

# ST. MARY'S PARISH

LANCEFIELD & ROMSEY

Fifth Sunday of Easter - Year A

7<sup>th</sup> May, 2023

Lancefield Church  
27 Chauncey Street  
Lancefield



Romsey Church  
85 Main Street  
Romsey



## NO CURRENT MASS RESTRICTIONS – ALL WELCOME

Ministry Roster	06/05/23	07/05/23	14/05/23	21/05/23
Musician	-----	Christine	Agnes	Christine
Reader	Leanne	Michael G	Rosemary D	<b>Vol. required</b>
Collector	-----	<b>Vol. required</b>	Joe	<b>Vol. required</b>
Cleaner	-----	Anthea	Rosalie	Anne N
Location	Romsey	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, Rita Shannon, Merle Trembath, Christine Cheney,  
Isabelle Fleming, Kath Ireland, Noel Doolan, Vittoria Cafari, Val Carr, Gwen DeCarolis, John Alford  
Michael Grellis & Rita Tully.

### Special Collection through Lent - Caritas - Project Compassion

Our total Parish contribution was \$497.90

Thank you for supporting this cause.

### ALPHA EXPERIENCE at St. BRIGID'S GISBORNE

Ever wanted to pause and consider the big questions about life, meaning and faith?

Alpha is a series of interactive sessions in a friendly, welcoming space.

Participants gain an insight into the basics of the Christian faith and discuss its meaning in various aspects of our lives. Everyone is welcome, regardless of your background and faith tradition.

St. Brigid's are having an Alpha Information Night beginning with nibbles on Wednesday 17th May at 7pm in the church hall at St Brigid's, 66 Aitken Ave, Gisborne.

Please bring a plate to share.

Come and bring a friend along. For catering purposes, please call the Office on 5428 2591 and leave your name and mobile number or email to [gisborne@cam.org.au](mailto:gisborne@cam.org.au)

### YAHOO email addresses

We are currently experiencing some issues with Yahoo accounts that aren't accepting emails from the parish office.

If you have a Yahoo account and are no longer receiving the Parish Bulletin sent out each Friday afternoon, please head to the parish website to view it there.

<http://pol.org.au/lancefield/Home.aspx>

### Funeral Details John White

Beloved parishioner John White passed away peacefully on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April.

Our thoughts are with Fran and his family and all of John's wonderful friends who have helped care for him over recent years.

A celebration of John's life will take place on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May, 2023 in the Lancefield Church at 11am

### Parish Priest

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### Parish Secretary

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### Parish Email

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### Parish Website

<http://pol.org.au/lancefield/Home.aspx>

### Secretary Hours

Wednesday & Friday  
8:00am – 5:00pm

### St Mary's Primary School

Principal - Julie McDougall  
T: 5429 1359

[office@smlancefield.catholic.edu.au](mailto:office@smlancefield.catholic.edu.au)

### School Website

[www.smlancefield.catholic.edu.au](http://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 6:1-7

*They elected seven men filled with the Spirit and wisdom.*

About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. So the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed them, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food; you, brothers, must select from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom: we will hand over this duty to them, and continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word.' The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

The word of the Lord continued to spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith.

## Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 32:1-2, 4-5, 18-19. R. v.22**

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

or

*(R.) Alleluia.*

1. Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just; for praise is fitting for loyal hearts. Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp, with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs. *(R.)*
2. For 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.)*
3. 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.)*

## Second Reading 1 Pt 2:4-9

*You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood.*

The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too, the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making a spiritual house. As scripture says: See how I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone that I have chosen and the man who rests his trust on it will not be disappointed. That means that for you who are believers, it is precious; but for unbelievers, the stone rejected by the builders has proved to be the keystone, a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring men down. They stumble over it because they do not believe in the word; it was the fate in store for them.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

## Gospel Acclamation Jn 14:6

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*I am the way, the truth, and the life, says  
the Lord;*

*no one comes to the Father, except  
through me.*

*Alleluia!*

## Gospel Jn 14:1-12

*I am the way, the truth, and the life.*

Jesus said to his disciples:

'Do not let your hearts be troubled.  
Trust in God still, and trust in me.  
There are many rooms in my Father's house;  
if there were not, I should have told you.  
I am now going to prepare a place for you,  
and after I have gone and prepared you a place,  
I shall return to take you with me;  
so that where I am  
you may be too.  
You know the way to the place where I am going.'

Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?' Jesus said:

'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.  
No one can come to the Father except through me.  
If you know me, you know my Father too.  
From this moment you know him and have seen  
him.'

Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied.' 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip,' said Jesus to him 'and you still do not know me?

'To have seen me is to have seen the Father,  
so how can you say, "Let us see the Father"?  
Do you not believe  
that I am in the Father and the Father is in me?  
The words I say to you I do not speak as from  
myself:  
it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work.  
You must believe me when I say  
that I am in the Father and the Father is in me;  
believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no  
other reason.  
'I tell you most solemnly,  
whoever believes in me  
will perform the same works as I do myself,  
he will perform even greater works,  
because I am going to the Father.'



## Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

The disciples are full of premonitions that their beloved leader was about to be cruelly done to death, leaving them abandoned. Yet he tells them: 'Let not your hearts be troubled.'

