

ST. MARY'S PARISH

LANCEFIELD & ROMSEY

Third Sunday of Easter - Year A

23rd April, 2023

Lancefield Church
27 Chauncey Street
Lancefield



Romsey Church
85 Main Street
Romsey



NO CURRENT MASS RESTRICTIONS – ALL WELCOME

Ministry Roster	23/04/23	30/04/23	06/05/23	07/05/23
Musician	Agnes	Rosalie	-----	Christine
Reader	Rosemary D	Michael M	Eileen	Michael G
PowerPoint	-----	-----	-----	Margaret
Collector	Barry	Ged/Tim	-----	Vol. required
Cleaner	Florence	Kerry	-----	Anthea
Location	Lancefield	Lancefield	Romsey	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 through Lent - Caritas - Project Compassion

Please return your Mite boxes and Collection envelopes.

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY – APRIL 30th

Next Sunday we celebrate **Good Shepherd Sunday** –
the **World Day of Prayer for Vocations**.

During this coming week, perhaps you may like to make a prayer each day for more vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. Perhaps there is a young person you may know to pray for by name this week.

VALE SR. FRANCES GUINANE RSJ

Sr. Fran passed away late in the evening of Thursday 20th April, aged 86, following complications arising from surgery to repair her hip which was injured in a recent fall. Earliest documentation at the parish has Sr. Fran appointed as our Pastoral Associate from 1992 and she continued until 2006. Sr. Fran was an integral part of the parish, attending to our pastoral, social and spiritual needs.

Sr. Fran received her Primary School Teaching Certificate in 1962, her Graduate Diploma in Religious Education in 1986, and her Pastoral Associate Accreditation Certificate in 1997 which was endorsed by the then Archbishop of Melbourne George Pell.

St. Fran was a long time supporter of Moira Kelly's Children's First Foundation in Kilmore when many a child referred to her as "Grandma Fran". After leaving St. Mary's Parish, Sr. Fran moved into town and spent her days at the Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre where she worked in Administration and was the welcoming face that greeted all visitors to the centre.

Sr. Fran was to celebrate her Diamond Jubilee (60 years) next weekend.

Sr. Fran was survived by her beloved elder sister, Sr. Bernadine.



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CHILD PROTECTION
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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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23 April 2023

First Reading Acts 2:14, 22-33

It was impossible for him to be held by the power of Hades.

On the day of Pentecost, Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: 'Men of Israel, listen to what I am going to say: Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God by the miracles and portents and signs that God worked through him when he was among you, as you all know. This man, who was put into your power by the deliberate intention and foreknowledge of God, you took and had crucified by men outside the Law. You killed him, but God raised him to life, freeing him from the pangs of Hades; for it was impossible for him to be held in its power since, as David says of him:

I saw the Lord before me always,
for with him at my right hand nothing
can shake me.

So my heart was glad
and my tongue cried out with joy:
my body, too, will rest in the hope
that you will not abandon my soul to Hades
nor allow your holy one to experience corruption.
You have made known the way of life to me,
you will fill me with gladness through your presence.

'Brothers, no one can deny that the patriarch David himself is dead and buried: his tomb is still with us. But since he was a prophet, and knew that God had sworn him an oath to make one of his descendants succeed him on the throne, what he foresaw and spoke about was the resurrection of the Christ: he is the one who was not abandoned to Hades, and whose body did not experience corruption. God raised this man Jesus to life, and all of us are witnesses to that. Now raised to the heights by God's right hand, he has received from the Father the Holy Spirit, who was promised, and what you see and hear is the outpouring of that Spirit.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 15:1-2. 5. 7-11. R. v.11

(R.) *Lord, you will show us the path of life.*

or

(R.) *Alleluia.*

1. Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.
I say to the Lord: 'You are my God.
O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;
it is you yourself who are my prize.' (R.)
2. I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel,
who even at night directs my heart.
I keep the Lord ever in my sight:
since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. (R.)
3. And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;
even my body shall rest in safety.
For you will not leave my soul among the dead,
nor let your beloved know decay. (R.)
4. You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence,
at your right hand happiness for ever. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Pt 1:17-21

The ransom that was paid to free you was the blood of the Lamb, Jesus Christ.

If you are acknowledging as your Father one who has no favourites and judges everyone according to what he has done, you must be scrupulously careful as long as you are living away from your home. Remember, the ransom that was paid to free you from the useless way of life your ancestors handed down was not paid in anything corruptible, neither in

silver nor gold, but in the precious blood of a lamb without spot or stain, namely Christ; who, though known since before the world was made, has been revealed only in our time, the end of the ages, for your sake. Through him you now have faith in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory for that very reason – so that you would have faith and hope in God.

Gospel Acclamation See Lk 24:32

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us:
make our hearts burn with love when
you speak.*

Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 24:13-35

They recognised him at the breaking of the bread.

Two of the disciples of Jesus were on their way to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking together about all that had happened. Now as they talked this over, Jesus himself came up and walked by their side; but something prevented them from recognising him. He said to them, 'What matters are you discussing as you walk along?' They stopped short, their faces downcast.

