

ST. MARY'S PARISH

LANCEFIELD & ROMSEY

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

20th August, 2023

Lancefield Church
27 Chauncey Street
Lancefield



Romsey Church
85 Main Street
Romsey



NO CURRENT MASS RESTRICTIONS – ALL WELCOME

Ministry Roster	20/08/23	27/08/23	02/09/23	03/09/23
Musician	Christine	Agnes	-----	<i>volunteer required</i>
Reader	Michael G	Leanne	Eileen	Christine
Collector	Ged	Joe	-----	Gerard
Cleaner	Anne N	Anne T	-----	Christine
Location	Romsey	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, 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 ideas 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.

If you think of anyone who should be invited, please send name and contact details to the office so a list can be compiled and no-one misses out.

Everyone welcome to contribute.

CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal

Total Parish Contribution - \$ 149.40

Thank you from CatholicCare Victoria.

CatholicCare Victoria is deeply grateful for the support of our parish during last week's CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal.

Because of the generosity of our parish community, CatholicCare Victoria can continue to ensure that vulnerable individuals and families in our community have the opportunity to live life to the full. Thank you for helping those in need!

For more information about CatholicCare Victoria, please visit:

www.catholiccarevic.org.au

HOLY COMMUNION PRAYER

Over the next two weekends, the children from St. Mary's Parish will be receiving the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

We pray for the teachers who have prepared the children for this Sacrament, we pray for the parents who have supported their children through their learning and we pray for the children as they take this exciting step in their Catholic journey.

May God bless you all. Amen

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Parish Website

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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

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

20 August 2023

First Reading **Is 56:1.6-7**

I will lead the foreigners to my holy mountain.

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice, act with integrity, for soon my salvation will come and my integrity be manifest.

Foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord to serve him and to love his name and be his servants – all who observe the sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to my covenant – these I will bring to my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their holocausts and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 66:2-3 5-6. 8. R. v.4

(R). O God, let all the nations praise you!

1. O God, be gracious and bless us and let your face shed its light upon us. So will your ways be known upon earth and all nations learn your saving help. *(R.)*
2. Let the nations be glad and exult for you rule the world with justice. With fairness you rule the peoples, you guide the nations on earth. *(R.)*
3. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. May God still give us his blessing till the ends of the earth revere him. *(R.)*

Second Reading **Rom 11:13-15. 29-32**

The gifts and call of God are irrevocable.

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been sent to the pagans as their apostle, and I am proud of being sent, but the purpose of it is to make my own people envious of you, and in this way save some of them. Since their rejection meant the reconciliation of the world, do you know what their admission will mean? Nothing less than a resurrection from the dead! God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice.

Just as you changed from being disobedient to God, and now enjoy mercy because of their disobedience, so those who are disobedient now – and only because of the

mercy shown to you – will also enjoy mercy eventually. God has imprisoned all men in their own disobedience only to show mercy to all mankind.

Gospel Acclamation **Mt 4:23**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom

and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!

Gospel **Mt 15:21-28**

Woman, you have great faith.

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.' But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. 'Give her what she wants,' they said 'because she is shouting after us.' He said in reply, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.' But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. 'Lord,' she said 'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs.' She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And from that moment her daughter was well again.



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

A pagan woman approaches a Jewish man and she begs Jesus to heal her daughter.

Jesus gives a dismissive answer to the woman: 'It is not fair to take the children's bread and throw it to the house dogs.' The children are obviously the Jewish people.

This remarkable pagan woman stands her ground and engages in a verbal joust with Jesus! She argues: 'Yes, Lord, but even the house dogs get the crumbs that fall from their master's table.'

Jesus recognises her faith and the daughter was healed. This story was put in the Gospels to show how Jesus extended his saving mission to non-Jews in Pagan territory.

That is Good News for billions of non-Jewish people over the course of history since then and into the future. That is why we are truly 'Catholic', which, as you know, is the Greek for 'world-wide'.

We could pause for a moment to celebrate this Canaanite woman as the first 'Catholic'!

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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: God's house shall be called a house of prayer for everyone.
We come before God making intercession for all people in Jesus' name.

R: Today we will receive a very special gift from Jesus when we share His body for the first time. Let us say thank you for being so lucky. As we celebrate our First Eucharist, we thank Jesus for the people who love us – our families and friends.

We pray to the Lord. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

R: As we receive the body of Jesus, may we remember what he told us to do –
“Love one another as I have loved you”.

