

ST. MARY'S PARISH

LANCEFIELD & ROMSEY

Second Sunday of Easter - Year A

16th April, 2023

Lancefield Church
27 Chauncey Street
Lancefield



Romsey Church
85 Main Street
Romsey



NO CURRENT MASS RESTRICTIONS – ALL WELCOME

Ministry Roster	16/04/23	23/04/23	30/04/23	06/05/23
Musician	Christine	Agnes	Rosalie	-----
Reader	Michael G	Vol required	Michael M	Eileen
PowerPoint	Margaret	-----	-----	-----
Collector	Gerard	Barry	Ged/Tim	-----
Cleaner	Marie H	Florence	Kerry	-----
Location	Romsey	Lancefield	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 Shamon, Merle Trembath, Christine Cheney, Isabelle Fleming, Kath Ireland, Noel Doolan, Vittoria Cafari, Val Carr, Gwen DeCarolis, John Alford & Michael Grelis.

SPECIAL COLLECTION – GOOD FRIDAY – HOLY PLACES

The total contribution was 264.35.

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Special Collection through Lent - Caritas - Project Compassion

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2023 CONCERT SERIES

Friday April 21st, 2023 6pm-7pm

Join us at St Patrick's Cathedral for the next concert in our 2023 Concert Series: a recital by acclaimed international organist Johann Vexo, the Choir Organist at NotreDame Cathedral, Paris.

Taking full advantage of our impressive cathedral organ, this performance will include masterworks by Bach, Franck, Vierne, Messiaen and Duruflé.

Tickets: \$30 full, \$25 concession, free for those aged 15 years and under, simply pay by cash or card at the door.

For all enquiries, email music@cam.org.au

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The weekend is based around Catholic values and couples of all faiths are welcome.

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Marriage refers to the Catholic understanding of the spousal relationship between a man and a woman.

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Secretary Hours

Wednesday & Friday
8:00am – 5:00pm

St Mary's Primary School

Principal - Julie McDougall
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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

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First Reading Acts 2:42-47

The faithful lived together and owned everything in common.

The whole community remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles, to the brotherhood, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers.

The many miracles and signs worked through the apostles made a deep impression on everyone.

The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common; they sold their goods and possessions and shared out the proceeds among themselves according to what each one needed.

They went as a body to the Temple every day but met in their houses for the breaking of bread; they shared their food gladly and generously; they praised God and were looked up to by everyone. Day by day the Lord added to their community those destined to be saved.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 117:2-4, 13-15, 22-24. R. v.1

(R.) Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.
or

(R.) Alleluia.

1. Let the sons of Israel say:
'His love has no end.'
Let the sons of Aaron say:
'His love has no end.'
Let those who fear the Lord say:
'His love has no end.' (R.)
2. I was thrust, thrust down and falling
but the Lord was my helper.
The Lord is my strength and my song;
he was my saviour.
There are shouts of joy and victory
in the tents of the just. (R.)
3. The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes.
This day was made by the Lord;
we rejoice and are glad. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Pt 1:3-9

He has given us a new birth as his children, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead.

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy has given us a new birth as his sons, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead, so that we have a sure hope and the promise of an inheritance that can never be spoilt or soiled and never fade away, because it is being kept for you in the heavens. Through your faith, God's power will guard you until the salvation which has been prepared is revealed at the end of time. This is a cause of great joy for you, even though you may for short time have to bear being plagued by all sorts of trials; so that, when Jesus Christ is revealed, your faith will have been tested and proved like gold – only it is more precious than gold, which is corruptible even though it bears testing by fire – and then

you will have praise and glory and honour. You did not see him, yet you love him; and still without seeing him, you are already filled with a joy so glorious that it cannot be described, because you believe; and you are sure of the end to which your faith looks forward, that is, the salvation of your souls.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 20:29

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me;

happy those who have not seen me, but still believe!

Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 20:19-31

After eight days Jesus came in and stood among them.

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me,
so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.
For those whose sins you forgive,
they are forgiven;
for those whose sins you retain,
they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me.
Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Thomas was granted the gift of seeing the Risen Lord bearing the wounds of His crucifixion. Thomas was invited to touch them. Responding, he simply cries out: 'My Lord and my God.'

Thomas does not declare his belief in the Resurrection as such. That was all too apparent. Rather, he declares his faith in the *identity* of the risen Jesus Christ: 'My Lord and my God.'

Pope Francis says we can *only* join Thomas in this faith by touching the wounds of Christ. Those wounds are to be found in the body of someone wounded. This can be in a myriad of ways.

We have to bend down and touch those wounds in whatever means of healing is available to us. Otherwise we simply engage in philanthropy at a distance. We end up believing in a semblance of God, but not God embodied in the Risen Lord Jesus Christ always bearing his wounds.

Sometimes we struggle with our faith – after all, it is an astounding claim that Jesus of Nazareth is God embodied for us. You, or any other person intrigued by Jesus, are invited to touch the wounds of Christ and let the patience of God take care of the timing of the response of faith.

We could pause for a moment, praying to be counted amongst those who receive the Blessing promised to those who have not seen the Risen Lord as such, but who touch his wounds and proclaim, 'My Lord and my God.'

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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: Our strength and courage is our Lord and Saviour, whose presence among us we celebrate today. Let us turn to God, whose love is everlasting.

R: We pray for Pope Francis and the whole church community.
May the Spirit guide us to be faithful to the witness of the apostles.

We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

R: We pray for our world on this Divine Mercy Sunday.
May all people be blessed in experiencing the peace of Christ.

We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

R: We pray for our faith community. May the Spirit lead us to be a community of faith, worship and loving service to others.

We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

R: We pray for the sick members of the parish, especially Rita Tully and for all who have asked for our prayers. We pray for those who have died recently and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially Clare Jones & John Hampton. May they share fully in the life of the risen Lord.

We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

All HAIL MARY

Fr: Ever loving God, may you hear the prayers of petition brought to you today.
We make these prayers through Christ our Lord.

Amen

Collections last week Presbytery \$365 Thanksgiving \$1161
1st collection: Presbytery & Priest 2nd collection: Thanksgiving (envelope)

Readings next week Acts 2:14, 22-23 1 Peter 1:17-21 Luke 24:13-35

Cardinal Pell Luncheon & Lecture

Aid to the Church in Need is launching an annual

George Cardinal Pell Luncheon & Lecture

with the inaugural event to take place in Melbourne CBD on Sunday 21 May.

The keynote speaker will be Mr David Pell, brother of the late Cardinal.

For information and to register, please visit www.trybooking.com/CGUDA.

POSITIONS VACANT

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

Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne - <https://melbournecatholic.org/job-vacancies>

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

Catholic Development Fund

- Finance, Risk and Administration Officer

Parish Positions

- Parish Secretary – St Dominic’s Parish, Melton
- Pastoral Worker – St Andrew’s Parish, Werribee
- Parish Secretary – Holy Family Parish, Maidstone and Braybrook
- Parish Secretary - St Joseph’s Parish, Malvern
- Liturgical & Sacramental Coordinator - Nazareth Parish, Torquay

Other Positions

- Maintenance Officer - Corpus Christi
- Philanthropy Lead - Carmel Impact

WEEKLY MASS TIMES

St. Mary’s Parish

Sunday’s at 9:00am

16/04/23 – Romsey
23/04/23 – Lancefield
30/04/23 – Lancefield
07/05/23 – Romsey
14/05/23 – Lancefield
21/05/23 – Romsey

HEALING MASS

1st Saturday at 10:00am

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

Wordsearch

Try to find these words:



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