

# ST. MARY'S PARISH

LANCEFIELD & ROMSEY

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

25<sup>th</sup> June, 2023

Lancefield Church  
27 Chauncey Street  
Lancefield



Romsey Church  
85 Main Street  
Romsey



## NO CURRENT MASS RESTRICTIONS – ALL WELCOME

Ministry Roster	25/06/23	02/07/23	09/07/23	16/07/23
Musician	Rosalie	Christine	Agnes	Christine
Reader	Michael M	Michael G	Rosemary D	Eileen
Collector	Joe	Gerard	Joe	Tim
Cleaner	Eva	Loretta	Eva	Marie
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.

## SPECIAL COLLECTION THIS SUNDAY – PETER'S PENCE

### Annual Collection for the Intentions of the Holy Father

Peter's Pence is the name given to the financial support offered by the faithful to the Holy Father as a sign of their sharing in the concern of the Successor of Peter for the many different needs of the Universal Church and for the relief of those most in need.

### Asylum Seeker Resource Centre (ASRC) – Food Drive

Thank you to all who contributed to the ASRC Food Drive.

The response from parishioners has been amazing!

Together with donations from St. Brigid's Parish in Gisborne; we have enough to completely fill the back of my car with all the seats down!

The ARSC will be extremely grateful.



This is what we achieved in a couple of weeks to help those in need. The picture doesn't do it justice but the tins are 3 high and 6 deep.

**THANK YOU**

## VOLUNTEER ROSTER – JULY to DECEMBER

The new roster from July to December 2023 has been distributed via email.

Printed copies are on the church notice boards and spare copies are available to volunteers who would like one. Extra printed copies in plastic folders on notice boards.

### Parish Priest

Fr Martin Fleming  
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Ph: 5427 2690

### Parish Secretary

Tammie Dalglish  
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 Dalglish  
Michael Mooney  
Monica Tomlinson

# The Living Word

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

25 June 2023

## First Reading Jer 20:10-13

*A reading from the prophet Jeremiah*  
He has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of those who are evil.

Jeremiah said:

'I hear so many disparaging me,  
"Terror from every side!  
Denounce him! Let us denounce him!"  
All those who used to be my friends  
watched for my downfall,  
"Perhaps he will be seduced into error.  
Then we will master him  
and take our revenge!"  
But the Lord is at my side,  
a mighty hero;  
my opponents will stumble, mastered,  
confounded by their failure;  
everlasting, unforgettable disgrace  
will be theirs.  
But you, Lord of Hosts, you who probe  
with justice,  
who scrutinise the loins and heart,  
let me see the vengeance you will take  
on them,  
for I have committed my cause to you.  
Sing to the Lord,  
praise the Lord,  
for he has delivered the soul  
of the needy  
from the hands of evil men.'

## Responsorial Psalm

Ps 68:8-10. 14. 17. 33-35. R. v.14

*(R.) Lord, in your great love,  
answer me.*

1. It is for you that I suffer taunts,  
that shame covers my face,  
that I have become a stranger to my  
brothers,  
an alien to my own mother's sons.  
I burn with zeal for your house  
and taunts against you fall on me.  
(R.)
2. This is my prayer to you,  
my prayer for your favour.  
In your great love, answer me, O God,  
with your help that never fails:  
Lord, answer, for your love is kind;  
in your compassion, turn towards me.  
(R.)
3. The poor when they see it will be glad  
and God-seeking hearts will revive;  
for the Lord listens to the needy  
and does not spurn his servants in  
their chains.  
Let the heavens and the earth give  
him praise,  
the sea and all its living creatures.  
(R.)

## Second Reading Rom 5:12-15

*A reading from the letter of St Paul  
to the Romans*

*God's gift to us is nothing like our sin against him.*

Sin entered the world through one man,  
and through sin death, and thus death  
has spread through the whole human race  
because everyone has sinned. Sin existed  
in the world long before the Law was given.  
There was no law and so no one could be  
accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet  
death reigned over all from Adam to Moses,  
even though their sin, unlike that of Adam,  
was not a matter of breaking a law.

Adam prefigured the One to come, but  
the gift itself considerably outweighed the  
fall. If it is certain that through one man's  
fall so many died, it is even more certain  
that divine grace, coming through the one  
man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an  
abundant free gift.

