

# ST. MARY'S PARISH

LANCEFIELD & ROMSEY

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

24<sup>th</sup> September, 2023

Lancefield Church  
27 Chauncey Street  
Lancefield



Romsey Church  
85 Main Street  
Romsey



## EVERYONE WELCOME

Ministry Roster	24/09/23	01/10/23	07/10/23	08/10/23
Musician	Agnes	Christine	-----	Rosalie
Reader	Judith	Betty	Anne B	Michael M
Collector	Barry	Rob	-----	Tim
Cleaner	Eva	Loretta	-----	Florence
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 & Isla Foy.

St. Mary's Church Romsey will celebrate **100 years** in September 2024!  
**Centenary of Romsey Church.**

Everyone welcome to contribute idea's for the celebration.

Please forward by email to [lancefield@cam.org.au](mailto:lancefield@cam.org.au)

## NATIONAL DAY for MIGRANTS and REFUGEES – 24/09/23

The Church has been celebrating the World Day of Migrants and Refugees (WDMR) since 1914. It is always an occasion to express concern for different vulnerable people on the move; to pray for them as they face many challenges; and to increase awareness about the opportunities that migration offers.

The WDMR is the last Sunday of September; in 2023 it will be celebrated on **24<sup>th</sup> of September**. As the title for his annual message, the Holy Father has chosen "*Free to choose whether to migrate or to stay*".

<https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/migration/documents/20230511-world-migrants-day-2023.html>

## ALPHA EXPERIENCE at St. BRIGID'S

We are excited to announce the Alpha Experience will continue at St. Brigid's parish where you can explore the deeper questions of life and meaning in a casual setting whilst getting to know new people.

**Alpha will recommence at St Brigid's on Monday, October 2 from 7pm to 9pm - in the Presbytery.**

Limited seats available so register early.

For enquiries please call Madalin on 0412 301 618.

**Please bring a plate to share prior to the meeting**

## SECRETARY REDUCED HOURS DURING SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

For the school holiday period I will only be working 12noon to 4pm on Wednesday's and Friday's. It seems the phone answering service is having a minor meltdown so the best way to contact me is via email, thank you.

## Parish Priest

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## Parish Secretary

Tammie Dalgleish  
C/- Presbytery  
27 Chauncey Street  
Lancefield Vic 3435  
Ph: 5429 2130

## Parish Email

[lancefield@cam.org.au](mailto:lancefield@cam.org.au)

## 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 Dalgleish  
Michael Mooney  
Monica Tomlinson

# The Living Word

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## First Reading Is 55:6-9

*My thoughts are not your thoughts.*

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found,  
call to him while he is still near.  
Let the wicked man abandon his way,  
the evil man his thoughts.  
Let him turn back to the Lord who will take  
pity on him,  
to our God who is rich in forgiving;  
for my thoughts are not your thoughts,  
my ways not your ways – it is the Lord who  
speaks.  
Yes, the heavens are as high above earth  
as my ways are above your ways,  
my thoughts above your thoughts.

## Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 144:2-3, 8-9, 17-18. R. v.18**

*(R.) The Lord is near to all who call him.*

1. I will bless you day after day  
and praise your name for ever.  
the Lord is great, highly to be praised,  
his greatness cannot be measured. (R.)
2. The Lord is kind and full of  
compassion,  
slow to anger, abounding in love.  
How good is the Lord to all,  
compassionate to all his creatures. (R.)
3. The Lord is just in all his ways  
and loving in all his deeds.  
He is close to all who call him,  
who call on him from their hearts. (R.)

## Second Reading Phil 1:20-24, 27

*For me to live is Christ.*

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by  
my life or by my death. Life to me, of course,  
is Christ, but then death would bring me  
something more; but then again, if living in  
this body means doing work which is having  
good results – I do not know what I should  
choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I want  
to be gone and be with Christ, which would  
be very much the better, but for me to stay  
alive in this body is a more urgent need for  
your sake.

Avoid anything in your everyday lives that  
would be unworthy of the gospel of Christ.

