

# ST. MARY'S PARISH

LANCEFIELD & ROMSEY

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

2<sup>nd</sup> July, 2023

Lancefield Church  
27 Chauncey Street  
Lancefield



Romsey Church  
85 Main Street  
Romsey



## NO CURRENT MASS RESTRICTIONS – ALL WELCOME

Ministry Roster	02/07/23	09/07/23	16/07/23	23/07/23
Musician	Christine	Agnes	Christine	Rosalie
Reader	Michael G	Rosemary D	Eileen	Joan
Collector	Gerard	Joe	Tim	Ged
Cleaner	Loretta	Eva	Marie	Florence
Location	Romsey	Lancefield	Romsey	Lancefield

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.

### WELCOME FR. GEORGE HOGARTY SSC

We welcome Fr. George Hogarty to St. Mary's where he will celebrate Mass with us for two weekends.

Fr. Trevor Trotter will celebrate with us on July 16.

### ABORIGINAL & TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER SUNDAY

2<sup>nd</sup> July, 2023

Each year, Catholics from all corners of Australia gather on

#### Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Sunday

to celebrate the unique gifts and contributions of Australia's First Peoples.

This year's theme, "A New Life in Christ" reflects the hope and promise of a brighter future, rooted in unity and shared commitment to positive change.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday symbolises our unity as one people in Christ, and we urge both indigenous and non-indigenous Catholics to come together in every Catholic Parish and School across this great Southern land.



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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

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

2 July 2023

## First Reading 2 Kgs 4:8-11. 14-16

*That is the holy man of God, let him remain there.*

One day as Elisha was on his way to Shunem, a woman of rank who lived there pressed him to stay and eat there. After this he always broke his journey for a meal when he passed that way. She said to her husband, 'Look, I am sure the man who is constantly passing our way must be a holy man of God. Let us build him a small room on the roof, and put him a bed in it, and a table and chair and lamp; whenever he comes to us he can rest there.'

One day when he came, he retired to the upper room and lay down. 'What can be done for her?' he asked. Gehazi (his servant) answered, 'Well, she has no son and her husband is old.' Elisha said, 'Call her.' The servant called her and she stood at the door. 'This time next year,' Elisha said 'you will hold a son in your arms.'

## Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 88:2-3. 16-19. R. v.2**

*(R.) Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.*

1. I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord; through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth.  
Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever,  
that your truth is firmly established as the heavens. *(R.)*
2. Happy the people who acclaim such a king,  
who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face,  
who find their joy every day in your name,  
who make your justice the source of their bliss. *(R.)*
3. For it is you, O Lord, who are the glory of their strength;  
it is by your favour that our might is exalted:  
for our ruler is in the keeping of the Lord;  
our king in the keeping of the Holy One of Israel. *(R.)*

## Second Reading Rom 6:3-4. 8-11

*Having been buried with him through baptism, we shall walk in a new life.*

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by

the Father's glory, we too might live a new life.

But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

## Gospel Acclamation 1 Pt 2:9

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

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

*Praise God who called you out of darkness and into his marvellous light.*

*Alleluia!*

## Gospel Mt 10:37-42

*Anyone who does not accept his cross is not worthy of me. Anyone who welcomes you, welcomes me.*

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me. Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it.

'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me.

'Anyone who welcomes a prophet because he is a prophet will have a prophet's reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man because he is a holy man will have a holy man's reward.

'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'



## Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

In the early Church, Christianity ripped families apart. Good Jewish families would have been appalled to see their sons and daughters go off to follow a crucified blasphemer. Good reason to keep apart in the synagogue, avoiding damnable pollution. This sectarianism contrasted with the Christians who fearlessly went out into the world.

St John Paul II personified what it is to be Catholic. But, he pressed a prayer into a crack in the Wailing Wall in Jerusalem and as an old man shuffled across the floor of a Mosque in Syria.

Of course, there was no compromise of belief and faith in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, denied by both Jews and Muslims. But his actions were not those of one with the siege mentality of the member of a cult. Rather, he was able to respond to the promptings of the Holy Spirit to take these steps recognising what was good amongst the *adherents* of those faiths.

We could pause for a moment to implore the Holy Spirit to break us out from any constricting cult-like tendencies so that we can go out into the world powerfully proclaiming the resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

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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:** Loving Father, as we gather here before you, we ask that you will hear our prayers and draw us closer to you.