## Gospel Acclamation Jn 15:26. 27

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*The Spirit of Truth will bear witness  
to me, says the Lord,  
and you also will be my witnesses.  
Alleluia!*

## Gospel Mt 10:26-33

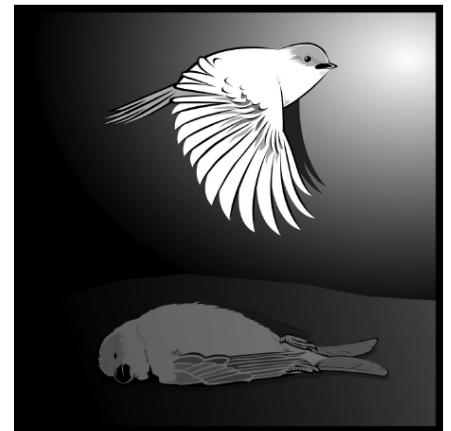
*A reading from the holy Gospel  
according to Matthew*

*Do not fear those who can kill the body.*

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows:  
'Do not be afraid. For everything that is now  
covered will be uncovered, and everything  
now hidden will be made clear. What I say to  
you in the dark, tell in the daylight;  
what you hear in whispers, proclaim from  
the house-tops.

'Do not be afraid of those who kill the body  
but cannot kill the soul; fear him rather  
who can destroy both body and soul in hell.  
Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny?  
And yet not one falls to the ground without  
your Father knowing. Why, every hair on  
your head has been counted. So there is no  
need to be afraid; you are worth more than  
hundreds of sparrows.

'So if anyone declares himself for me in  
the presence of men, I will declare myself  
for him in the presence of my Father in  
heaven. But the one who disowns me in  
the presence of men, I will disown in the  
presence of my Father in heaven.'



## Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Our Gospel reads: '... not one [sparrow] falls to the ground without your Father knowing.'

But that is a bad translation. The Greek simply says 'not one [sparrow] will fall to the ground without your Father.' Full stop! Our Heavenly Father accompanies a dying sparrow as it dies! That is the measure of the Creator's love for all creatures. God wants to – does – enter into the moment of death, our moment of death.

Now, that *would* be consoling if I were facing what Jesus was foreseeing for his disciples in the first century.

One of the first Christian groups to hear this Gospel was that set around the Tigris River running through Baghdad in modern day Iraq. Now they face terrible persecution from fanatical Muslims. We can barely imagine hearing today's Gospel amongst the remnant, left in Baghdad today. How does 'Do not be afraid' really sound to them?

So, we could pause for a moment to pray for those for whom today's Gospel is a challenge beyond our imagining.

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## MYSTERY OF FAITH

Save us, Saviour of the world,  
for by your Cross and Resurrection  
you have set us free.

## PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

**Fr:** Loving Father, as we gather before you today, in confidence we turn to you in prayer.

**R:** We pray for world leaders. May they have the courage to use the authority give to them for the good of their people, especially the less fortunate ones.

**We pray to the Lord.**

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

**R:** We pray for those people suffering all over the world. May a light of hope begin to shine for them in their darkness.

**We pray to the Lord.**

**R:** We pray for our faith community. May we be true disciples of Christ and not be afraid but trust in God's providence.

**We pray to the Lord.**

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

**R:** We pray for the sick members of our parish, especially David Reuther & Brendan Coburn and for those who care for them. We pray for those who have died recently and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially Maurice Barry, Ada & George Purchase, Pat & Arnold Else, Nick & Paul Sarson, Kevin Tully, Tess Brady, Maureen Fleming & Julian O'Brien. May they be welcomed by God to the joys of their heavenly home.

**We pray to the Lord.**

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

## All HAIL MARY

**Fr:** Gracious God,  
filled with the knowledge that you listen to our prayer,  
we open our hearts to you in Jesus' name.

**Amen**

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

## CSS WEBINAR

### 'The church, Catholic Social Teaching & Engagement with First Nations Peoples'

**Thursday June 29th 4-5pm Online**

This month, hear from Fr Frank Brennan SJ, Australian Jesuit priest, human rights lawyer and academic. Fr Frank will speak from his extensive experience on how the Church has engaged with First Nations Peoples over time and what particular work is required now. He will unpack how Catholic Social Teaching might be applied to the questions before us in 2023 regarding the Voice referendum, and reconciliation more broadly. He will also share about how First Nations spirituality has contributed to the Church thus far and how it might enrich all Australians, Church liturgy and ways of being in the world.

Cost: Non-members, \$12 per session.

For more information, email Kate at [office@css.org.au](mailto:office@css.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>

- Aboriginal Catholic Ministry Victoria (ACMV) Coordinator

### Parish Positions

- Parish Secretary – St Dominic's Parish, Melton
- Youth Minister - Our Lady Help of Christians Parish, Narre Warren
- Evangelisation Coordinator - Corio & Lara Catholic Parish
- Parish Secretary - Parishes in Partnership, Thornbury
- Parish Secretary - Holy Eucharist, St Mary's & St Joseph's Parish, Malvern
- Parish Secretary – St Kevin's Parish, Hampton Park

### Others Positions

- Spiritual Care Worker - Sacred Heart Mission, St Kilda

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.