Why shouldn't their hearts, our hearts, be troubled by the disappearance of Our Lord's physical presence? The answer is because there is a purpose to his passage through death. It was to bring about a situation where our Risen Lord could share his life in ever more intimate fashion with his followers.

How does this come about?

At every Mass, after the gifts are brought to the altar, I pour a little water into the chalice of wine, saying: 'By the mystery of this water and wine may we come to share in the divinity of Christ, who humbled himself to share in our humanity.'

What a powerful verb! By grace, we can participate in the Divine Life of the Risen Lord.

As the Greek saints of the early church used to say in very daring fashion: 'God became human so that humans might become God.'

We anticipate this at every Holy Communion when, as Pope John Paul II used to say: 'We digest, as it were, the secret of the Resurrection.'

We could pause for a moment after Communion to reverence the Divine Life dwelling in us, a truly Holy Communion!

Alleluia!

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## MYSTERY OF FAITH

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,  
we proclaim your Death, O Lord,  
until you come again.

## PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

**Fr:** Jesus is the way and the truth and the life. We come to the Father through him.  
Today we offer our petitions in the name of him who alone shows us the way.

**R:** We pray for the guidance of our church today. May Pope Francis and all bishops  
be inspired with the Spirit promised by Jesus.

**We pray to the Lord.**

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

**R:** We pray for those among us who feel they have lost the way. May they be drawn to  
Jesus, who gives life to the full for all who trust in him.

**We pray to the Lord.**

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

**R:** We pray for the sick members of our parish, especially Michael Martin, Damien  
Martin and Margaret Redmond and for all who have asked for our prayers. We pray  
for those who have died recently, especially John White & Ronald Stanaway and for  
those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially Anne Connors,  
Eileen & Massa Cardillo and Eddie McCarthy.

**We pray to the Lord.**

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

**All BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY PRAYER** (see below)

### HAIL MARY

**Fr:** Gracious God, through these prayers, continue to show us the way to your peace.  
We make these prayers through Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

**Collections last week** Presbytery \$271 Thanksgiving \$397  
1<sup>st</sup> collection: Presbytery & Priest 2<sup>nd</sup> collection: Thanksgiving (envelope)

**Readings next week** Acts 8:5-8, 14-17 1 Peter 3:15-18 John 14:15-21

## MAY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

*Congratulations and special blessings to all those who are celebrating birthdays and  
anniversaries during the month of May. 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:** Rosemary Deutscher, Jules McCarthy, Kerry McCarthy, Robert Barry,  
and a big shout out to our younger ones: **Hugh Newnham, Paddy McCarthy,  
Tommy McCarthy & Zaviar McWha.**

**Anniversaries:** Ray & Rosemary Deutscher – 41 years  
Michael & Jill Walsh – 56 years  
John & Rosalie McCarthy – 56 years

### “In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop”

The Sisters of Saint Joseph have prepared an Australian Pilgrimage,  
“In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop” commencing in Melbourne  
on 17 October, journeying through Victoria and South Australia, and  
ending at Mary MacKillop Place, North Sydney on 28 October 2023.

During the pilgrimage we visit many places associated with Mary  
MacKillop’s life and ministry.

For further details please contact Tam for the full brochure.

### 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](http://www.trybooking.com/CGUDA).

## WEEKLY MASS TIMES

### St. Mary’s Parish

#### Sunday’s at 9:00am

07/05/23 – Romsey  
14/05/23 – Lancefield  
21/05/23 – Romsey  
28/05/23 – Lancefield  
04/06/23 – Romsey  
11/06/23 – Lancefield

## HEALING MASS

### 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday at 10:00am

06/05/23 – Romsey  
03/06/23 – 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 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>  
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

### THANKSGIVING BY DIRECT DEBIT

Anyone not already on the Thanksgiving Program who would like to contribute to the Church may do so by direct debit to the acct below:

**St. Mary's Church Account**

**NAB**

**BSB: 083 347**

**Acct: 64150 3257**

Please use your surname and TG number as the reference.

### PRIEST & PRESBYTERY BY DIRECT DEBIT

Anyone not already contributing to the Priest & Presbytery expenses who would like to contribute may do so by direct debit to the acct below:

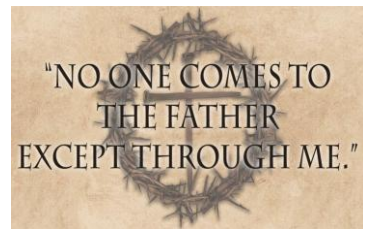
**St. Mary's Presbytery Account**

**NAB**

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### Are you called to be a Sponsor Couple?

SmartLoving is a Catholic marriage apostolate and is calling for married couples to explore ministering together. Please join us online for a no obligation, "come and see" webinar to learn more.

**Choose your webinar date:**  
Wednesday May 3 - OR -  
Tuesday June 6 (2023)

8pm AEST | 7.30pm ACST |  
6pm AWST (1 hour)

Find out more & register at:  
[www.smartloving.org/webinars](http://www.smartloving.org/webinars)

### 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

#### Parish Positions

- Parish Secretary – St Dominic's Parish, Melton
- Parish Secretary – Holy Family Parish, Maidstone and Braybrook
- Parish Secretary - St Andrew's Parish, Clayton South
- Parish Secretary – St Mary's Parish, Williamstown
- Liturgical & Sacramental Coordinator - Nazareth Parish, Torquay

#### Other Positions

- 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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for further information



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