

ST. MARY'S PARISH

LANCEFIELD & ROMSEY

Sixth Sunday of Easter - Year A

14th May, 2023

Lancefield Church
27 Chauncey Street
Lancefield



Romsey Church
85 Main Street
Romsey



NO CURRENT MASS RESTRICTIONS – ALL WELCOME

Ministry Roster	14/05/23	21/05/23	28/05/23	03/06/23
Musician	Agnes	Christine	Rosalie	Eileen
Reader	Rosemary D	Eileen	Joan	----
Collector	Joe	Ged/Tim	Barry	----
Cleaner	Rosalie	Anne N	Anne T	----
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, Rita Shannon, Merle Trembath, Christine Cheney, Isabelle Fleming, Kath Ireland, Noel Doolan, Vittoria Cafari, Val Carr, Gwen DeCarolis, John Alford Michael Grellis, Rita Tully, Michael Martin & Damien Martin.

EMAIL ISSUES FIXED

The Archdiocese have advised that an issue with their server has now been fixed and emails to all providers should be going through.

If you are no longer receiving the Parish Bulletin sent out each Friday afternoon, please let me know, or alternatively you can view it at:

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

John White Funeral Details

Wednesday 17th May, 2023 in the Lancefield Church at 11am

VALE MARGARET REDMOND

With barely a moment to catch our breath, the Good Lord has welcomed another of our beloved parishioners and dear friend into his arms. After a long battle with illness,

Margaret passed away on the evening of Tuesday 10th May, aged 58. She was surrounded by her seven cherished children and her loving husband Mark.

Margaret touched so many of our lives. Her vibrant Power Point Presentations at Sunday Masses, Easter week services and Christmas brought extra life to the liturgies. They were also a great help to those of us who can no longer focus on the tiny writing in the hymn books!

Margaret's musical ability, her beautiful voice and her home grown band of gifted musician's entertained us on many occasions and nothing was ever too much trouble for her if it meant helping others. Whether sharing her knowledge of music with her many students or caring for those in need in her medical profession, Margaret was a true inspiration and will be dearly missed by our Parish community.



Funeral Details

Rosary: Thursday 18th May – 7pm – Romsey Church
Parishioners & friends welcome to join the Redmond family

Funeral: Friday 19th May – 1:30pm – Romsey Church

Burial: Lancefield Cemetery

Refreshments: Romsey Church hall.

Parish Priest

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Parish Email

lancefield@cam.org.au

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
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office@smlancefield.catholic.edu.au

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 8:5-8, 14-17

They laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town.

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 65:1-7. 16. 20. R. see v.1

(R.) Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

or

(R.) Alleluia.

1. Cry out with joy to God all the earth,
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise.
Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds! (R.)
2. 'Before you all the earth shall bow;
shall sing to you, sing to your name!
Come and see the works of God,
tremendous his deeds among men. (R.)
3. He turned the sea into dry land,
they passed through the river dry-shod.
Let our joy then be in him;
he rules for ever by his might. (R.)
4. Come and hear, all who fear God.
I will tell what he did for my soul:
Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer
nor withhold his love from me. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Pt 3:15-18

In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong.

Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

*All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and
we will come to them.*

Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 14:15-21

I shall ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If you love me you will keep my commandments.
I shall ask the Father,
and he will give you another Advocate to be with you for ever,
that Spirit of truth
whom the world can never receive
since it neither sees nor knows him;
but you know him,
because he is with you, he is in you.
I will not leave you orphans:
I will come back to you.
In a short time the world will no longer see me;
but you will see me,
because I live and you will live.
On that day
you will understand that I am in my Father
and you in me and I in you.
Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them
will be one who loves me;
and anybody who loves me will be loved
by my Father,
and I shall love him and show myself to him.'



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Today's Gospel speaks of an advocate. This translates a Greek word: 'paraclete'. Our Lord says: 'I will send you another Paraclete to be with you forever.' Our Lord was a Paraclete, and he would send another.

What does this strange sounding word mean? Here is a hint. We all know that parallel lines run, well, parallel. They run alongside each other. A paraclete is a person who stands alongside someone and pleads their case.

