

ST. MARY'S PARISH

LANCEFIELD & ROMSEY

First Sunday of Lent - Year A

26th February, 2023

Lancefield Church
29 Chauncey Street
Lancefield



Romsey Church
85 Main Street
Romsey



NO CURRENT MASS RESTRICTIONS – ALL WELCOME

	Ministry Roster 26/02/23	05/03/23	12/03/23	19/03/23
Musician	Agnes	Christine	Rosalie	Christine
Power Point	<i>Vol. required</i>	Margaret	<i>Vol. required</i>	Margaret
Reader	Leanne	Eileen	Joan D	John H
Collector	Barry C	Gerard	Ged/Tim	Allan T
Cleaner	Anne T	Christine	Leanne	Monica
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.

SPECIAL COLLECTION LAST WEEK

CatholicCare – Pastoral Care Appeal 2023

Total contribution - \$250

Thank you for your generosity.

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 all involved in the ministry of education. Like Jesus may they be clear, courageous and strong as they pass values of compassion and justice to future generations. May our support for Project Compassion continue to make education more widely available.

BAPTISM PRAYER

We ask our God, the giver of life, to bless you all,

Alfred Marsden
Arthur Marsden
Tyler Showler
Amelia Silva

who will be baptised in our parish today.

We the Church of St. Mary's Lancefield/Romsey welcome and support you.



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Secretary Hours

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School Website

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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 Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7

Creation of our first parents, and sin.

The Lord God fashioned man of dust from the soil. Then he breathed into his nostrils a breath of life, and thus man became a living being.

The Lord God planted a garden in Eden which is in the east, and there he put the man he had fashioned. The Lord God caused to spring up from the soil every kind of tree, enticing to look at and good to eat, with the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil in the middle of the garden.

The serpent was the most subtle of all the wild beasts that the Lord God had made. It asked the woman, 'Did God really say you were not to eat from any of the trees in the garden?' The woman answered the serpent, 'We may eat the fruit of the trees in the garden. But of the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden God said, "You must not eat it, nor touch it, under pain of death".' Then the serpent said to the woman, 'No! You will not die! God knows in fact that on the day you eat it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods, knowing good and evil.' The woman saw that the tree was good to eat and pleasing to the eye, and that it was desirable for the knowledge that it could give. So she took some of its fruit and ate it. She gave some also to her husband who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened and they realised that they were naked. So they sewed fig-leaves together to make themselves loin-cloths.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 50:3-6. 12-14. 17. R. see v.3

(R.) *Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.*

1. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness. In your compassion blot out my offence. O wash me more and more from my guilt and cleanse me from my sin. (R.)
2. My offences truly I know them; my sin is always before me. Against you, you alone, have I sinned; what is evil in your sight I have done. (R.)
3. A pure heart create for me, O God, put a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, nor deprive me of your holy spirit. (R.)
4. Give me again the joy of your help; with a spirit of fervour sustain me. O Lord, open my lips and my mouth shall declare your praise. (R.)

Second Reading Rom 5:12-19 (or Shorter form Rom 5:12, 17-19)

Where sin increased, there grace abounded all the more.

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law.

Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift. The results of the gift also outweigh the results of one man's sin: for after one single fall came judgement with a verdict of condemnation, now after many falls comes grace with its verdict of acquittal. If it is certain that death reigned over everyone as the consequence of one man's fall, it is even more certain that one man, Jesus Christ, will cause everyone to reign in life who receives the free gift that he does not deserve, of being made righteous. Again, as one man's fall brought condemnation on everyone, so the good act of one man brings everyone life and makes them justified. As by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by one man's obedience many will be made righteous

Gospel Acclamation Mt 4:4

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

No one lives on bread alone,

but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel Mt 4:1-11

Jesus fasted for forty days and nights.

Jesus was led by the Spirit out into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, after which he was very hungry, and the tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to turn into loaves.' But he replied, 'Scripture says:

Man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'

The devil then took him to the holy city and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God,' he said, 'throw yourself down; for scripture says:

He will put you in his angels' charge, and they will support you on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.'

Jesus said to him, 'Scripture also says:

You must not put the Lord your God to the test.'