## Gospel Acclamation See Acts 16:14

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Open our hearts, O Lord,  
to listen to the words of your Son.  
Alleluia!*

## Gospel Mt 20:1-16

*Why are you jealous because I am generous?*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom  
of heaven is like a landowner going out at  
daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard.  
He made an agreement with the workers  
for one denarius a day, and sent them to  
his vineyard. Going out at about the third  
hour he saw others standing idle in the  
market place and said to them, "You go  
to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair  
wage." So they went. At about the sixth hour  
and again at about the ninth hour, he went  
out and did the same. Then at about the  
eleventh hour he went out and found more  
men standing round, and he said to them,  
"Why have you been standing here idle all  
day?" "Because no one has hired us" they  
answered. He said to them, "You go into  
my vineyard too." In the evening, the owner  
of the vineyard said to his bailiff, "Call the  
workers and pay them their wages, starting  
with the last arrivals and ending with the  
first." So those who were hired at about the  
eleventh hour came forward and received  
one denarius each. When the first came,  
they expected to get more, but they too  
received one denarius each. They took it,  
but grumbled at the landowner. "The men  
who came last" they said "have done only  
one hour, and you have treated them the  
same as us, though we have done a heavy  
day's work in all the heat." He answered  
one of them and said, "My friend, I am not  
being unjust to you; did we not agree on  
one denarius? Take your earnings and go.  
I choose to pay the last-comer as much as  
I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like  
with my own? Why be envious because I am  
generous?" Thus the last will be first, and  
the first, last.'



## Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

This is a story of the day labourers  
of Jesus' time. The 'early birds'  
contracted for the just wage of one  
denarius and did the hard work  
over the course of a long day. They  
were outraged when latecomers  
also received a denarius.

This little parable circulated in the  
Christian community of the first  
century because there was great  
antagonism between the Jews who  
became followers of Jesus and the  
non-Jews, the 'Gentiles'. Jewish  
Christians looked at their long  
history of hardship preparing for  
the coming of the Messiah. And,  
now, here were these Gentiles who  
had done nothing by comparison,  
and God appeared to be granting  
them whatever it took to enjoy the  
'daily bread' of the Kingdom of  
God.

Jewish Christians had to be  
shocked out of *their* idea that  
God's grace could *not* be lavished  
on those outside the boundaries of  
the Chosen People.

We could pause to pray to be taken  
by happy surprise by those billions  
of people outside the Church who,  
by the grace of God, will share with  
us 'the Bread of Life', given for the  
salvation of *all* the world.

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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:** In all humility, we turn to God for mercy. We pray that our ways may be God’s ways,  
our thoughts God’s thoughts.

**R:** We pray for leaders at all levels. May they move beyond power and control,  
their priority being the rights and justice that their people deserve.

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

**R:** We pray for each of us sharing in the prayers of the Eucharist. May we strive  
to live our lives in a manner worthy of the Gospel of Christ.

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

**R:** That our parish community will be generous with our time in helping those in need.

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

**R:** That communities in troubled or warring countries will experience justice & freedom.

**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 Anthony Kennedy, Gerald Hawkins, Dawn Boswell, and Bishop  
Hilton Deakin. May God welcome them into the eternal kingdom to share the reward  
of their faithful service.

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

**All ST MARY’S PARISH PRAYER**

*Loving Mother Mary, we pray that we may be a people who say “Yes” to life...*

*A people of faith, hope and love.*

*Strengthen our commitment to Christ your Son.*

*May we respect the dignity of each person and bring His love to all we meet.*

*May our Parish be a welcoming, supportive community, where all can feel at home.*

*Help us to follow your wonderful example of faithful love and service  
by generously weaving our own gifts into the tapestry of our Parish life.*

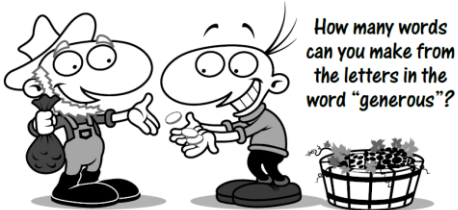
*AMEN.*

**Fr:** Loving God,  
you are near to all those who call upon you.  
Hear us always in your generous love.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

<b>Collections 10/07/23</b>	Presbytery \$214	Thanksgiving \$495
<b>Collections last week</b>	Presbytery \$256	Thanksgiving \$426
	1 <sup>st</sup> collection: Presbytery & Priest	2 <sup>nd</sup> collection: Thanksgiving (envelope)

**Readings next week** Ezekiel 18:25-28      Philippians 2:1-11      Matthew 21:28-32



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### REQUEST TO PARISHIONERS

All publications, documents and flyers placed in the church foyers must be either sanctioned by the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne or approved by the parish office. Please do not leave any flyers, especially of a political nature in the churches.

