

ST. MARY'S PARISH

LANCEFIELD & ROMSEY

Third Sunday of Lent - Year A

12th March, 2023

Lancefield Church
29 Chauncey Street
Lancefield



Romsey Church
85 Main Street
Romsey



NO CURRENT MASS RESTRICTIONS – ALL WELCOME

Ministry Roster	12/03/23	19/03/23	26/03/23	01/04/23
Musician	Rosalie	Christine	Agnes	-----
Power Point	<i>Vol. required</i>	Margaret	<i>Vol. required</i>	-----
Reader	Joan D	John H	Rosemary D	Betty
Collector	Ged/Tim	Allan T	Joe L	-----
Cleaner	Leanne	Monica	Eva	-----
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.

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

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 that all people will have just access to the necessities of life, especially water.

May we, in our support for Project Compassion this Lent, do all we can to become a source of hope for those who thirst.

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

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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

Third Sunday of Lent Year: Alternate Readings, Year A

12 March 2023

First Reading Ex 17:3-7

Give us water to drink.

Tormented by thirst, the people complained against Moses. 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt?' they said. 'Was it so that I should die of thirst, my children too, and my cattle?' Moses appealed to the Lord. 'How am I to deal with this people?' he said. 'A little more and they will stone me!' The Lord said to Moses, 'Take with you some of the elders of Israel and move on to the forefront of the people; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the river, and go. I shall be standing before you there on the rock, at Horeb. You must strike the rock, and water will flow from it for the people to drink.' This is what Moses did, in the sight of the elders of Israel. The place was named Massah and Meribah because of the grumbling of the sons of Israel and because they put the Lord to the test by saying, 'Is the Lord with us, or not?'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 94:1-2. 6-9. R. v.8

(R.) If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord:
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord. (R.)
2. Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand. (R.)
3. O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my
work.' (R.)

Second Reading Rom 5:1-2, 5-8

The love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given to us.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. This hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us. We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

Gospel Acclamation See Jn 4:42. 15

*Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!
Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world;
give me living water, that I may never thirst
again.
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!*

Gospel shorter form

Jn 4:5-15, 19-26, 39-42

The water that I shall give will turn into a spring of eternal life.

Jesus came to the Samaritan town called Sychar, near the land that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well is there and Jesus, tired by the journey, sat straight down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, 'What? You are a Jew and you ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink?' – Jews, in fact, do not associate with Samaritans. Jesus replied:

'If you only knew what God is offering
and who it is that is saying to you:
Give me a drink,
you would have been the one to ask,
and he would have given you living water.'

'You have no bucket, sir,' she answered 'and the well is deep: how could you get this living water? Are you a greater man than our father Jacob who gave us this well and drank from it himself with his sons and his cattle?' Jesus replied:

'Whoever drinks this water
will get thirsty again;
but anyone who drinks the water that I shall
give
will never be thirsty again:
the water that I shall give
will turn into a spring inside him, welling up to
eternal life.'

'Sir,' said the woman, 'give me some of that water, so that I may never get thirsty and never have to come here again to draw water. I see you are a prophet, sir. Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, while you say that Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.' Jesus said:

'Believe me, woman, the hour is coming
when you will worship the Father
neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem.
You worship what you do not know;
we worship what we do know;
for salvation comes from the Jews.
But the hour will come – in fact it is here
already –
when true worshippers will worship the Father
in spirit and truth:
that is the kind of worshipper
the Father wants.
God is spirit,
and those who worship
must worship in spirit and truth.'

The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah – that is, Christ – is coming; and when he comes he will tell us everything.' 'I who am speaking to you,' said Jesus 'I am he.'

Many Samaritans of that town had believed in him on the strength of the woman's testimony, so, when the Samaritans came up to him, they begged him to stay with them. He stayed for two days, and when he spoke to them many more came to believe; and they said to the woman, 'Now we no longer believe because of what you told us; we have heard him ourselves and we know that he really is the saviour of the world.'



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

The Jewish people worshipped at the Temple in Jerusalem. The Samaritans to the north worshipped on Mount Gerizem. But Jesus says to the woman of Samaria: 'Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem . . . true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth.'

We do this by acknowledging Jesus Christ as *our* sacred site. Jesus is where God is to be found. In his earthly ministry this was around places like the well in Samaria. As Risen Lord, he is to be found in those in dire need, and in the Heavenly Bread. In both cases we need to incline the body as an act of worship: in the case of the needy, by doing something practical; in the case of the Heavenly Bread, by genuflecting, bowing, before the Blessed Sacrament.

