

ST. MARY'S PARISH

LANCEFIELD & ROMSEY

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

23rd July, 2023

Lancefield Church
27 Chauncey Street
Lancefield



Romsey Church
85 Main Street
Romsey



NO CURRENT MASS RESTRICTIONS – ALL WELCOME

Ministry Roster	23/07/23	30/07/23	05/08/23	06/08/23
Musician	Rosalie	Agnes	-----	Christine
Reader	Joan	Judith	John H	Betty
Collector	Ged	Barry	-----	Gerard
Cleaner	Florence	Kerry	-----	Anthea
Location	Lancefield	Lancefield	Romsey	Romsey

Could those listed on the roster please advise if you are unavailable.

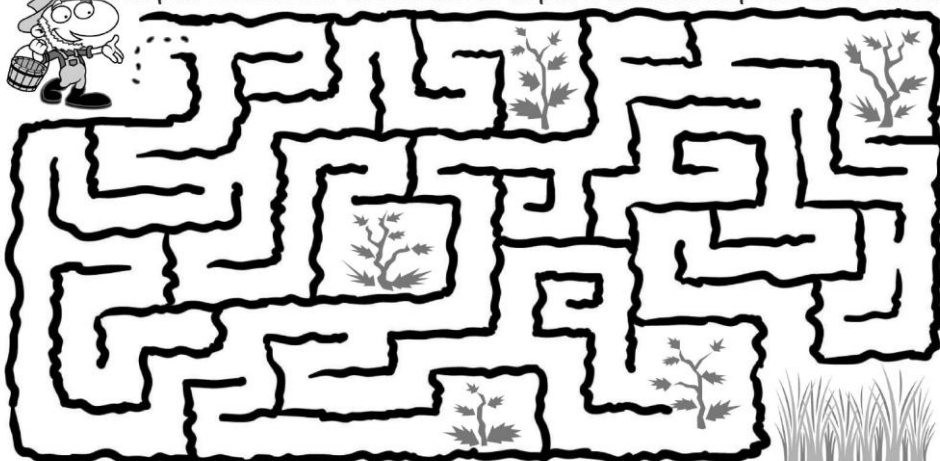
CONTINUING PRAYER LIST:

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, Damien Martin & Brendan Coburn.



Help the farmer scatter the seed and find the path to the wheat. Keep a look out for weeds!



POSITIONS VACANT

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

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

- Archdiocesan Personal Assistant, Western Region
- Executive Officer, East Melbourne

Parish Positions

- Parish Secretary – Holy Family Parish, Doveton

Others Positions

- Pastoral Worker - St Peter's & Paul's Parish, Doncaster East
- Parish Coordinator- St Jude's Parish, Scoresby
- Parish Secretary-Our Lady of Southern Cross Parish, Clifton Hill

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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Parish Secretary

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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

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 Wis 12:13.16-19

In the place of sin, you give repentance.

There is no god, other than you, who cares for everything,
to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly.
Your justice has its source in strength,
your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all.
You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned
and you expose the insolence of those who know it;
but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement,
you govern us with great lenience,
for you have only to will, and your power is there.
By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people
how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men,
and you have given your sons the good hope that after sin you will grant repentance.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 85:5-6. 9-10. 15-16. R. v.5

(R.) Lord, you are good and forgiving.

1. O Lord, you are good and forgiving,
full of love to all who call.
Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer
and attend to the sound of my voice. *(R.)*
2. All the nations shall come to adore you
and glorify your name, O Lord:
for you are great and do marvellous deeds,
you who alone are God. *(R.)*
3. But you, God of mercy and compassion,
slow to anger, O Lord,
abounding in love and truth,
turn and take pity on me. *(R.)*

Second Reading Rom 8:26-27

The Spirit himself pleads for us in a way that could never be put into words.

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

Gospel Acclamation See Mt 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;

you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 13:24-43

(or shorter form Mt 13:24-30)

Let them grow together until the harvest.

