

ST. MARY'S PARISH

LANCEFIELD & ROMSEY

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord - Year A

2nd April, 2023

Lancefield Church
29 Chauncey Street
Lancefield



Romsey Church
85 Main Street
Romsey



NO CURRENT MASS RESTRICTIONS – ALL WELCOME

Ministry Roster	02/04/23	06/04/23	07/04/23	08/04/23	09/04/23
Musician	Christine	Agnes	Eileen	Rosalie	Agnes
Reader	Leanne	Betty	Eileen	Rosemary D	Judith
PowerPoint	Margaret	-----	-----	-----	-----
Collector	Tim/Ged	<i>Volunteers required please</i>			
Cleaner	Loretta	-----	-----	<i>Vol required</i>	-----
Location	Romsey	Romsey	Romsey	Lancefield	Lancefield

PLEASE ADVISE IF YOU ARE AVAILABLE TO SERVE DURING EASTER

CONTINUING PRAYER LIST:

Please pray also for the following who are in continuing need of our prayers:

Jesse Hogan, Cheryl Horan, Marg Redmond, Rita Shamon, Merle Trembath, Christine Cheney, Isabelle Fleming, Kath Ireland, Noel Doolan, Vittoria Cafari, Val Carr, Gwen DeCarolis, John Alford & Michael Grelis.

EASTER RAFFLE

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

Please return raffle tickets as you enter church.

Special Collection through Lent - Caritas - Project Compassion

22 February – 8 April

Please return your Mite boxes and Collection envelopes.

PRAYER

We pray that the mystery of the death of Jesus will deepen within our hearts. May we be ready to take up the cross in our time, especially as we support those who experience injustice throughout 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

HELP REQUIRED AT ALL EASTER SERVICES, PLEASE EMAIL YOUR AVAILABILITY TO TAM FOR ROSTERS TO BE ARRANGED.

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Secretary Hours

Wednesday & Friday
8:00am – 5:00pm

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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

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, Year A

2 April 2023

Gospel Mt 21:1-11

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

When they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find an ass tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, "The Lord has need of them," and he will send them immediately'. This took place to fulfil what was spoken by the prophet, saying, 'Tell the daughter of Zion, Behold, your king is coming to you, humble and mounted on an ass, and on a colt, the foal of an ass'. The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the ass and the colt, and put their garments on them, and he sat thereon. Most of the crowd spread their garments on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. And the crowds that went before him and that followed him shouted, 'Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!' And when he entered Jerusalem all the city was stirred, saying, 'Who is this?' And the crowds said, 'This is Jesus the prophet, from Nazareth in Galilee.'

First Reading Is 50:4-7

I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will not be ashamed.

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied he provides me with speech. Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 21:8-9, 17-20, 23-24, R. v.2

(R.) My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

- All who see me deride me. They curl their lips, they toss their heads. 'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him; let him release him if this is his friend.' (R.)
- Many dogs have surrounded me, a band of the wicked beset me. They tear holes in my hands and my feet. I can count every one of my bones. (R.)
- They divide my clothing among them. They cast lots for my robe. O Lord, do not leave me alone, my strength, make haste to help me! (R.)
- I will tell of your name to my brethren and praise you where they are assembled. 'You who fear the Lord give him praise; all sons of Jacob, give him glory. Revere him, Israel's sons.' (R.)

Second Reading Phil 2:6-11

He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high.

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are, and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus

and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel Acclamation Phil 2:8-9

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! Christ became obedient for us even to death dying on the cross. Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel shorter form Mt 27:11-54

Jesus was brought before Pontius Pilate, the governor, and the governor put to him this question, 'Are you the king of the Jews?' Jesus replied, 'It is you who say it.' But when he was accused by the chief priests and the elders he refused to answer at all. Pilate then said to him, 'Do you not hear how many charges they have brought against you?' But to the governor's complete amazement, he offered no reply to any of the charges.

At festival time it was the governor's practice to release a prisoner for the people, anyone they chose. Now there was at that time a notorious prisoner whose name was Barabbas. So when the crowd gathered, Pilate said to them, 'Which do you want me to release for you: Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?' For Pilate knew it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over.

Now as he was seated in the chair of judgement, his wife sent him a message, 'Have nothing to do with that man; I have been upset all day by a dream I had about him.'

