

ST. MARY'S PARISH

LANCEFIELD & ROMSEY

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

3rd September, 2023

Lancefield Church
27 Chauncey Street
Lancefield



Romsey Church
85 Main Street
Romsey



NO CURRENT MASS RESTRICTIONS – ALL WELCOME

Ministry Roster	02/09/23	03/09/23	10/09/23	17/09/23
Musician	-----	Christine	Rosalie	Christine
Reader	Eileen	Michael M	Joan	Anne B
Collector	-----	Gerard	Ged	Rob
Cleaner	-----	Christine	Leanne	Monica
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 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.

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

POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER 2023

For people living on the margins.

We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.

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Secretary Hours

Wednesday & Friday
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St Mary's Primary School

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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

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First Reading Jer 20:7-9

The word of the Lord God has meant derision for me.

You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself be seduced;
you have overpowered me: you were the stronger.
I am a daily laughing-stock,
everybody's butt.
Each time I speak the word, I have to howl and proclaim: 'Violence and ruin!'
The word of the Lord has meant for me insult, derision, all day long.
I used to say, I will not think about him,
I will not speak in his name any more.
Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart,
imprisoned in my bones.
The effort to restrain it wearied me,
I could not bear it.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 62:2-6. 8-9. R. v.2

*(R.) My soul is thirsting for you,
O Lord my God.*

1. O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you
like a dry, weary land without water. *(R.)*
2. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary
to see your strength and your glory.
For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise. *(R.)*
3. So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy. *(R.)*
4. For you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.
My soul clings to you;
your right hand holds me fast. *(R.)*

Second Reading Rom 12:1-2

May you present your bodies as a living sacrifice.

Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and worship him. I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking beings, by offering your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God. Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you, but let your behaviour change, modelled

by your new mind. This is the only way to discover the will of God and know what is good, what it is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do.

Gospel Acclamation See Eph 1:17-18

Alleluia, alleluia!

*May the Father of our Lord Jesus
Christ
enlighten the eyes of our heart,
that we might see how great
is the hope*

to which we are called.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 16:21-27

Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself.

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. 'Heaven preserve you, Lord,' he said. 'This must not happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life?'

'For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour.'



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

We have to get one terrible thought out of our heads, i.e. that the Heavenly Father of Jesus *wanted* him to suffer a tortured, agonising death. Yet we do say: 'It was necessary that Jesus suffer and die.' What can this mean? I believe this refers to the necessity of divine mission and the necessity of divine love.

First, it was the Father's will that Jesus remain true to the mission to preach and embody the gospel of mercy and forgiveness. It was inevitable that powerful elites would find this intolerable and have Jesus eliminated. Secondly, God so loved the world where death ravages human beings, that God determined to absorb the suffering and pangs of death.

The temptation to avoid that dreadful necessity lead Jesus to rebuke Peter: 'Get *behind* me, Satan', a terrible variation of the initial call: 'Come, *follow* me.'

We could pause for a moment to very consciously make the sign of the Cross, the consequence of Jesus' mission and love for us.

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MYSTERY OF FAITH

Save us, Saviour of the world,
for by your Cross and Resurrection
you have set us free.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Fr: We seek from God what is good and acceptable. In these prayers of intercession, we strive always to discern the will of God.

R: For Pope Francis, our Holy Father, as he celebrates the Eucharist with the small Catholic community in Mongolia today, that in union with him, we pray that in a spirit of hope they will witness to Jesus with joy.

We pray to the Lord.

Lord, graciously hear us.

R: For all fathers here present, and the fathers of each of us, that they may receive those graces which will strengthen their faith, increase their capacity to love, and grant courage in the face of difficulties.

We pray to the Lord.

Lord, graciously hear us.

R: We pray for all people who are suffering because of their belief in Christ. May they remain steadfast in their faith in the knowledge that other Christians are praying for them as they carry their cross.

We pray to the Lord.

Lord, graciously hear us.

R: For children on this Father's Day, that as we start Child Protection Week, they will have the unfailing support of their parents, flourish in happy homes, attend vibrant schools and live in safe neighbourhoods.

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. May they rejoice in the presence of God's unconditional love.

We pray to the Lord.

Lord, graciously hear us.

All BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY PRAYER (see below)

HAIL MARY

Fr: God of compassion,
listen to our petitions on behalf of all those who are in need of your mercy & healing.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen

Collections last week Presbytery \$306 Thanksgiving \$635
1st collection: Presbytery & Priest 2nd collection: Thanksgiving (envelope)

Readings next week Ezekiel 33:7-9 Romans 13:8-10 Matthew 18:15-20

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Congratulations and special blessings to all those who are celebrating birthdays and anniversaries during the month of September. 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: Rosalie McCarthy, Denis Collaco, Eileen French, and a big
HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Scarlett McWha and Cole Newnam!

POSITIONS VACANT

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

Parish Positions

- 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
- Administration Manager – The Redemptorist Community, Kew

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

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

CHILD PROTECTION WEEK - 4th to 9th of September, 2023

Child Protection Week is a national campaign held each year to raise awareness of child-abuse prevention in our communities. In 2023, the overarching message that 'Every child in every community needs a fair go' will be complemented with the theme 'Where we start matters':

- Where we start our lives in terms of where we live, the resources available to us and the opportunities presented to us makes a significant difference to our life outcomes.
- Where we start as a Catholic community in offering children and their families support and assistance makes a significant difference to life outcomes.
- Where we start as decision-makers in addressing large, complex problems such as child abuse and neglect also has a significant impact on personal, social and economic outcomes.

Child Protection Week is a good time for us to think about how we, as adults, can address some of these issues that affect children and to consider how we can change things to make a difference.

On Sunday 10 September, the Catholic Church in Australia will mark Safeguarding Sunday, which falls on the second Sunday of September each year, at the end of National Child Protection Week.

Safeguarding Sunday seeks to acknowledge the immense damage caused by the sexual abuse of children and adults at risk, including by priests, religious and lay people within Catholic contexts. It makes a commitment to practices and protocols that create and maintain safe environments for all people, and it invites people to pray for those harmed by abuse directly and indirectly.

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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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?**



Andrew Baddeley | Podiatrist

ROMSEY | 5429 5254 | 99 Main St

RIDDELLS CREEK | 5428 7591 | 9 Station St