

# ST. MARY'S PARISH

LANCEFIELD & ROMSEY

The Ascension of the Lord - Year A

21<sup>st</sup> May, 2023

Lancefield Church  
27 Chauncey Street  
Lancefield



Romsey Church  
85 Main Street  
Romsey



## NO CURRENT MASS RESTRICTIONS – ALL WELCOME

Ministry Roster	21/05/23	28/05/23	03/06/23	04/06/23
Musician	Christine	Rosalie	Eileen	Christine
Reader	Eileen	Joan	----	John H
Collector	Ged/Tim	Barry	----	Gerard
Cleaner	Anne N	Anne T	----	Christine
Location	Romsey	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, 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.

### ALPHA EXPERIENCE at St. BRIGID'S in Gisborne

Ever wanted to pause and consider the big questions about life, meaning and faith? Well, you're not the only one! There were 14 people who attended the Alpha Information Night in Gisborne last week and they are keen to move forward with the program.

*The Alpha Group will meet for the next 7 weeks.*

*Wednesday evenings at 7pm - in the St. Brigid's Presbytery.*

Please bring a plate to share prior to the meeting.

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

Don't worry if you missed the first meeting, please come along and join us!

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 background and faith tradition.

### St. VINCENT'S COLLEGE BENDIGO REUNION

Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023 (all day)

Catherine McAuley College, St Vincent's Road, Junortoun

Past students of St Vincent's College Bendigo and their partners are invited to attend the 65th Anniversary and Sports Hall of Fame Dinner, followed by Mass and BBQ at Catherine McAuley College.

For all enquiries and booking details, email [timothycoates@gmail.com](mailto:timothycoates@gmail.com) or call 0407 403 574

### VOLUNTEER ROSTER – JULY to DECEMBER

New volunteer rosters will be produced in the coming weeks.

If you are currently on the roster and have any planned holidays between July and December, please let Tam know to accommodate your availability

If you would like to join our team of volunteers, please call the office or send an email advising what you would like to do. We would love to have you join us!

As per our Safeguarding Policy, all volunteers must have a current Working with Children Check.

### Parish Priest

Fr Martin Fleming  
47 Urquhart Street  
PO Box 397  
Woodend Vic 3442  
Ph: 5427 2690

### Parish Secretary

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C/- Presbytery  
27 Chauncey Street  
Lancefield Vic 3435  
Ph: 5429 2130

### Parish Email

[lancefield@cam.org.au](mailto: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  
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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21 May 2023

## First Reading Acts 1:1-11

*Why are you standing here looking into the sky? Jesus has been taken into heaven.*

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said, 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

## Responsorial Psalm

Ps 46:2-3, 6-9. R. v.6

*(R.) God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:  
a blare of trumpets for the Lord.*

or

*(R.) Alleluia.*

- All peoples, clap your hands,  
cry to God with shouts of joy!  
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,  
great king over all the earth. (R.)
- God goes up with shouts of joy;  
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.  
Sing praise for God, sing praise,  
sing praise to our king, sing praise. (R.)

- God is king of all the earth.  
Sing praise with all your skill.  
God is king over the nations;  
God reigns on his holy throne. (R.)

## Second Reading Eph 1:17-23

*He made Jesus to sit at his right hand in heaven.*

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

## Gospel Acclamation Mt 28:19, 20

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Go and teach all people my gospel.*

*I am with you always, until the end  
of the world.*

*Alleluia!*

## Gospel Mt 28:16-20

*All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.*

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commandments I gave to you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'



## Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Our Risen Lord Jesus Christ could have continued to appear to groups of followers, century after century – until now!

But, he didn't, because the disciples had to be weaned of his Risen-mode of appearance among them lest they think that the victory over Death is meant for human beings alone.

But, as St Paul says, the Risen Lord is the One who 'fills all creation' with His power radiating out from his Risen Humanity.

However, dis-appearance is not the same as absence. We believe that Our Risen Lord is present in many modes, including as St Paul says '... the Church which is His Body'.

That is why the figures in white rebuke the disciples: 'Why do you stand looking into Heaven?'

The Disciples had, rather, to ready themselves to be the Spirit-filled body of Jesus Christ in their own time and place. As we do.

We might pause for a moment to stop staring into Heaven, to ready ourselves to receive the Holy Spirit as at Pentecost in order to be 'The Church which is His Body.'

