

ST. MARY'S PARISH

LANCEFIELD & ROMSEY

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

16th July, 2023

Lancefield Church
27 Chauncey Street
Lancefield



Romsey Church
85 Main Street
Romsey



NO CURRENT MASS RESTRICTIONS – ALL WELCOME

Ministry Roster	16/07/23	23/07/23	30/07/23	05/08/23
Musician	Christine	Rosalie	Agnes	-----
Reader	Eileen	Joan	Judith	John H
Collector	Tim	Ged	Barry	-----
Cleaner	Marie	Florence	Kerry	-----
Location	Romsey	Lancefield	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, Damien Martin & Brendan Coburn.

WELCOME FR. TREVOR TROTTER

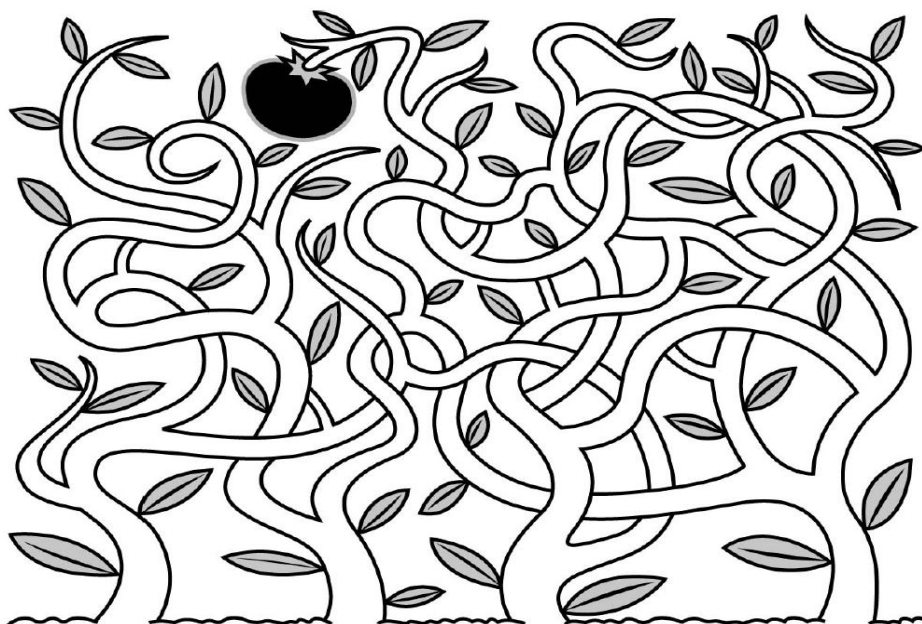
We welcome Fr. Trevor Trotter to St. Mary's Parish as he celebrates Mass with us this weekend.

SECRETARY – ANNUAL LEAVE DAYS

Wednesday 19th July

For the next week the office will only be attended on Friday.

Please send enquiries via email and I will attend to them as soon as possible.



Which of these four plants is the one bearing fruit?

Parish Priest

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Secretary Hours

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8:00am – 5:00pm

St Mary's Primary School

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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 **Is 55:10-11**

The rain makes the earth fruitful.

Thus says the Lord: 'As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 64:10-14. R. Lk 8:8

(R.) The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

1. You care for the earth, give it water, you fill it with riches.
Your river in heaven brims over to provide its grain. (R.)
2. And thus you provide for the earth; you drench its furrows, you level it, soften it with showers, you bless its growth. (R.)
3. You crown the year with your goodness. Abundance flows in your steps, in the pastures of the wilderness it flows. (R.)
4. The hills are girded with joy, the meadows covered with flocks, the valleys are decked with wheat. They shout for joy, yes, they sing. (R.)

Second Reading **Rom 8:18-23**

All creation is waiting for the revelation of the children of God.

I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us. The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons. It was not for any fault on the part of creation that it was made unable to attain its purpose, it was made so by God; but creation still retains the hope of being freed, like us, from its slavery to decadence, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God. From the beginning till now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only creation, but all of us who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

*The seed is the word of God,
Christ is the sower;*

all who come to him will live for ever.

Alleluia!

Gospel **Mt 13:1-23**

(or shorter form Mt 13:1-9)

A sower went out to sow.

Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables.

He said, 'Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

Then the disciples went up to him and asked, 'Why do you talk to them in parables?' 'Because' he replied 'the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven are revealed to you, but they are not revealed to them. For anyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away. The reason I talk to them in parables is that they look without seeing and listen without hearing or understanding. So in their case this prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled:

You will listen and listen again, but not understand,
see and see again, but not perceive.
For the heart of this nation has grown coarse,
their ears are dull of hearing,
and they have shut their eyes,
for fear they should see with their eyes,
hear with their ears,
understand with their heart,
and be converted
and be healed by me.

