

ST. MARY'S PARISH

LANCEFIELD & ROMSEY

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

1st October, 2023

Lancefield Church
27 Chauncey Street
Lancefield



Romsey Church
85 Main Street
Romsey



EVERYONE WELCOME

Ministry Roster	01/10/23	07/10/23	08/10/23	15/10/23
Musician	Christine	-----	Rosalie	Christine
Reader	Betty	Anne B	Michael M	Leanne
Collector	Rob	-----	Tim	Gerard
Cleaner	Loretta	-----	Florence	Marie
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 & 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

St. Mary's Drop-in ----- Thursday 5th October, 10:30am to 2:30pm

Romsey Church Hall - All Welcome

Contact Rose for catering purposes: 5429 5270

BIBLES AVAILABLE

There is quite an array of Bibles in the parish office. If you or anyone you know would like one please contact Tam. Free of charge, very good condition.

St. VINCENT de PAUL – OBSERVANCE – 01/10/2023

A new chapter of SVDP has recently been established in Gisborne. If you or someone you know are in need of assistance, whether it be by way of food vouchers or perhaps furniture, please reach out 1800 305 330.

Long Term Volunteer Opportunities in the Australia-Pacific Region The Cagliero Project, Salesians of Don Bosco

We are seeking long term (6-12 month) volunteers for departure in January 2024 to work with young people in our Salesian communities in Samoa, Cambodia, Timor Leste, Solomon Islands and Australia.

Applications close October 31st, 2023.

Send us an enquiry - www.cagliero.org.au or lhichaaba@salesians.org.au

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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
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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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1 October 2023

First Reading Ez 18:25-28

The sinner who decides to turn against sinfulness deserves to live.

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 24:4-9. R. v.6

(R.) *Remember your mercies, O Lord.*

1. Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour. (R.)
2. Remember your mercy, Lord,
and the love you have shown from of old.
Do not remember the sins of my youth.
In your love remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord. (R.)
3. The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor. (R.)

Second Reading Phil 2:1-11

or shorter form Phil 2:1-5

In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus.

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus:

His state was divine,
yet he did not cling

to his equality with God
but emptied himself
to assume the condition of a slave,
and became as men are;
and being as all men are,
he was humbler yet,
even to accepting death,
death on a cross.
But God raised him high
and gave him the name
which is above all other names
so that all beings
in the heavens, on earth and in the
underworld,
should bend the knee at the name of
Jesus
and that every tongue should acclaim
Jesus Christ as Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 10:27

Alleluia, alleluia!

*My sheep listen to my voice,
says the Lord;*

I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 21:28-32

He went out moved by regret. The tax collectors and prostitutes will precede you into the kingdom of God.

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go," but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir," but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Jesus tells a little story about two brothers. One said 'Yes', but never did anything. The other said 'No', but then had a change of heart and did what was required. Jesus loved the brother who came around. He was very hard on the one who said 'Yes' but did not 'walk the talk'.

That is why he loved those tax collectors who gathered the revenue for the Roman authorities, and the prostitutes who serviced the Roman occupying army, but who switched allegiance from the Empire of Caesar to the Kingdom of God. This signalled a profound change of heart.

We may have said 'No' to God at various times with various intensity in our lives. But God is wonderfully patient and prepared to hear 'No' many times in the hope of hearing 'Yes'. God's patience never runs out. But our time to say 'Yes' does run out. We only have a relatively short life span!

At the end of Mass, I will say 'Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord.' As St Francis of Assisi put it, 'Preach the Gospel, and occasionally use words.' Walk the talk.

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MYSTERY OF FAITH

We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
and profess your Resurrection
until you come again.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Fr: St. Paul tells us to do nothing from selfish ambition but, in humility, regard others as better than ourselves. In this spirit we present our petitions before God.

R: We pray for the leaders of our government. May the Gospel standard of humility be a challenge to those who claim to serve humanity.

We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

R: Let us pray for ourselves that we never be so hard hearted that we can never give second thoughts about any situation or issue.

We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

R: We pray for Christians that we be willing to offer forgiveness to others, so that we may show that it is in pardoning that we are pardoned.

We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

R: We pray for each one of us. Having been given the freedom to make choices, may we be aware of God's will for us and respond accordingly.

We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

R: We pray for sick members of our parish and for those who care for them. We pray for those who have died recently, especially Rita Tully and we remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially Honor McGeady & Maureen Brown. May God welcome them into the eternal kingdom and give them the reward of their faithful service.

We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

All BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY PRAYER (see below)

HAIL MARY

Fr: Gracious God,
extend your compassion and mercy towards all whom we have commended in prayer.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, before whom every knee shall bend in heaven and on earth.

Amen

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

Readings next week Isaiah 5:1-7 Philippians 4:6-9 Matthew 21:33-43

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Congratulations and special blessings to all those who are celebrating birthdays and anniversaries during the month of October. 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: Anne Todd, Jenny McCarthy, Carolyn McCarthy and a big Happy Birthday to our younger ones – **Ben Jackson, Odin Tully & Matilda Cleve.**

Anniversaries: Jenny & Luke Jackson – 7 years
Cameron & Louise Newnham – 13 years
Ken & Helene Newnham – 63 years
Barry & Kathy Ireland – 64 years!

FUNERAL DETAILS

The life of

Mrs. Rita Tully

will be celebrated at
Lancefield Church
Friday 6th October
1:30pm.

Burial to follow at
Lancefield Cemetary.

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

01/10/23 – Romsey
08/10/23 – Lancefield
15/10/23 – Romsey
22/10/23 – Lancefield
29/10/23 – Lancefield
05/11/23 – Romsey

HEALING MASS

1st 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 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!

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

MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARY MASS – ST PATRICK’S CATHEDRAL

Sunday October 22, 2023 – 11am to 12pm

Couples and families are invited to join us as we celebrate our annual Anniversary Mass. Couples who register and are celebrating the following anniversaries – 5th, 10th, 15th, 20th, 25th, 30th, 35th or 40 years and above – will receive a commemorative certificate.

Register by Sunday 15 October at trybooking.com/CLKRB

For all enquiries, please contact Proclaim on 9926 5721 or by email at proclaim@cam.org.au

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
- Parish Secretary, Williamstown

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.

SAVE THE DATE Night of the Witnesses – 22 November 2023, 7pm St. Patrick’s Cathedral

Aid to the Church in Need invites you to an evening of prayer, testimony, song, adoration and reflection to honour the witness of twelve recent Christian martyrs and to stand in solidarity with Christians all over the world who are suffering persecution for their faith in Jesus Christ.

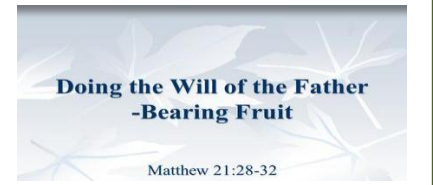
Archbishop Peter Comensoli will preside and His Beatitude, Patriarch Joseph Absi of the Melkite Greek Catholic Church will be one of the international guest speakers who will share personal testimony of persecution for the faith. We hope you will join us.

For more information please visit: www.aidtochurch.org/notw

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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?**



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