## WEEKLY MASS TIMES

### St. Mary's Parish

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

25/06/23 – Lancefield

02/07/23 – Romsey

09/07/23 – Lancefield

16/07/23 – Romsey

23/07/23 – Lancefield

30/07/23 – Lancefield

## HEALING MASS

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

#### No Healing Mass in July

as Fr. Martin is on leave

05/08/23 – 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

UNDER COVER – THE PROBLEM OF HOMELESSNESS IN THE MACEDON RANGES

Tuesday 8th August, 2023 6.30pm – 9.00pm Kyneton Town Hall, 129 Mollison Street Kyneton

During International Homelessness Week.

Film Screening of the Australian documentary and discussion panel of local experts in this field exploring the extent and nature of the problem of homelessness and solutions for the Macedon Ranges.

The Panel includes: Bernie O’Sullivan (CEO Macedon Ranges Shire Council), Robert Pradolin (Housing all Australians), Josephine Falzarano (Rotary), Lenka Thompson (President MRSG), Annie Smithers (Du fermier), Kate Weston (Sunbury and Cobaw Community Health) & Justine Maher (Sunbury and Cobaw Community Health).

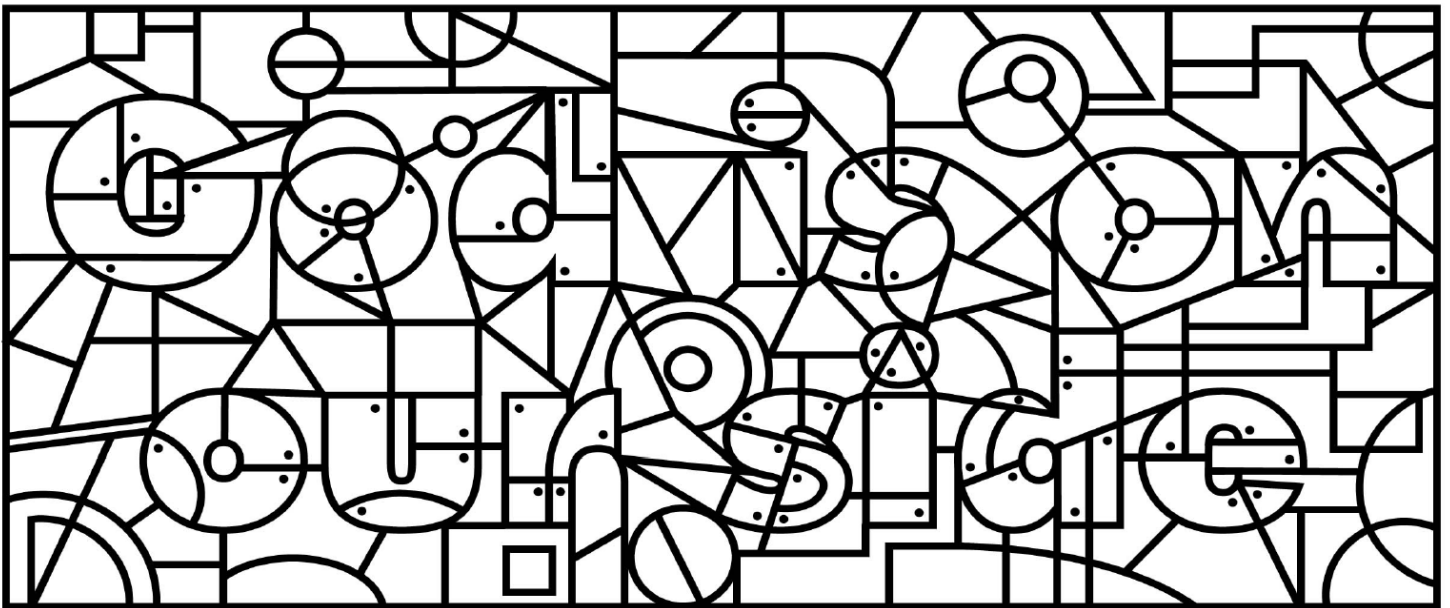
Facilitated by Jane Monk. Cost: Free. Light supper will be provided.

Narrated by Margot Robbie and sharing the often secret lives of an eclectic group of women across Australia, UNDER COVER shines a light on the devastating reality that women over 50 are increasingly experiencing homelessness in the country. Their moving but optimistic portraits reveal the struggles these women face, and lay bare the flaws in our society, as well as our economic fragility in the modern world.

The film is written, directed and produced by documentary filmmaker Sue Thomson, and produced by Adam Farrington Williams.

“A Must See Movie. Very well made and eye opening to the reality of so many Australians.”

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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:  
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**NAB**  
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Please use your surname and TG number as the reference.

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