'But happy are your eyes because they see, your ears because they hear! I tell you solemnly, many prophets and holy men longed to see what you see, and never saw it; to hear what you hear, and never heard it.

'You, therefore, are to hear the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom without understanding, the evil one comes and carries off what was sown in his heart: this is the man who received the seed on the edge of the path. The one who received it on patches of rock is the man who hears the word and welcomes it at once with joy. But he has no root in him, he does not last; let some trial come, or some persecution on account of the word, and he falls away at once. The one who received the seed in thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this world and the lure of riches choke the word and so he produces nothing. And the one who received the seed in rich soil is the man who hears the word and understands it; he is the one who yields a harvest and produces now a hundredfold, now sixty, now thirty.'



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Here is Jesus telling another story about nature, in this case about soil good enough to bear a crop. Is he just a keen observer of the farmers of his time? No.

Throughout the Gospels there is a harmony between Jesus and the natural creation of a profound kind.

But St Paul intuited that link at a profound level in the case of the Risen Lord. This led him to make the most amazing claim that:

'The creation itself would be set free from its slavery to decay in order to share the freedom associated with the glory of the children of God.'

We, and the whole cosmos, share the legacy of a common destiny brought about by the powerful victory of Christ over the final instance of decay, destruction and every type of death.

We could pause a moment to pray with the angels as we do at every Mass:

'Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.'

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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: God's Word, Jesus Christ, achieves the end for which he was sent.
Through this Word, we make our prayers of petition.

R: We pray for our fellow parishioners and those who cannot be with us today.
May we be united in a sacramental celebration of the Eucharist.

We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

R: We pray for the leaders of our world. May they be good stewards of the earth
and its resources.

We pray to the Lord.

R: For those who struggle to accept and understand the word of God, that they may
come to true knowledge and receive it with joy.

We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

R: We pray for the sick members of our parish and for those who care for them. We pray
for those who have died recently, especially Michael Martin and for those whose
anniversaries occur at this time, especially Pat Salpietro, Elizabeth Pum, Roberta
Hernandez & John Peterson. May they be raised up to the fullness of life in Christ.

We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

All HAIL MARY

Fr: God of life, receive these prayers from your faithful people,
who wish to see their whole world share in the joy of your love.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen

Collections last week	Presbytery \$240	Thanksgiving \$2824	
Collections 2/7/23	Presbytery \$215	Thanksgiving \$523	
	1 st collection: Presbytery & Priest	2 nd collection: Thanksgiving (envelope)	
Readings next week	Wisdom 12:13, 16-19	Romans 8:26-27	Matthew 13:24-43

HEART OF LIFE

Treasuring Our Later Years (in-person event), Sat 5 Aug, 10am-4pm

Our ageing offers us opportunities to be awake to the new possibilities offered daily. During our time together, Sr Nicole Rotaru rsm will consider themes that have special significance in our later years: awakening to new possibilities in my life now; spirituality; what is giving my life meaning?; relationships; gratitude; death—mystery; intimacy and delight in God's presence.

Cost \$60 (BYO Lunch). Book and pay via website

www.heartoflife.melbourne

email info@heartoflife.melbourne or tel 9890 1101.

GRAND ORGAN RECITAL

Friday August 25th, 6pm – 7pm

One of Britain's most widely admired musicians and concert organists, *Thomas Trotter*, will visit our beautiful and inspiring St Patrick's Cathedral in August. Trotter has performed at more than 800 concerts in his international career, with recent tours to Europe, China and Australia. He is an active recording artist, having notably recorded the complete works of French composer Maurice Duruflé.

Trotter's achievements have been recognised through honorary doctorates from Birmingham City University and the University of Birmingham, as well as being awarded the Queen's Medal for music by Her Majesty the Queen on St Cecilia's Day in 2020. This upcoming recital program includes works by Parry, Willan and Ligeti, plus Trotter's own arrangement of Rossini's overture to *The Thieving Magpie*.

Tickets: \$30 full, \$25 concession, free for those aged 15 years and under.

Tickets can be purchased in advance, or simply pay by cash or card at the door.

For all enquiries, email music@cam.org.au.

WEEKLY MASS TIMES

St. Mary's Parish

Sunday's at 9:00am

16/07/23 – Romsey
23/07/23 – Lancefield
30/07/23 – Lancefield
06/08/23 – Romsey
13/08/23 – Lancefield
20/08/23 – Romsey

HEALING MASS

1st Saturday at 10:00am

05/08/23 – Romsey
02/09/23 – 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

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.

Wordsearch

Try to find these words:



- birds
- boat
- crowd
- farmer
- Galilee
- Lake
- road
- shore
- soil
- stories
- sun
- teach

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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.

**Do you have foot
problems?**



Andrew Baddeley | Podiatrist

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