

ST. MARY'S PARISH

LANCEFIELD & ROMSEY

The Transfiguration of the Lord - Year A

6th August, 2023

Lancefield Church
27 Chauncey Street
Lancefield



Romsey Church
85 Main Street
Romsey



NO CURRENT MASS RESTRICTIONS – ALL WELCOME

Ministry Roster	05/08/23	06/08/23	13/08/23	20/08/23
Musician	-----	Christine	Rosalie	Christine
Reader	John H	Betty	Michael M	Michael G
Collector	-----	Gerard	Tim	Ged
Cleaner	-----	Anthea	Rosalie	Anne N
Location	Romsey	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, Rita Tully, Damien Martin & Brendan Coburn.

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.

SPECIAL COLLECTION NEXT WEEK - CATHOLICCARE

CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal

Next weekend is the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. As our parish community's social service agency, CatholicCare Victoria delivers programs and services to support families, children, young people and individuals to help everyone reach their full potential.

The services include counseling and mental health services, specialised support for children and teens, refugee and asylum seeker help, pastoral care in hospitals and prisons, support for separating families, social housing and homelessness support. Donations from our parish community help CatholicCare Victoria support the most vulnerable individuals and families in our community and empower everyone to live life to the full.

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<http://pol.org.au/lancefield/Home.aspx>

Secretary Hours

Wednesday & Friday
8:00am – 5:00pm

St Mary's Primary School

Principal - Julie McDougall
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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 Dalglish
Michael Mooney
Monica Tomlinson

The Living Word

Transfiguration

6 August 2023

First Reading Dn 7:9-10. 13-14

His raiment was as white as snow.

As I watched:

Thrones were set in place
and one of great age took his seat.
His robe was white as snow,
the hair of his head as pure as wool.
His throne was a blaze of flames,
its wheels were a burning fire.
A stream of fire poured out,
issuing from his presence.
A thousand thousand waited on him,
ten thousand times ten thousand stood
before him.
A court was held and the books were
opened.
I gazed into the visions of the night.
And I saw, coming on the clouds of
heaven,
one like a son of man.
He came to the one of great age
and was led into his presence.
On him was conferred sovereignty,
glory and kingship,
and men of all peoples, nations and
languages became his servants.
His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty
which shall never pass away,
nor will his empire ever be destroyed.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 96:1-2. 5-6. 9. R. vv.1. 9.

*(R.) The Lord is king, the most high
over all the earth.*

1. The Lord is king, let earth rejoice,
let all the coastlands be glad.
Cloud and darkness are his raiment;
his throne, justice and right. *(R.)*
2. The mountains melt like wax
before the Lord of all the earth.
The skies proclaim his justice;
all peoples see his glory. *(R.)*
3. For you indeed are the Lord
most high above all the earth
exalted far above all spirits. *(R.)*

Second Reading 2 Pt 1:16-19

We heard this voice from out of heaven.

It was not any cleverly invented myths that we were repeating when we brought you the knowledge of the power and the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ; we had seen his majesty for ourselves. He was honoured and glorified by God the Father, when the Sublime Glory itself spoke to him and said,

'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour.' We heard this ourselves, spoken from heaven, when we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have confirmation of what was said in prophecies; and you will be right to depend on prophecy and take it as a lamp for lighting a way through the dark until the dawn comes and the morning star rises in your minds.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 17:5

Alleluia, alleluia!

***This is my Son, my beloved,
in whom is all my delight:***

listen to him.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 17:1-9

His face was shining like the sun.

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured: his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order, 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

We have to get rid of the idea that the soul is a dot of energy in some hidden core of our body. In fact, the body is in the soul. There is no part of my body which is not immersed in my soul. It is my whole person, bodysoul, which needs to be saved. As Thomas Aquinas says: 'If only my soul is saved, I am not saved.'

Today's Gospel does not portray an out-of-body experience of religious ecstasy. Jesus' body was translucent, totally radiant with Divine Light. Further, this transfiguration was not a solitary experience for Jesus. Peter, James and John witnessed it precisely because it told them what our Heavenly Father desired as their destiny beyond martyrdom, if only they would listen to Jesus.

Heavenly salvation will involve my whole person, bodysoul, being transformed. But could a person, during their earthly existence, share in the transfiguration experience of Christ?

We could pause for a moment to 'Google' or otherwise get hold of my favourite story of a saint – St Seraphim of Sarov – and pray that we may share with his disciple the bodily experience of 'immeasurable wellbeing' – 'infinite joy in our hearts'.