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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 our prayers of petition and bring them before the throne of divine glory.

**R:** We pray for Pope Francis and all bishops. May they lead the church proclaiming the Gospel to all the world.

**We pray to the Lord.**

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

**R:** As we celebrate this week the feast of Our Lady Help of Christians, the patroness of our country, we pray that we will all learn to show a spirit of generosity and acceptance to those who now share our land.

**We pray to the Lord.**

**R:** We pray for our faith community. May God's love so grow in us that we wisely use the gifts of this world without losing sight of the heavenly joy prepared for us.

**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 Ian Still and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially Gavan Nicholls, Robert Salpietro and Dan & Freda Mccarthy. May they fully share in the glory of the Son seated at the right hand of the Father.

**We pray to the Lord.**

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

## All HAIL MARY

**Fr:** Gracious God, through these prayers we offer to you today,  
may we know even more the hope that belongs to us  
through Christ our risen Saviour.

**Amen**

**Collections last week** Presbytery \$159      Thanksgiving \$1117  
1<sup>st</sup> collection: Presbytery & Priest      2<sup>nd</sup> collection: Thanksgiving (envelope)

**Readings next week** Apostles 2:1-11      1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13      John 20:19-23

## POSITIONS VACANT

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

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

- Safeguarding Officer

### Parish Positions

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

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.

### 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.

## WEEKLY MASS TIMES

### St. Mary's Parish

#### Sunday's at 9:00am

21/05/23 – Romsey  
28/05/23 – Lancefield  
04/06/23 – Romsey  
11/06/23 – Lancefield  
18/06/23 – Romsey  
25/06/23 – Lancefield

## HEALING MASS

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

03/06/23 – Romsey

### No Healing Mass in July

as Fr. Martin is on leave

## 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

# Crossword

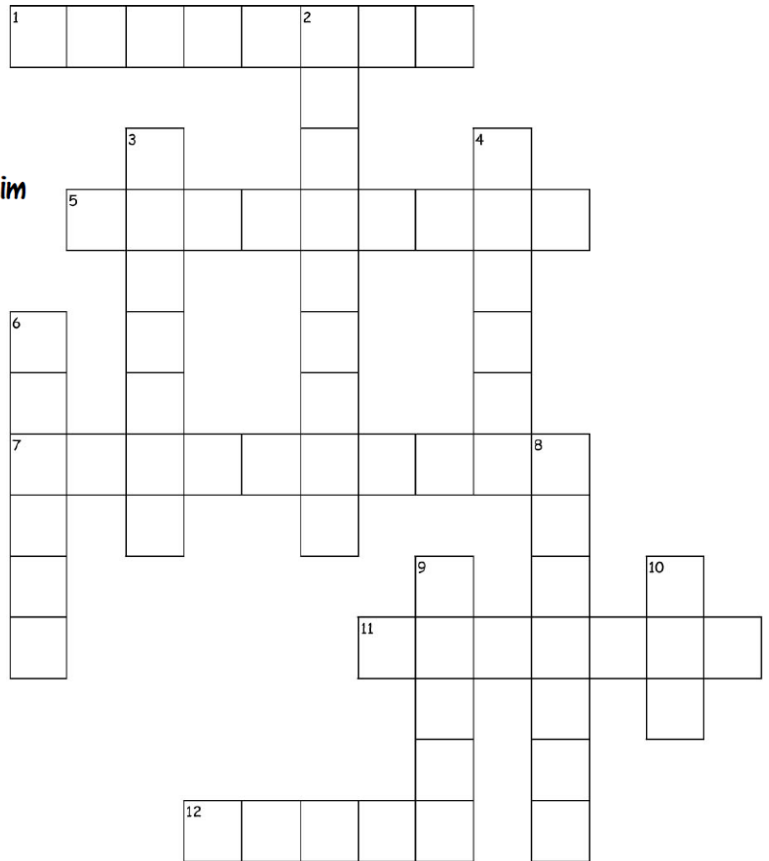



## Across

- 1: the high place where Jesus told his disciples to meet him  
 5: gave thanks and praise to God  
 7: all things  
 11: large groups of people that belong to different countries  
 12: educate

## Down

- 2: power over others  
 3: didn't believe  
 4: God's Kingdom  
 6: the number of disciples who witnessed Jesus' ascension into heaven  
 8: the name of the town where Jesus met his disciples  
 9: our world  
 10: finish





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