The chief priests and the elders, however, had persuaded the crowd to demand the release of Barabbas and the execution of Jesus. So when the governor spoke and asked them, 'Which of the two do you want me to release for you?' they said 'Barabbas'. 'But in that case,' Pilate said to them 'what am I to do with Jesus who is called Christ?' They all said, 'Let him be crucified!' 'Why?' he asked 'What harm has he done?' But they shouted all the louder, 'Let him be crucified!' Then Pilate saw that he was making no impression, that in fact a riot was imminent. So he took some water, washed his hands in front of the crowd and said, 'I am innocent of this man's blood. It is your concern.' And the people, to a man, shouted back, 'His blood be on us and on our children!' Then he released Barabbas for them. He ordered Jesus to be first scourged and then handed over to be crucified.

The governor's soldiers took Jesus with them into the Praetorium and collected the whole cohort around him. Then they stripped him and made him wear a scarlet cloak, and having twisted some thorns into a crown they put this on his head and placed a reed in his right hand. To make fun of him they knelt to him saying, 'Hail, king of the Jews!' And they spat on him and took the reed and struck him on the head with it. And when they had finished making fun of him, they took off the cloak and dressed him in his own clothes and led him away to crucify him.

On their way out, they came across a man from Cyrene, Simon by name, and enlisted him to carry his cross. When they had reached a place called Golgotha, that is, the place of the skull, they gave him wine to drink mixed with gall, which he tasted but refused to drink. When they had finished crucifying him they shared out his clothing by casting lots, and then sat down and stayed there keeping guard over him.

Above his head was placed the charge against him; it read: 'This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.' At the same time two robbers were crucified with him, one on the right and one on the left.

The passers-by jeered at him; they shook their heads and said 'So you would destroy the Temple and rebuild it in three days! Then save yourself! If you are God's son, come down from the cross!' The chief priests with the scribes and elders mocked him in the same way. 'He saved others,' they said 'he cannot save himself. He is the king of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He put his trust in God; now let God rescue him if he wants him. For he did say, "I am the son of God."' Even the robbers who were crucified with him taunted him in the same way.

From the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. And about the ninth hour, Jesus cried out in a loud voice, 'Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?' that is, 'My God, my God, why have you deserted me?' When some of those who stood there heard this, they said, 'The man is calling on Elijah,' and one of them quickly ran to get a sponge which he dipped in vinegar and putting it on a reed, gave it him to drink. 'Wait!' said the rest of them 'and see if Elijah will come to save him.' But Jesus again crying out in a loud voice, yielded up his spirit.

At that, the veil of the Temple was torn in two from top to bottom; the earth quaked; the rocks were split; the tombs opened and the bodies of many holy men rose from the dead, and these, after his resurrection, came out of the tombs, entered the Holy City and appeared to a number of people. Meanwhile the centurion, together with the others guarding Jesus, had seen the earthquake and all that was taking place, and they were terrified and said, 'In truth this was a son of God.'



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Jesus entered Jerusalem, not as a warrior in the tradition of King David as many had hoped for, but riding simply on a donkey. The disciples and the crowd applauded him, but they proved fickle in their support.

On the other hand, Jesus remained steadfast in his commitment to non-violent revolutionary change of the religious and political systems so as to establish the reign of God. Why did he renounce marshalling human and angelic warriors to further his cause?

First, Jesus embodied God-for-us, and God does not want the destruction of those he has created out of love. Second, Jesus had a premonition that an armed revolt would lead to the destruction of Jerusalem and the dispersal of the Jewish people (as occurred in 70AD).

Third, another Gospel (Luke) recounts that as Jesus laboured up Mount Calvary he turned to some wailing women and said, 'Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, weep rather for yourselves and for your children.' He knew that they suffer grievously in armed uprising. This is seen in barbaric reality in our own time with women being tortured and raped in campaigns of terror, trafficked into sexual slavery, suffering the loss of sons, husband and lovers.

We could take a moment to pray that the Church of the 21st century, successor of the pacifist Church of the first three centuries, may enter on a new period of reflection on these issues, grappling with the desire to protect the innocent, yet always challenged by the man on a donkey, Divine Prince of Peace.

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MYSTERY OF FAITH

We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
and profess your Resurrection
until you come again.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Fr: United with Christ, we cry out to God in this Holy Week for harmony,
for reconciliation and for the healing of the world's wounds.

