

ST. MARY'S PARISH

LANCEFIELD & ROMSEY

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

27th August, 2023

Lancefield Church
27 Chauncey Street
Lancefield



Romsey Church
85 Main Street
Romsey



NO CURRENT MASS RESTRICTIONS – ALL WELCOME

Ministry Roster	27/08/23	02/09/23	03/09/23	10/09/23
Musician	Agnes	-----	Christine	Rosalie
Reader	Leanne	Eileen	<i>Vol required</i>	Joan
Collector	Joe	-----	Gerard	Ged
Cleaner	Anne T	-----	Christine	Leanne
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, 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.



Listen, Learn Love:

A New Engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples

HOLY COMMUNION PRAYER

This weekend, the children from St. Mary's Parish will be receiving the Sacrament of First 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 faith journey.

May God bless you all. Amen

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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 Dalgleish
Michael Mooney
Monica Tomlinson

The Living Word

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First Reading Is 22:19-23

I place the key of the House of David upon his shoulder.

Thus says the Lord of hosts to Shebna, the master of the palace:

I dismiss you from your office,
I remove you from your post,
and the same day I call on my servant Eliakim son of Hilkiah.
I invest him with your robe,
gird him with your sash,
entrust him with your authority;
and he shall be a father
to the inhabitants of Jerusalem
and to the House of Judah.

I place the key of the House of David
on his shoulder;
should he open, no one shall close,
should he close, no one shall open.
I drive him like a peg
into a firm place;
he will become a throne of glory
for his father's house.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 137:1-3. 6. 8. R. v.8

*(R.) Lord, your love is eternal;
do not forsake the work of your hands.*

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,
you have heard the words of my mouth.
Before the angels I will bless you.
I will adore before your holy temple. *(R.)*
2. I thank you for your faithfulness and
love
which excel all we ever knew of you.
On the day I called, you answered;
you increased the strength of my soul. *(R.)*
3. The Lord is high yet he looks on the
lowly
and the haughty he knows from afar.
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of your hands. *(R.)*

Second Reading Rom 11:33-36

From him, through him, and in him are all things.

How rich are the depths of God – how deep his wisdom and knowledge – and how impossible to penetrate his motives or understand his methods! Who could ever know the mind of the Lord? Who could ever be his counsellor? Who could ever give

him anything or lend him anything? All that exists comes from him; all is by him and for him. To him be glory for ever! Amen.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 16:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

*You are Peter, the rock on which I will
build my Church;*

*the gates of hell will not hold out
against it.*

Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 16:13-20

You are Peter, to you I will give the keys of the kingdom of heaven.

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples. 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.' Then he gave the disciples strict orders not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Jesus had a sense of humour! Simon, son of Jonah, was far from being a rock solid supporter of Jesus. So Jesus gave him the nickname 'Rocky' which in the Greek is Petros.

Jesus puns with the nickname: 'You are Rocky and upon this rock I will build my church.' The natural personality of shifting sands was being transformed by the blessing just given (the only blessing bestowed upon an apostle by Jesus).

Notice that Jesus only makes promises about 'my church', not a church shaped by human imagination, e.g. modes of Roman Imperial rule or with a Eurocentric mindset.

Fortunately, we have a successor of St Peter responding to our Risen Lord's command to St Francis of Assisi, 'Rebuild my church'.

We could pause for a moment to pray that the Risen Lord showers the 265th successor of St Peter with every blessing so that the Church of Jesus the Christ continues to prevail over the forces of death which threaten humanity.

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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:** Daring, like Peter, to confess Jesus as the Christ, let us pray to the living God with trusting hearts..
- 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 our community, for everyone in our church, and for the Catholic Church around the world. Help us to grow as a family in your love.
- We pray to the Lord.** **Lord, graciously hear us.**
- R:** Let us pray for all of us gathered here. May each of us be grateful for the gift of the Eucharist, and experience with faith and love this encounter with our Lord Jesus in Holy Communion.
- We pray to the Lord.** **Lord, graciously hear us.**
- R:** We pray for all people around the world, especially children, who are poor, who are sick, and who don't have enough water or food. Help us to reach out to them in their distress.
- We pray to the Lord.** **Lord, graciously hear us.**
- R:** We pray for sick members of our parish, especially Isla Foy 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 Nell Connors, Noela Howlett, Betty O'Brien and James & Catherine McCarthy. May they now rejoice in the presence of God's unconditional love.
- We pray to the Lord.** **Lord, graciously hear us.**
- All HAIL MARY**
- Fr:** Heavenly Father,
your son, Jesus Christ, has promised us that your church will endure against all evil. Strengthened by this faith, we ask that you hear the prayers of your people, through Christ our Lord.
- Amen**

Collections last week Presbytery \$267 Thanksgiving \$360
1st collection: Presbytery & Priest 2nd collection: Thanksgiving (envelope)

POSITIONS VACANT

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

Parish Positions

- Parish Secretary - St Dominic's Parish, Melton
- Parish Secretary-Our Lady of Southern Cross Parish, Clifton Hill
- 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

27/08/23 – Lancefield
03/09/23 – Romsey
10/09/23 – Lancefield
17/09/23 – Romsey
24/09/23 – Lancefield
01/10/23 – Romsey

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

Special Collection next Sunday - PRF Father's Day Appeal - 3rd September, 2023

The Priest's Retirement Foundation meets the needs of 85 Melbourne priests who are currently retired. 10 retired priests are in their 90's 48 are in their 80's and 27 are aged between 75 & 80.

They are grateful for your support now and in the future.

"It has been a wonderful custom in the Archdiocese of Melbourne to allow the faithful of the Archdiocese to show something of their own appreciation through an annual Fathers' Day Appeal. The appeal goes to the care of retired and sick priests by providing suitable accommodation, medical assistance and a comfortable standard of living for them. May I commend the Appeal to you."

Archbishop Comensoli

ACBC Social Justice Sunday

The Bishops invite us, as Catholics, to begin a new engagement with the First Peoples to overcome injustice, an engagement grounded in love. This love is at the heart of Jesus' message. This love is characterised by a commitment to encounter and dialogue, reciprocity, mutual accompaniment and a desire to put the other at the centre of our attention. The Bishops offer us some simple actions which could help us to begin this new engagement. The Bishops do not tell us how to vote in the referendum, but they encourage us to inform ourselves about the issues through respectful dialogue, especially with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples.

The Bishops and NATSICC join together at the conclusion of the statement to call for us all to walk together in love on a journey of healing, whatever the outcome of the Voice referendum. The full statement is now available at:

www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au

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 cwlvicww@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.

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?**



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