**R:** We pray for all the leaders within our church. May they show our church to be a place of welcome for all corners.

**We pray to the Lord.**

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

**R:** As we gather in spirit at a Eucharistic assembly, we pray that, like St. Paul, we will seek to proclaim your word and more fully do your will.

**We pray to the Lord.**

**R:** We pray for all Indigenous peoples who are experiencing loss of identity, displacement and generational trauma from the effects of colonisation. We especially ask that our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and non-Aboriginal Australians work together for restoration, justice and healing in Christ's name.

**We pray to the Lord.**

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

**R:** We pray for the sick members of our parish, especially Brendan Coburn and for those who care for them. We pray for those who have died recently, especially David Reuther and Thomas Dalglish and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially Cora Quinn Rinaldi, Carmel Martin & Trish McAree. May they now be at peace in the Communion of Saints.

**We pray to the Lord.**

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

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

## HAIL MARY

**Fr:** Almighty God, you have called us to be children of light in a world of darkness. We ask that you hear our prayers, which come to you through Jesus, your Son.

**Amen**

<b>Collections last week</b>	Presbytery \$219	Thanksgiving \$521	
<b>Collections 18/06/23</b>	Presbytery \$167	Thanksgiving \$323	
	1 <sup>st</sup> collection: Presbytery & Priest	2 <sup>nd</sup> collection: Thanksgiving (envelope)	
<b>Readings next week</b>	Zechariah 9:9-10	Romans 8:9, 11-13	Matthew 11:25-30

## JULY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

*Congratulations and special blessings to all those who are celebrating birthdays and anniversaries during the month of July. 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:** *Toby Newnham & Eliza Newnham*

**Anniversaries:** Bill & Pat Badger – 65 year! Wow

## 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

- Youth Minister - Our Lady Help of Christians Parish, Narre Warren
- Parish Secretary – St Kevin's Parish, Hampton Park

### Others Positions

- Administration Manager-The Redemption Community, Kew

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

02/07/23 – Romsey  
09/07/23 – Lancefield  
16/07/23 – Romsey  
23/07/23 – Lancefield  
30/07/23 – Lancefield  
06/08/23 – Romsey

## 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

## Saint Columban's Mission Society

Dear Parishioners of St. Mary's Parish, Lancefield & Romsey. I am Fr. George Hogarty, a Columban Missionary who has worked in South Korea in Asia and in both Chile and Peru in South America. Over the weekends of the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> of July 2023, I will be sharing some of my experience of the work of the Missionary Society of Saint Columban, or the Columbans as we are generally known.

The Columbans were founded by two Irish Diocesan priests, Frs. Edward Galvin and John Blowick in 1916 and were originally known in Ireland as the Maynooth Mission to China. However, two years later when Rome gave canonical approval on the 29<sup>th</sup> of June 1918 to the original Maynooth Mission, it took the name The Missionary Society of St. Columban after its patron Saint Columbanus, the Irish missionary monk who evangelized pagan Europe in the sixth century. St. Columbanus or Columban is distinct from St. Columba, another Irish missionary Monk who went to the Island of Iona in Scotland roughly around the same time. Columban is famous for his words *Cristi Simus, non nostri* which is translated as *We are Christ's, not our own*.

Since 1918, Columban priests, and later the Columban Sisters and Columban Lay Missionaries inspired by the missionary spirit of St. Columban have been crossing boundaries of language and culture to bring Christ to the poor and marginalized and to protect creation.

I want to invite you to consider becoming readers of our Columban Far East magazine that shares stories of the joys and challenges of the different Christian communities in the 16 countries where Columbans work. By subscribing to our Far East Magazine, you will be able to inform yourselves of the work of the Columban Fathers, Sisters and Lay Missionaries and the peoples we live and work with and possibly become partners in helping the growth of the Churches in Asia, the Pacific and Latin-America where Columbans minister. I look forward to seeing you in the Sunday masses for the weekend of the 2<sup>nd</sup> and the 9<sup>th</sup> of July 2023. Until then, God bless.

Fr. George G. Hogarty SSC.

### SPECIAL COLLECTION LAST SUNDAY – PETER'S PENCE

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

The total parish contribution was \$83.65

Thank you for your support.

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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:

**St. Mary's Church Account  
NAB**

**BSB: 083 347**

**Acct: 64150 3257**

Please use your surname and TG number as the reference.

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