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MYSTERY OF FAITH

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,
we proclaim your Death, O Lord,
until you come again.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

- Fr:** In the Transfiguration, the Father revealed the glory of his Son. We do not see his glory now, but as we wait for the kingdom, we pray in his name to the Father.
- R:** That the glory of Christ may shine through the Church as we faithfully listen to him.
We pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- R:** That the beloved Son may lead the nations into paths of peace and justice.
We pray to the Lord.
- R:** That people who suffer may see their future in the transfigured Redeemer.
We pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- R:** We pray for those who are ill and those in continuing need of our prayers, especially Tom Murphy and for those who care for them. We pray for those who have died recently that they be transfigured in the likeness of Christ's glorious body. We remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially Blaze Memmolo Snr. and John Theisz.
We pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

All BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY PRAYER (see below)

HAIL MARY

- Fr:** It is wonderful for us to be here!
Receive the prayers of this community, assembled to hear the word and to offer the sacrifice of your Son, who lives and reigns for ever and ever.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen

Collections last week	Presbytery \$233	Thanksgiving \$474
	1 st collection: Presbytery & Priest	2 nd collection: Thanksgiving (envelope)
Readings next week	1 Kings 19:9, 11-13	Romans 9:1-5 Matthew 14:22-33

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

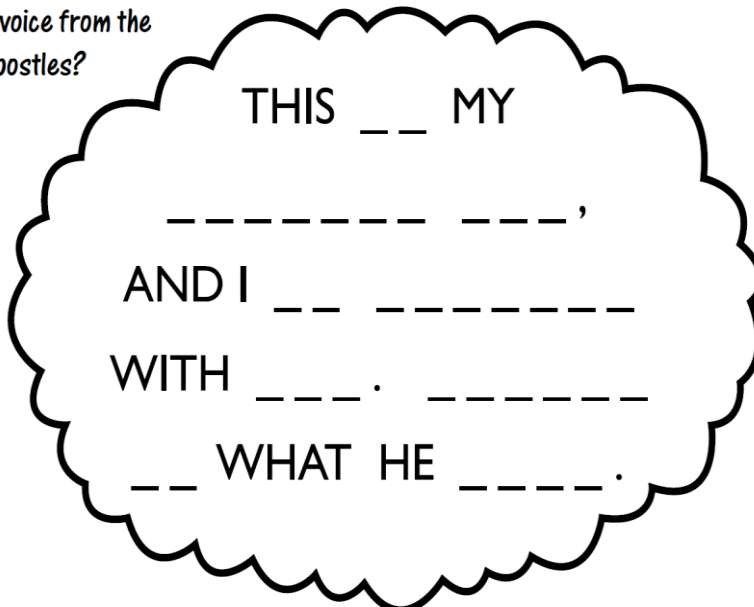
Congratulations and special blessings to all those who are celebrating birthdays and anniversaries during the month of August. May your journey through life be filled with daily treasures, and may you always be open, willing and ready to share your blessings with others.



- Birthdays:** Shirley Lewandowski & Robert James.
- Anniversaries:** Brendan and Julie Tully – 47 years
Tom and Marie Hoban – 56 years

By using the words below, can you work out what the voice from the cloud said to the apostles?

**SON
BELOVED
LISTEN
HIM
IS
PLEASED
AM
SAYS
TO**



WEEKLY MASS TIMES

St. Mary's Parish
Sunday's at 9:00am

- 06/08/23 – Romsey
- 13/08/23 – Lancefield
- 20/08/23 – Romsey
- 27/08/23 – Lancefield
- 03/09/23 – Romsey
- 10/09/23 – 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

National Vocations Awareness Week - 6 August

Vocations come from families, communities and parishes. Strong families and communities are the place where vocations are first nurtured. In this National Vocations Awareness Week, let us pray for all families in our parish, and for those preparing for marriage.

Let us also pray that our parish community may always be welcoming and encouraging of vocations to marriage, priesthood and consecrated life.

Local Masses for upcoming Feast Days

August 8th - Solemnity of St. Mary of the Cross MacKillop

9:00am - St. Patrick's Church Kilmore – Fr. Prakash
5:00pm - St. Brigid's Church Gisborne – Fr. Denis

August 15th – Feast of the Assumption of our Lady

9:00am – St. Patrick's Church Kilmore – Fr. Prakash
5:00pm – St. Brigid's Church Gisborne – Fr. Denis

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

- 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

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.

POPE'S INTENTION FOR AUGUST 2023

For World Youth Day

We pray the World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives.



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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.

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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.