We could pause for a moment to reorientate ourselves to the Sacred Site who is the Risen Christ, acknowledging him as indeed the 'Saviour of the World'.

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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: Hope will not let us down, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit. We come before our God asking that our prayers be answered.

R: We pray for Pope Francis and the bishops of our church. May they inspire all the faithful to reach out in love and friendship to those in their community.

We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

R: We pray for the church throughout the world. May all of us who have been blessed by the waters of baptism be filled with the grace of the Spirit and the knowledge of the love of God.

We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

R: We pray for all people who have been affected by natural disasters and are struggling to rebuild their lives. May they find comfort in a supporting community.

We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

R: We pray for our faith community. May we lead others to meet Christ at the well by our witness and loving concern.

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 Edie Smith, Anthony Grealy & Frank Walker and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially Catherine Costello, Mark Naismith, Wendy Lakin, & Peg Hawkins.

May God reward their faith and bring them to the fullness of life promised to them.

We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

All HAIL MARY

Fr: O God, may your love reach out and touch all those who are in need of mercy. We ask these prayers through Christ our Lord.

Amen

Collections last week Presbytery \$272 Thanksgiving \$550
1st collection: Presbytery & Priest 2nd collection: Thanksgiving (envelope)

Readings next week 1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13 Ephesians 5:8-14 John 9:1-41

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.

Eucharist – Yr 4 & Confirmation – Yr 6.

FITA - A weekend of Prayer - Friday 24 March - Sunday 26 March 2023

Archbishop Peter A Comensoli has invited the Archdiocese of Melbourne to unite for a weekend of prayer from Friday 24 March to Sunday 26 March 2023. Parishes, communities and movements will be hosting hours of prayer across the Archdiocese, meditating on Mary's fiat, her total 'yes'.

You can view the full schedule at bit.ly/fiat-prayer-weekend

If you would like to form a prayer group for St. Mary's Parish please advise Tam and a suitable time can be arranged.

A pivotal moment in the history of salvation occurred when a young woman, Mary, listened to God's call and then gave a free and wholehearted 'yes' to the Lord and his mission, and to his gift of salvation.

We too are assured of new life in Jesus Christ. We are asked to pray and reflect on what Mary's example means for us as individuals, as local communities of grace and as a local Church of Melbourne.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR MARCH

For Parishes:

We pray for those who have suffered harm from a member of the church, may they find within the church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.

WEEKLY MASS TIMES

St. Mary's Parish

Sunday's at 9:00am

12/03/23 – Lancefield

19/03/23 – Romsey

26/03/23 – Lancefield

02/04/23 – Romsey

09/04/23 – Lancefield

16/04/23 – Romsey

HEALING MASS

1st Saturday at 10:00am

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 Development Fund

- Finance, Risk & Administration Officer

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
- Digital Marketing and Fundraising Contractor - Carmel Impact

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.

Wordsearch

Try to find these words:



- ancestor
- bucket
- drink
- food
- Jacob
- Messiah
- Samaritan
- Sychar
- town
- two
- well
- woman

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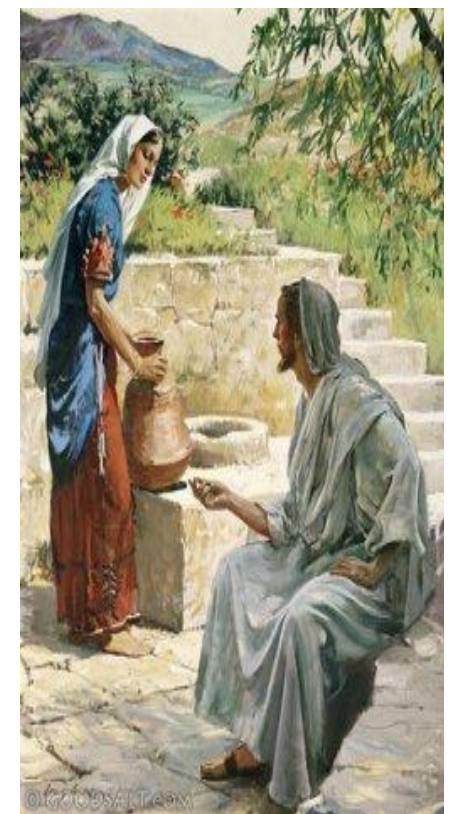
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