Next, taking him to a very high mountain, the devil showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. 'I will give you all these', he said, 'if you fall at my feet and worship me.' Then Jesus replied, 'Be off, Satan! For scripture says:

You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.'

Then the devil left him, and angels appeared and looked after him.



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Jesus was offered three shortcuts for his ministry. Firstly, exceptional powers to satisfy his own needs (bread out of stones). Secondly, when he needed to take risks, angels to keep him safe. Thirdly, when he wanted to change the world, absolute political power.

These were the Temptations of Christ, but also for us. If you or I are tempted to sin, we will find the marks of this threefold pattern. We want the whole world to change to satisfy us, or we want to take stupid risks and come out unscathed, or we want to exercise total power over others.

How can we try to follow Jesus without the shortcuts of the fantasy world which the Devil may offer? Note that Jesus resisted each temptation with: 'It is written'. The forty days of Lent are a perfect opportunity to read what 'is written' in the Gospels about the episodes and pattern of the life of Jesus Christ.

We could pause for a moment to find what is written and to imitate what we find. That is how the Devil is defeated.

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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 grace of God and the gracious gift of Jesus Christ are overflowing. We lift our hearts in prayer that this grace will bring hope and life to all who seek God's help.

R: We pray for our children preparing for the sacrament of Reconciliation. During this preparation may they come to know the love & forgiveness of Jesus.

We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

R: We pray for all catechumens and candidates presenting themselves for reception into the church at the "Rite of Election" ceremony in the Cathedral today. May we grow, with them, in the life Christ has shared with us.

We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

R: As we prepare to join in the World Day of Prayer this week, we ask your blessings on those who work to help the various Christian churches and communities to grow together in appreciating not only what divides us but the riches we share in Christ Jesus.

We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

R: We pray for our faith community as we celebrate this season of Lent. May we grow in our faith, be more attentive to prayer and be the means of announcing the Good News to others.

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, especially Maryanne Phelan and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially Francesco Cafari. May they all share in the fullness of the promise of life in Christ.

We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

All HAIL MARY

Fr: God of mercy, hear us as we come before you today, sustained by your steadfast love. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen

Collections 19/02/23	Presbytery \$219	Thanksgiving \$324
Collections 12/02/23	Presbytery \$246	Thanksgiving \$1105
	1 st collection: Presbytery & Priest	2 nd collection: Thanksgiving (envelope)
Readings next week	Genesis 12:1-4	2 Timothy 1:8-10 Matthew 17:1-9

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.

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

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

26/02/23 – Lancefield
05/03/23 – Romsey
12/03/23 – Lancefield
19/03/23 – Romsey
26/03/23 – Lancefield
02/04/23 – 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!

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EASTER RAFFLE

Easter Raffle tickets will be available at Mass from next week.
Raffle to be drawn at 9am Mass in Romsey Sunday April 2nd

Tickets \$2 each or 3 for \$5

1st Prize - \$300 cash

2nd Prize - \$100 cash

3rd Prize – Easter gift pack

4th Prize – Easter gift pack

Enquiries: Betty Peacock

EASTER MASSES

Fr. Arnold will join us to celebrate Easter Masses this year.
Wed March 29th - 7pm - Lenten Reconciliation – Romsey
Wed April 5th – 7:30pm – Lenten Reconciliation – Woodend
Both Lenten Reconciliation Services will be with Fr. Martin
Thur April 6th – 7pm Holy Thursday – Romsey
Frid April 7th – 3pm Passion of the Lord – Romsey
Sat April 8th – 7pm Easter Vigil – Lancefield
Sun April 9th – 9am Easter Sunday Mass – Lancefield
Holy Thursday to Easter Sunday Masses with Fr. Arnold

We have been sent a request via the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne on behalf of The Melkite Catholic Eparchy to share with our parish communities, details of Bishop Robert Rabbat's Syrian Earthquake Appeal.

For those who would like to donate, contributions can be made by donating to:

MCF DGR Account

Ref: Syrian Appeal

BSB: 062784 Account: 100011493

Donations are tax deductible and for a receipt please email : mcf@melkite.org.au or contact 02 9750 5514 for more information.

Please keep in your thoughts and prayers, all who are impacted by the devastating earthquake, as well as the volunteers and emergency workers assisting them in their needs at this challenging time.

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