

# ST. MARY'S PARISH

LANCEFIELD & ROMSEY

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

30<sup>th</sup> July, 2023

Lancefield Church  
27 Chauncey Street  
Lancefield



Romsey Church  
85 Main Street  
Romsey



## NO CURRENT MASS RESTRICTIONS – ALL WELCOME

Ministry Roster	30/07/23	05/08/23	06/08/23	13/08/23
Musician	Agnes	-----	Christine	Rosalie
Reader	Judith	John H	Betty	Michael M
Collector	Barry	-----	Gerard	Tim
Cleaner	Kerry	-----	Anthea	Rosalie
Location	Lancefield	Romsey	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, Damien Martin & Brendan Coburn.

Got your thinking caps on?????

We need some idea's

## St. Mary's Church Romsey

will celebrate **100 years**

in September 2024!

It takes a while to plan these events so we need you to give some thought to how you would like to celebrate the **Centenary of Romsey Church.**

A meeting will be called in the coming months to discuss your idea's and to make a plan moving forward to suitably mark this milestone.

Feel free to submit your thoughts via email or be sure to attend the meeting. Meeting details will follow once confirmed.

**Everyone welcome to contribute.**



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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 Dalglish  
Michael Mooney  
Monica Tomlinson

# The Living Word

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

30 July 2023

## First Reading 1 Kgs 3:5.7-12

*You have asked for wisdom.*

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, 'Ask what you would like me to give you.' Solomon replied, 'Lord, my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its numbers cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. 'Since you have asked for this' the Lord said 'and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you.'

## Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 118:57. 72. 76-77. 127-130. R. v.97**

*(R.) Lord, I love your commands.*

1. My part, I have resolved, O Lord, is to obey your word.  
The law from your mouth means more to me than silver and gold. (R.)
2. Let your love be ready to console me by your promise to your servant.  
Let your love come to me and I shall live for your law is my delight. (R.)
3. That is why I love your commands more than finest gold.  
That is why I rule my life by your precepts:  
I hate false ways. (R.)
4. Your will is wonderful indeed; therefore I obey it.  
The unfolding of your word gives light and teaches the simple. (R.)

## Second Reading Rom 8:28-30

*He predestined us to become true images of his Son.*

We know that by turning everything to their good God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those that he has called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to

become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.

## 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 13:44-52

**(or shorter form Mt 13:44-46)**

*He sells everything he owns and buys the field.*

Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea that brings in a haul of all kinds. When it is full, the fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting down, they collect the good ones in a basket and throw away those that are no use. This is how it will be at the end of time: the angels will appear and separate the wicked from the just to throw them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.

'Have you understood all this?' They said, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Well, then, every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old.'



## Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

A burning rubbish tip in Jerusalem (Gehenna) provided Jesus with one image of Hell. Here is John Henry Newman's image.

Have you travelled to a foreign country and can't speak the language? There is lots of weeping and gnashing of teeth.

What if you were born with a good ear for languages, but had deliberately never learnt the language of that other place? You would only have yourself to blame. It would be a living hell.

That is what happens at death. The soul is suddenly transported to a different dimension of existence, and it can be either heavenly or hellish depending on the choices and actions of a lifetime.

So, our lifetime project is to 'learn the language of heaven'. We can mainly do this by following the story of Jesus, the Word of God, the perfect conversation between humanity and God.

We could pause for a moment to move from incommunicado to communion by learning and practising the language of Heaven.

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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:** We ask God to bless us with the gift of wisdom and understanding as we bring our prayers before the throne of mercy, with humility and confidence.

**R:** We pray for our youth this week as they are gathering in Lisbon for World Youth Day celebrations starting on Tuesday. That Pope Francis, along with Catholic Youth from around the world will, like Mary visiting Elizabeth, arise and put their faith into action through charity.

**We pray to the Lord.**

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

**R:** We pray for our parish community on our journey of faith. May we respond to the call of God, who watches over us along the way and teaches us how to live with the treasures of his love.

**We pray to the Lord.**

**R:** We pray that we will all be in search for the kingdom of heaven as a valuable treasure, a priceless pearl and an abundant harvest of God's grace, mercy, justice and peace.

**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 Michael Connally, Brooke Alford & Christopher Shannon. May they now experience God's glory.

**We pray to the Lord.**

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

## All HAIL MARY

**Fr:** Almighty God,  
Hear the words of your servant people as we voice our needs and concerns before you.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

**Collections last week** Presbytery \$262 Thanksgiving \$465  
1<sup>st</sup> collection: Presbytery & Priest 2<sup>nd</sup> collection: Thanksgiving (envelope)

**Readings next week** Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 2 Peter 1:16-19 Matthew 17:1-9

## 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
- 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

### Others Positions

- JoCare Assistant Coordinator, Malvern
- College Registrar, CTC, East Melbourne
- Engagement and Projects Lead, Melbourne 3000

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.

## Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual and Pastoral Formation.

**Mindfulness & Meditation – Saturday, 28 August 2023, 10 am – 3.30 pm**

When we are present to the 'now', centredness and relaxation become a natural part of life, and we know how to act from a heart of love. Facilitated by Paola Cheng who is a Spiritual Director, mental health social worker and meditation teacher, this is a day of prayer in the practice of Mindfulness and Meditation. We invite you to bring an open mind and heart to journey with others and within oneself. Bookings via

<https://www.heartoflife.melbourne/events/mindfulness-meditation/>

or email [info@heartoflife.melbourne](mailto:info@heartoflife.melbourne).

Cost: \$60 (BYO Lunch)

## WEEKLY MASS TIMES

### St. Mary's Parish

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

30/07/23 – Lancefield

06/08/23 – Romsey

13/08/23 – Lancefield

20/08/23 – Romsey

27/08/23 – Lancefield

03/09/23 – Romsey

## HEALING MASS

### 1<sup>st</sup> 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 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.

### Retreat in Everyday Life – Moments of Grace

over five weeks, beginning Monday, 31 July and concluding 28 August

(at Heart of Life, Malvern, or via Zoom) Flexible timing.

The Retreat in Everyday Life involves a commitment to daily prayer and weekly spiritual accompaniment for an hour per week over five weeks with this year's theme 'Moments of Grace'. This is an ideal opportunity for a Parish or spiritual community to retreat together, as well as for individuals who would like to experience an opportunity to recognise God's presence in their everyday lives in a more intentional way.

Register your interest <https://www.heartoflife.melbourne/events/retreat-in-everyday-life-moments-of-grace/> or [info@heartoflife.melbourne](mailto:info@heartoflife.melbourne) and we will be in touch to have a conversation.

Cost: Donation

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like..."



-Matthew 13:45



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### 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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