Then one of them, called Cleopas, answered him, 'You must be the only person staying in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have been happening there these last few days.' 'What things?' he asked. 'All about Jesus of Nazareth' they answered 'who proved he was a great prophet by the things he said and did in the sight of God and of the whole people; and how our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and had him crucified. Our own hope had been that he would be the one to set Israel free. And this is not all: two whole days have gone by since it all happened; and some women from our group have astounded us: they went to the tomb in the early morning, and when they did not find the body, they came back to tell us they had seen a vision of angels who declared he was alive. Some of our friends went to the tomb and found everything exactly as the women had reported, but of him they saw nothing.'

Then he said to them, 'You foolish men! So slow to believe the full message of the prophets! Was it not ordained that the Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory?' Then, starting with Moses and going through all the prophets, he explained to them the passages throughout the scriptures that were about himself.

When they drew near to the village to which they were going, he made as if to go on; but they pressed him to stay with them. 'It is nearly evening' they said 'and the day is almost over.' So he went in to stay with them. Now while he was with them at table, he took the bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognised him; but he had vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?'

They set out that instant and returned to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven assembled together with their companions, who said to them, 'Yes, it is true. The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.' Then they told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of bread.



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

This story is the story of each one of us at Mass. Each Mass is structured on the Road to Emmaus travelogue.

Two men set off on a journey of their own making. At the beginning of Mass we confess that we have gone off course.

The traveller helps the men on the road to Emmaus understand what had happened to Jesus of Nazareth by showing God's plan revealed in the Hebrew Scriptures. In the Liturgy of the Word, we hear Scriptures expounded, revealing more fully the true identity of Jesus of Nazareth. Every so often you will experience the burning sensation in your heart as something that is said hits home.

The traveller takes bread, blesses it, and gives it to them to eat. In that moment of bread-sharing, the two men recognised their travelling companion as the Risen Lord. Eat the bread consecrated at Mass, and we receive into our very being the Divine Companion for our journey through life.

We could pause for a moment to thank God for the privilege at every Mass of having our eyes opened so that we recognise Our Risen Lord Jesus Christ in the breaking of the bread.

Alleluia!

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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: We call upon the Father, whose compassion has no bounds, confident
that our prayers will be heard.

R: We pray for Pope Francis and all bishops of our church. May we entrust their
leadership to the inspiration of the Spirit that Jesus promised would remind us of all
that he said.

We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

R: We pray for the religious and civil leaders of the world, especially in areas of great
tensions and struggles. May they be blessed in their efforts to achieve reconciliation
and peace.

We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

R: As we pause this week to commemorate Anzac Day, we remember all those people
who have given their lives in the defence and service of their country. We pray that
God will guide political and military leaders to always service for justice and peace.

We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

R: We pray for the sick members of our parish, especially Rita Tully, Michael Martin
and Damien Martin and for all who have asked for our prayers. We pray for those
who have died recently, especially Sr. Fran and Fr. Bob and for those whose
anniversaries occur at this time, especially Janina Kolodziej, Teresa Fogarty,
Thomas Santiago & Patrick Fleming. May they receive the fullness of life pledged in
their Eucharistic sharing.

We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

All HAIL MARY

Fr: Merciful God, as we lift these prayers to you, we thank you for your blessings in the
past and ask you to continue to be a source of joy for us.
We make these prayers through Christ our Lord.

Amen

Collections last week Presbytery \$208 Thanksgiving \$370
1st collection: Presbytery & Priest 2nd collection: Thanksgiving (envelope)

Readings next week Acts 2:14, 36-41 1 Peter 2:20-25 John 10:1-10

**Father Robert “Bob” John Thomas Maguire, Priest of the Catholic
Archdiocese of Melbourne, has died this morning, aged 88 years.
(19/4/23)**

Statement from Archbishop Peter A Comensoli Catholic Archbishop of Melbourne

“It has been sad news to hear of the death of Fr Bob Maguire earlier today.
Bob has been a faithful priest of the Catholic Church in Melbourne since his
Ordination in 1960, and a fierce friend of the downhearted, the broken and
the lost throughout his whole life.

Without a doubt, he was the “larrikin priest”, who had a great love for Jesus
– who also lived with the outcast and the unloved.

Recent months have been a struggle for Bob in both health and relationships.
We pray that he is now at peace with his Saviour and Lord.

In faith, we now entrust Bob to eternal life. May he be welcomed to the
Heavenly feast.”

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.

WEEKLY MASS TIMES

St. Mary’s Parish

Sunday’s at 9:00am

23/04/23 – Lancefield

30/04/23 – Lancefield

07/05/23 – Romsey

14/05/23 – Lancefield

21/05/23 – Romsey

28/05/23 – Lancefield

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

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

“Live Your Best Life in Love”

The weekend is based around Catholic values and couples of all faiths are welcome. Enhance communication and rekindle the passion in your marriage!

April 28 to 30, 2023 in Melbourne (Book early to avoid disappointment)

For details and application, visit: wwme.org.au

or Phone Mercy & James 0409 183 676

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

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
- Retail Shop Assistant – St. Patrick’s Cathedral Shop

Parish Positions

- Parish Secretary – St Dominic’s Parish, Melton
- 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

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.

POWER POINT OPERATOR – SUNDAY MASS

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