We pray to the Lord. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

R: We give thanks to you, Lord, and to our parents, teachers, Fr. Martin and all who have assisted us on our journey of faith. Thank you for helping us prepare to receive the greatest gift we will ever receive in the Holy Eucharist.

We pray to the Lord. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

R: We pray for sick members of our parish and for those who care for them. We pray for those who have died recently, and we remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially Tamara Scicchitano, Marea Baynes, Alice McCarthy & Veronica Powell. May they inherit eternal life, as promised to them by Jesus.

We pray to the Lord. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

All HAIL MARY

Fr: O God,
listen to the prayers of your people and let your face shine upon us.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen

Collections last week	Presbytery \$223	Thanksgiving \$980	
	1 st collection: Presbytery & Priest	2 nd collection: Thanksgiving (envelope)	
Readings next week	Isaiah 22:19-23	Romans 11:33-36	Matthew 16:13-20

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.

Cost: \$60 (BYO Lunch)

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

Parish Positions

- Parish Secretary - St Dominic's Parish, Melton
- Parish Coordinator - St Jude's Parish, Scoresby
- Evangelisation Coordinator - St Catherine of Siena Parish, Caroline Springs

Others Positions

- Audio Technician, Radio Maria Australia, Preston
- Cleaner & Housekeeper, Corpus Christi College, Carlton

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

20/08/23 – Romsey
27/08/23 – Lancefield
03/09/23 – Romsey
10/09/23 – Lancefield
17/09/23 – Romsey
24/09/23 – Lancefield

HEALING MASS
1st Saturday at 10:00am

02/09/23 – Romsey
07/10/23 – 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

Crossword

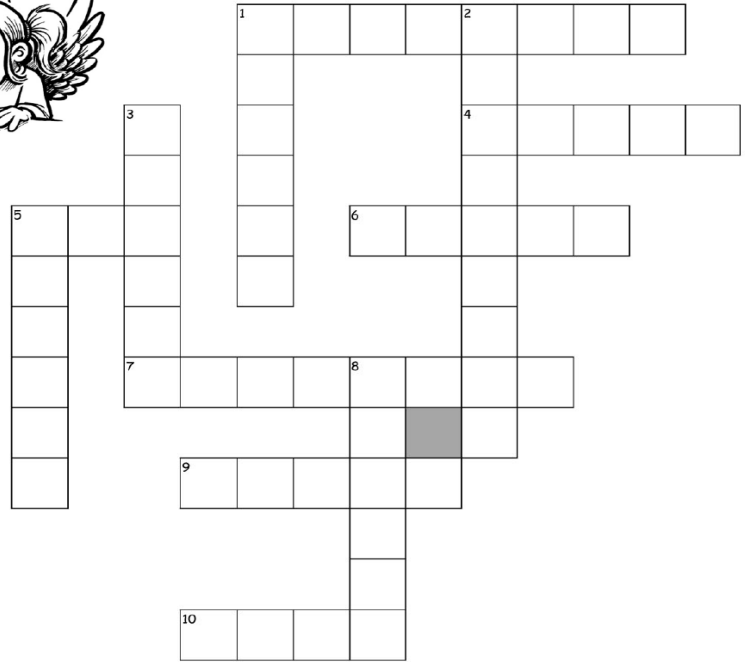


Across

- 1: very young people
- 4: Jesus described the people of Israel as like a flock of lost _____
- 5: a four-legged animal that barks
- 6: belief
- 7: father is to son, as mother is to what?
- 9: the opposite of man
- 10: what we eat

Down

- 1: Jesus spoke to a woman who came from this place
- 2: Jesus' followers
- 3: pleaded
- 5: the woman told Jesus her daughter was full of these
- 8: cured



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE RETREAT: FINDING HAPPINESS THROUGH THE BEATITUDES.

Saturday, September 9, 2023 - 9:00am – 12:15pm - St Roch's Parish, 198–200 Burke Road, Glen Iris
Discover the beauty of authentic friendship rooted in faith as you join our Catholic retreat, where you'll find a safe space to share, grow and deepen your relationship with God, together with a supportive community of women. Come join us.
This retreat offers Holy Mass, inspiring talks, time for personal reflection, Adoration and Confession.

Guest Speaker: Sr. Mary Sarah OP

Theme: The pilgrims path: finding happiness through the Beatitudes.

For further information, contact cwlvicw@gmail.com



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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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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:

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Please use your surname and TG number as the reference.

**Do you have foot
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