Jesus put a parable before the crowds. 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and said, "Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?" "Some enemy has done this" he answered. And the servants said, "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn."

He put another parable before them, 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed which a man took and sowed in his field. It is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the biggest shrub of all and becomes a tree so that the birds of the air come and shelter in its branches.'

He told them another parable, 'The kingdom of heaven is like the yeast a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour till it was leavened all through.'

In all this Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables; indeed, he would never speak to them except in parables. This was to fulfill the prophecy:

I will speak to you in parables
and expound things hidden since the
foundation of the world.

Then, leaving the crowds, he went to the house; and his disciples came to him and said, 'Explain the parable about the darnel in the field to us.' He said in reply, 'The sower of the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world; the good seed is the subjects of the kingdom; the darnel, the subjects of the evil one; the enemy who sowed them, the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; the reapers are the angels. Well then, just as the darnel is gathered up and burnt in the fire, so it will be at the end of time. The Son of Man will send his angels and they will gather out of his kingdom all things that provoke offences and all who do evil, and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth. Then the virtuous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Listen, anyone who has ears!'



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

One loves someone so much – a child, a parent, a spouse or partner – yet when one tries to pray for that person the words seem only a pale shadow of the intensity of feeling and total love one feels. Stop! Simply put the person or situation before God and say nothing. The Holy Spirit will express our heartfelt prayer for us.

One's heart is breaking with grief for someone close who is very ill or dying. Or one feels a terrible anxiety or anguish. Words don't come easily even though one wants to pray. Stop! Put the person or situation before God and say nothing. The Holy Spirit will express our heartfelt prayer for us.

Perhaps accentuated by the constant messaging of social media, when trying to pray we can get anxious when there is a lull in the noise and no words come.

We could pause for a moment to relax and to allow the Spirit to express our plea in a way which could never be put into words.

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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: Through the Spirit that comes to us in our weakness, we lift up our hearts in prayer.

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 our national and civic leaders, our lawmakers and those who administer the law. May they take guidance from the teachings of our God of Mercy.

We pray to the Lord.

R: We pray for our families that the grace of God's mercy will unite the generations, cultivating wisdom, respect and kindness for the good of each person

We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

R: We pray for the sick members of our parish, especially Tom Murphy 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 Pat & Carmel Kelly and Sr. Cath Dean.
May they be brought to the fullness of life with Christ.

We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

ALL HAIL MARY

Fr: Gracious God, hear the words of your people.
Thankful for your love and compassion showered on us in the past,
we ask that you continue to fill us with your abundant grace.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen

Collections last week	Presbytery \$	Thanksgiving \$	
	1 st collection: Presbytery & Priest	2 nd collection: Thanksgiving (envelope)	
Readings next week	1 Kings 3:5, 7-12	Romans 8:28-30	Matthew 13:44-52

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

23/07/23 – Lancefield
30/07/23 – Lancefield
06/08/23 – Romsey
13/08/23 – Lancefield
20/08/23 – Romsey
27/08/23 – Lancefield

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.

“WOMEN DEACONS & the SYNOD: WHAT HAPPENS NOW?”

On 7 August 2023 (10-11:30am AEST) the ACU Centre for Liturgy will host Dr Phyllis Zagano (Hofstra University, New York) who will give an online public lecture (via Zoom) entitled

“Women Deacons and the Synod: What Happens Now?”

Most of the Continental Assemblies and the syntheses of several Episcopal Conferences call for the question of women's inclusion in the diaconate to be considered at the Synod on Synodality. Is it possible to envisage this, and in what way?" She will address the questions: What are the arguments for and against women ordained as deacons?

What will happen in October? Dr Zagano is an internationally acclaimed Catholic scholar and lecturer on contemporary spirituality and women's issues in the church.

To register, please go to www.acu.edu.au/publiclectureCfL

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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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problems?**



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