

ST. MARY'S PARISH

LANCEFIELD & ROMSEY

Second Sunday of Lent - Year A

5th March, 2023

Lancefield Church
29 Chauncey Street
Lancefield



Romsey Church
85 Main Street
Romsey



NO CURRENT MASS RESTRICTIONS – ALL WELCOME

| Ministry Roster | 05/03/23 | 12/03/23 | 19/03/23 | 26/03/23 |
|--------------------|------------|----------------------|-----------|----------------------|
| Musician | Christine | Rosalie | Christine | Agnes |
| Power Point | Margaret | <i>Vol. required</i> | Margaret | <i>Vol. required</i> |
| Reader | Rosemary D | Joan D | John H | Rosemary D |
| Collector | Gerard | Ged/Tim | Allan T | Joe L |
| Cleaner | Christine | Leanne | Monica | Eva |
| Location | Romsey | Lancefield | 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.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Thank you to all who took on a role in making Friday's World Day of Prayer a huge success. It's been quite some time since our Parish has hosted this event and with some guidance from the other churches in our area, the day went very well.

\$260.15 was raised for the women of Taiwan who prepared Friday's service.

**"May God grant you peace – a peaceful relationship with God
and with one another".**

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 people who are a source of hope in the world, who help to transfigure darkness into light. May our support of Project Compassion help to keep alive our vision of Christ as the one we should most listen to, the light of the world.

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

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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 Gn 12:1-4

The call of Abraham, the father of God's people.

The Lord said to Abram, 'Leave your country, your family and your father's house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing.

'I will bless those who bless you:
I will curse those who slight you.
All the tribes of the earth
shall bless themselves by you.'

So Abram went as the Lord told him.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 32:4-5. 18-20. 22. R. v.22

*(R.) Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.*

1. The word of the Lord is faithful
and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right
and fills the earth with his love. *(R.)*
2. The Lord looks on those who
revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine. *(R.)*
3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
The Lord is our help and our shield.
May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you. *(R.)*

Second Reading 2 Tm 1:8-10

God has saved us, and called us to be holy.

With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy – not because of anything we ourselves have done but for his own purpose and by his own grace. This grace had already been granted to us, in Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time, but it has only been revealed by the Appearing of our saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 17:5

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:

this is my beloved Son, hear him.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel Mt 17:1-9

His face shone like the sun.

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order. 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

We have to get rid of the idea that the soul is a dot of energy in some hidden core of our body. In fact, the body is in the soul. There is no part of my body which is not immersed in my soul. It is my whole person, bodysoul, which needs to be saved. As Thomas Aquinas says: 'If only my soul is saved, I am not saved.'

Today's Gospel does not portray an out-of-body experience of religious ecstasy. Jesus' body was translucent, totally radiant with Divine Light. Further, this transfiguration was not a solitary experience for Jesus. Peter, James and John witnessed it precisely because it told them what our Heavenly Father desired as their destiny beyond martyrdom, if only they would listen to Jesus.

Heavenly salvation will involve my whole person, bodysoul, being transformed. But could a person, during their earthly existence, share in the transfiguration experience of Christ?

We could pause for a moment to 'Google' or otherwise get hold of my favourite story of a saint – St Seraphim of Sarov – and pray that we may share with his disciple the bodily experience of 'immeasurable wellbeing' – 'infinite joy in our hearts'.

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MYSTERY OF FAITH

Save us, Saviour of the world,
for by your Cross and Resurrection
you have set us free.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Fr: God alone shall we serve. We bring our prayers of petition before the throne of God, confident that the One we serve knows our heart.

R: We pray for the Church that with a renewed effort we listen to the Son, the beloved, recognise our need for repentance and follow him.

We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

R: We pray for peace in our world. May all Abraham's descendants respect the mutual right of others to follow the prophet in their journey of peace.

We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

R: We pray for all women on International Women's Day (March 8). May we reflect on and celebrate the contribution all women make in society, families and our church.

We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

R: As we have begun to celebrate this season of Lent, we pray that we may take the opportunity to grow in our faith and be more attentive to prayer.

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 Pat Kelly & Eileen O'Neill.

We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

All BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY PRAYER (see below)

HAIL MARY

Fr: O God, speak words of compassion and mercy to those who trust in your promise. We ask these prayers through Christ our Lord.

Amen

Collections last week Presbytery \$235 Thanksgiving \$673
1st collection: Presbytery & Priest 2nd collection: Thanksgiving (envelope)

Readings next week Exodus 17:3-7 Romans 5:1-2, 5-8 John 4:5-42

MARCH BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Congratulations and special blessings to all those who are celebrating birthdays and anniversaries during the month of March. 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: Monica Tomlinson, Tony Davis, Tammie Dalglish & and a special shout out to our younger parishioners, Sophie McCarthy & Josh McCarthy!

Anniversaries: Mark & Margaret Redmond
Peter McGill & Julie Arnold-McGill – 40 years
Bob & Greta James – 59 years!

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.

EASTER RAFFLE

Easter Raffle tickets now available at Mass
Raffle to be drawn after 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

WEEKLY MASS TIMES

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

05/03/23 – Romsey
12/03/23 – Lancefield
19/03/23 – Romsey
26/03/23 – Lancefield
02/04/23 – Romsey
09/04/23 – 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!

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

Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne

- Retail Shop Assistant – St Patrick's Cathedral Shop

Parish Positions

- Parish Secretary – St Dominic's Parish, Melton
- Parish Secretary – Parishes of Frankston
- Pastoral Worker – St Peter and Paul's Parish, Doncaster East
- Funeral Coordinator – Holy Trinity Parish, Bentleigh East
- Parish Administrative Coordinator - St Patrick's and St Kevin's Parishes, Murrumbena

Other Positions

- Stewardship Coordinator – Brunswick Moreland Catholic Community
- Evangelisation Coordinator – Brunswick Moreland Catholic Community

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.

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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Romsey Hall Working Bee

This may be the first of many!

Friday 10th March

8am – 12noon

Seeing as we missed Spring, the hall is in need of a good autumn clean.

I will be starting my day at Romsey next Friday and if you have any time free during the morning, it would be great to see a few hands making light of the work.

Muscles will be needed so men and women, old or young, are welcome to attend.

Job list includes:

Windows & sills
Cobwebs

Steam cleaning wet area's
Sinks & benchtops

and I'm sure we'll find more.....

Please bring your own cleaning equipment as there is limited at the hall.

RSVP: to Tam to co-ordinate jobs