Over the coming weeks there will be a big cleanout of all magazines and brochures in the foyer of Romsey Church. Please take any items you may be interested in as anything left will be disposed of.

Thank you.



### WEEKLY MASS TIMES

**St. Mary’s Parish**  
**Sunday’s at 9:00am**

- 24/09/23 – Lancefield
- 01/10/23 – Romsey
- 08/10/23 – Lancefield
- 15/10/23 – Romsey
- 22/10/23 – Lancefield
- 29/10/23 – Lancefield

**HEALING MASS**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Saturday at 10:00am**

- 07/10/23 – Romsey
- 04/11/23 – 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!*

- Power Point operator at Mass
- Reader of the Word
- Church Cleaning
- Gardening

## COLUMBAN PARTNERSHIP FUNDRAISER OCTOBER 8

“Sounds of Freedom” – Reading Theatre Sunbury  
Fr Robert McCullough’s recent visit to the region reminded those who heard him preach of his support of St Elizabeth’s Hospital in Hyderabad, Pakistan. The Gisborne Columban Partnership Program are hoping with this fundraiser to contribute towards the cost of the theatre lights in the new orthopaedic ward.

We are invited to join them on **Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> October**, for a screening of the movie **"Sound of Freedom"** at Reading Cinemas in Sunbury. Pre-show nibbles and accompanying wine/soft-drink/tea/coffee, all included in the **price of \$25**. The function room has been booked for a **2.00pm start with the movie to be screened at 3.00pm**.

If interested in purchasing a ticket/s, please contact Marcia (0400 261 979) or Bill (0497 991 226).  
Feel free to promote this event with your family/friends.  
Thanks for considering and hope you can join us.  
**Should you wish to attend this event, please let Tam know so car pooling can be arranged if required.**

## POSITIONS VACANT

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

### Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne

- Discipleship Specialist - Marriage and Family Accompaniment – East Melbourne

### Parish Positions

- Parish Secretary-Our Lady of Southern Cross Parish, Clifton Hill
- Administration Assistant, Richmond
- Parish Secretary, Niddrie
- Parish Secretary, Corio

### Others Positions

- Expression of Interest (EOI) – Aboriginal Catholic Ministry Victoria (ACMV) Coordinator - Thornbury

### Catholic Development Fund

- Product Support, CDF pay – East Melbourne

Further details of the above positions can be found on the Archdiocese website at:

<https://melbournecatholic.org/job-vacancies>

Please forward this information to family or friends you may have living in the areas mentioned.

## Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation – series of contemplation and reflection

*Waiting at the Well - 4x Thu, 5, 12, 19 & 26 Oct, 10am–12.30pm (in-person event)*

*Carole Carmody rsm, Julie Adam*

*This series offers an opportunity for those waiting to have their thirst quenched at the Well of Life to explore the depths of wisdom in their own heart, to recognise wisdom in the encounter with another, and to dwell in the Heart of Contemplation.*

*Places limited. Bookings via <https://www.heartoflife.melbourne/events/waiting-at-the-well-series/> or email [info@heartoflife.melbourne](mailto:info@heartoflife.melbourne). Cost \$100 for the series or \$30 per session.*



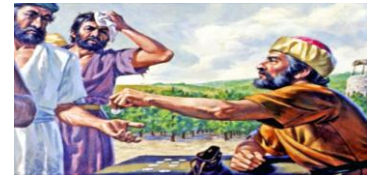
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## PRIEST & PRESBYTERY BY DIRECT DEBIT

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.