone who asks, and if anyone wants to borrow, do not turn away.

'You have learnt how it was said: You must love your neighbour and hate your enemy. But I say this to you: love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you; in this way you will be sons of your Father in heaven, for he causes his sun to rise on bad men as well as good, and his rain to fall on honest and dishonest men alike. For if you love those who love you, what right have you to claim any credit? Even the tax collectors do as much, do they not? And if you save your greetings for your brothers, are you doing anything exceptional? Even the pagans do as much, do they not? You must therefore be perfect just as your heavenly Father is perfect.'



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

'Be perfect as your Heavenly Father is perfect.' Is Jesus advocating rather static fault-lessness? Not very appealing! No, the Greek word is closer to the idea of a perfect wine – one that has matured and has reached its full potential. So, Our Lord is saying, 'Be a person who is everything you are capable of being.'

Our Lord gives a striking example of the challenge. God does not withhold life-giving sun and rain from people because they are bad or dishonest, nor extinguish the life of human beings because they are evil, because they are enemies.

What are the implications for Church teaching on capital punishment or warfare? Note that Jesus' command: 'You must be ...' is directed to *You* in the plural. It is communal, social. The Church community must listen. Is the Holy Spirit moving us in a direction not experienced since its first three centuries?

We could pause for a moment to pray on behalf of those who want to do us harm, the better to hear: 'Blessed are the peacemakers.'

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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: Encouraged by the words of Isaiah, that God promised never to forget us,
in hope we offer these prayers to our loving God.

R: We pray for God's people as they try to live his law of love and model their lives on
the life of Jesus.

We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

R: We pray for the governments of our world. In making and administering their laws,
may they be ever mindful that all life is sacred.

We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

R: We pray for those struggling with worry and stress in their lives, especially those who
have suffered abuse from those in whose care they have been placed. May we, as
members of your church, reach out to all those in need to help lighten their burden.

We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

R: We pray for the sick members of our parish and for those who care for them. We pray
for those who have died recently and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time,
especially Colleen O'Connor. May they be welcomed into your kingdom and find the
peace and happiness promised to them.

We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

All HAIL MARY

Fr: God of Compassion, receive our prayers.
May the blessings we have sought today be ours.
Lead us all to your heavenly kingdom.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen

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

Readings next week Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7 Romans 5:12-19 Matthew 4:1-11

Please join Catholic Theological College to celebrate
50 years of theological education at the

Sung Celebration of Evening Prayer

Guest Speaker Dr Graeme Blackman AO
Chancellor of University of Divinity

Date: Sunday 5th March 2023 at 3.30pm
Location: St Patrick's Cathedral, East Melbourne

Enq: sarah.styring@ctc.edu.au or Ph 9412 3333

The celebration is open to everyone and we particularly invite any past
students of Catholic Theological College to attend.

SACRAMENT PROGRAM 2023

If you have a family member or friend who doesn't attend St. Mary's School
but would like to receive a Sacrament this year, please have them contact Tam
at lancefield@cam.org for more details.

Reconciliation – Yr 3, Eucharist – Yr 4 & Confirmation – Yr 6.

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**

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

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.

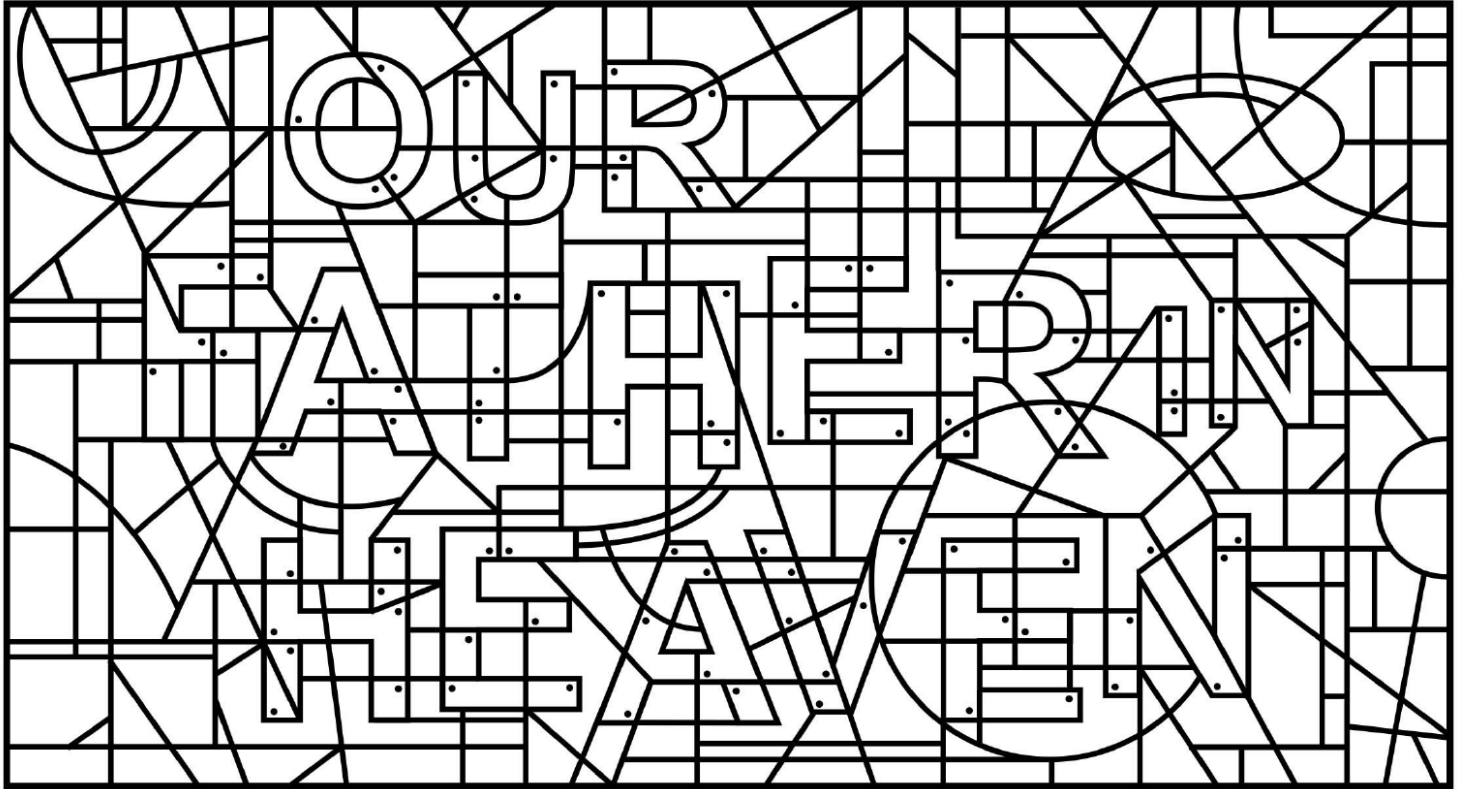
Other Positions

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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