That is how our Lord Jesus Christ saw himself. His role was not to condemn but to plead the case for mercy and compassion, to be the intercessor *par excellence*.

Our Lord promises another Paraclete dwelling within us, individually and as the body of Christ's disciples, the Holy Spirit advocating our cause, assisting us to live Truth-fully by the measure of the One who is the Way, the Truth and the Life. This Paraclete particularly assists us by acting as the Spirit of Truth.

We could pause for a moment to thank God for the two Paracletes, constantly pleading our case before the Throne of Mercy.

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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: In Christ's name, we gather together and open our hearts in prayer for those most in need of God's healing, justice and peace.

R: We pray for our church under the leadership of Pope Francis. May the Spirit promised by Jesus inspire all her leaders with the gifts of wisdom and compassion.

We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

R: We pray for our world, especially for those nations struggling against injustice and violence. May they experience peace in our time.

We pray to the Lord.

R: We pray for our faith community in our strengths and our weaknesses. May we turn to the Spirit to support us in our time of need.

We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

R: We pray for the sick members of our parish, and for all who have asked for our prayers. We pray for those who have died recently, especially Margaret Redmond and Patricia Shelly and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially Barry Nunn, Jason Morrison, Eily Martin, Kath Coburn, Jozef Kolodziej and Emmanuel Cheney. May they rejoice in the presence of God's unconditional love.

We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

All HAIL MARY

Fr: O God, receive these prayers from your people who have been brought to life in the Spirit.

We ask this through our risen Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Amen

Collections last week Presbytery \$209 Thanksgiving \$400
1st collection: Presbytery & Priest 2nd collection: Thanksgiving (envelope)

Readings next week Act: 1:1-11 Ephesians 1:17-23 Matthew 28:16-20

A PRAYER FOR OUR MOTHERS THIS MOTHERS' DAY

At the foot of the cross, her heart broke for Jesus, yet she accepted God's will not only for her Son, but for herself in her new role as mother to us all (cf. John 19:25-27). As we honour today our earthly mothers and mother figures — including stepmothers, relatives, guardians, close family friends and those who would be mothers — let us honour our heavenly mother as well. Those devoted to her are always led to her Son. For her wise counsel tells us, "Do whatever he tells you" (John 2:5).

And so, we invite you to pray:

Lord Jesus Christ, You chose to put yourself—tiny, needy and helpless—into the nurturing and watchful hands of a human mother. Since then, every act of mothering, both physical and spiritual, in every time and every corner of the world recollects Mary's. Inspired by this example, we, too, honour our mothers and mother figures today. Bless these women, that they may be strengthened as Christian mothers and nurturers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, honour them always with a spirit of profound respect.

We ask this in your holy name. Amen.

St. Patrick's Cathedral Mother's Day Concert

Sunday May 14, 2023 - 3:00pm – 4:00pm

Australian operatic tenor Michael Petruccelli and internationally recognised pianist Coady Green will visit St Patrick's Cathedral on Mother's Day for a vocal recital guaranteed to warm the heart.

A joyous family event and a perfect way to spend your Sunday afternoon! **All welcome.**

Tickets: \$30 (adults) | \$25 (concession) at door or trybooking.com/BRYBS

Children aged 15 years and under admitted free.

All enquiries, email music@cam.org.au

WEEKLY MASS TIMES

St. Mary's Parish

Sunday's at 9:00am

14/05/23 – Lancefield

21/05/23 – Romsey

28/05/23 – Lancefield

04/06/23 – Romsey

11/06/23 – Lancefield

18/06/23 – Romsey

HEALING MASS

1st Saturday at 10:00am

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 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

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

BSB: 083 347

Acct: 64151 8467

Please use your surname as the reference.

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.

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 Gisborne Parish Office on 5428 2591 and leave your name and mobile number or email to gisborne@cam.org.au

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 – St Mary's Parish, Williamstown
- Parish Bookkeeper – St. Andrew's Parish, Werribee

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.



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