R: We pray for Pope Francis and all the bishops of the church. May they be inspired by
the example of the Suffering Servant to continue in their mission to call Christians to
a sense of service to others.

We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

R: As we journey with Jesus during his passion and death, we pray for our faith
community. May we come to a deeper understanding and acceptance of what that
means for us.

We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

R: For people everywhere: may despair and pain be lifted from every heart.

We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

R: For our nation: may those burdened with homelessness, uncertainly and poverty
not be forgotten.

We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

R: We pray for the sick and the suffering that they may be healed. We pray for those
who have died recently and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time,
especially Richard Glenn & Joe Fleming. May they rest in peace with Christ.

We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

All BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY PRAYER (see below)

HAIL MARY

Fr: God of Compassion, speak to those whose needs we entrust to you this day.
We ask this through Jesus Christ who lives and reigns with us forever.

Amen

Collections last week Presbytery \$227 Thanksgiving \$815
1st collection: Presbytery & Priest 2nd collection: Thanksgiving (envelope)

Readings next week Acts 10:34, 37-43 Colossians 3:1-4 John 20:1-9

APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

*Congratulations and special blessings to all those who are celebrating birthdays and
anniversaries during the month of April. 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: Florence Meyer, Louise Newnham, Noel Doolan, Anne Naismith &
Monique McWha and a special shout out to our younger parishioners,
Ben Todd, Ella McCarthy, Anna Newnham & Charlotte McCarthy!

Anniversaries: Peter & Elaine Scanlon – 42 years
Denis & Genny Collaco – 52 years
Robert & Anne Barry – 55 years &
Jack & Lurleen Nicholls – 65 years!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Please join us at the Romsey Church each Friday leading into Lent at 3pm.

GOOD FRIDAY WALK OF WITNESS / STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The Uniting, Anglican and Catholic Churches of Lancefield & Romsey will
again be participating in the "Way of the Cross" this year on Good Friday.

The walk will start at 10:30am at the Romsey Uniting Church.

The endeavour is to make the stops accessible to those who may require to
be driven around.

WEEKLY MASS TIMES

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

02/04/23 – Romsey
09/04/23 – Lancefield
16/04/23 – Romsey
23/04/23 – Lancefield
30/04/23 – Lancefield
07/05/23 – Romsey

HEALING MASS

**1st Saturday at 10:00am
No Healing Mass in April**
06/05/23 – 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

SPECIAL COLLECTION – GOOD FRIDAY – HOLY PLACES – 07/04/23

The Holy Land Collection offers all Catholics an opportunity to express their solidarity with Christians in the Holy Land. A donation to the Holy Father's annual appeal is a direct way to make a difference in the lives of those caught up in war, violence and instability in this region, and of course the recent pandemic.

What has been accomplished? Normally, each year's Holy Land (Good Friday) Collection:

- Supports 29 parishes, four homes for orphans, three academic institutions
- Helps keep schools open for over 10,000 pre-K through to Grade 12 students
 - Supports 120 men preparing to be priests or brothers
 - Helps rehabilitate 80 homes for Christian families
- Provides senior care facilities in Bethlehem and Nazareth
 - Creates 1,500 jobs in the Holy Land for Christians
- Preserves 54 shrines connected with the life of Jesus and the prophets

POSITIONS VACANT

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

Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne

- Discipleship Specialist - Marriage and Family Accompaniment
- Executive Support Officer
- Senior Creatives Officer

Parish Positions

Parish Secretary – St Dominic's Parish, Melton

- Finance, Risk & Administration Officer
- Pastoral Worker – St Peter and Paul's Parish, Doncaster East
- Pastoral Worker – St Andrew's Parish, Werribee

Other Positions

Digital Marketing and Fundraising Contractor - Carmel Impact
Maintenance Officer - Corpus Christi

Catholic Development Fund

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.

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CHALLENGING SLAVERY AT EASTER

Each Easter, Millions of Australians will enjoy a chocolate egg, but few consider the dark reality of exploitation that lurks within its supply chains.

“Every person ought to have the awareness that purchasing is always a moral – and not simply an economic – act.”

Pope Francis Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking in Humans (ACRATH) this year is encouraging Australians to join the campaign for Slavery Free Easter eggs and Chocolate.

To find more information on this topic and how you can help please go to website

acrath.org.au/take-action/chocolate/