

ST. MARY'S PARISH

LANCEFIELD & ROMSEY

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

15th October, 2023

Lancefield Church
27 Chauncey Street
Lancefield



Romsey Church
85 Main Street
Romsey



EVERYONE WELCOME

Ministry Roster	15/10/23	22/10/23	29/10/23	04/11/23
Musician	Christine	Agnes	Rosalie	-----
Reader	Leanne	Joan	Judith	Michael G
Collector	<i>Vol. required</i>	Joe	Ged	-----
Cleaner	Marie	Kerry	Rosalie	-----
Location	Romsey	Lancefield	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, 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

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.

SPECIAL COLLECTION NEXT WEEK – WORLD MISSION SUNDAY



In the smallest villages around the world ... even there, you will find local missionaries who live to serve their communities. Missionaries who, led by the Holy Spirit, walk with those in most need. Missionaries like Sr Carolina.

Next week Catholic Mission will offer you the opportunity to partner with Sr Carolina and the Salesian Sisters in Venilale, Timor-Leste, where your gift can help continue a life-saving program to help address the health and well-being of this community.

We hope you will take next week's opportunity to make an incredible impact for those in need.



Freecall: 1800 257 296
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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

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 hichaaba@salesians.org.au

The Living Word

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

15 October 2023

First Reading Is 25:6-10

The Lord will prepare a feast and will wipe away the tears from every cheek.

On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all people a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines, of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines. On this mountain he will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples, and the shroud enwrapping all nations, he will destroy Death for ever. The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek; he will take away his people's shame everywhere on earth, for the Lord has said so. That day, it will be said: See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation; the Lord is the one in whom we hoped. We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us; for the hand of the Lord rests on this mountain.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 22. R. v.6

(R.) I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

1. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. *(R.)*
2. He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear. You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort. *(R.)*
3. You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. *(R.)*
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever. *(R.)*

Second Reading Phil 4:12-14,19-20

I am able to do all things in him who strengthens me.

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I have been through my initiation and now I am ready for anything anywhere:

full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength. All the same, it was good of you to share with me in my hardships. In return my God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

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 22:1-14

Whomsoever you find invite to the wedding.

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have been invited" he said "that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding." But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He dispatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding." So these servants went out onto the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests. When the king came in to look at the guests he noticed one man who was not wearing a wedding garment, and said to him, "How did you get in here, my friend, without a wedding garment?" And the man was silent. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot and throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

The servants of the king went out and gathered in 'all whom they found, good and evil alike'. They respond, drawn by the attractive prospect of sharing in the life of the Lord of the Feast, and they are welcomed, whether good or evil.

What about the king's (God's) question to the wedding guest? 'My friend, how come you are here without a wedding garment?' The guest might have replied: 'Because of dire poverty', or 'Lack of time', but the story goes on, 'But the guest was silent'. The guest was tongue-tied because he was caught out having decided not to enter into the spirit of the occasion.

That is why, at every baptism, we look for a signal of commitment to respond to the spirit of the occasion, by the wearing of a white garment. This anticipates the later receiving of Holy Communion which is a foretaste of the Feast of Heaven.

We could pause for a moment at this Mass to enter into the Spirit of the occasion wearing the garment of our baptismal commitment.

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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: God invites us to his banquet of life. Let us ask this generous Father for all our needs.

R: That the Church on earth may thrive and grow and draw many to the feast of the kingdom.

We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

R: That rich and poor alike may not make excuses to evade the call to the kingdom.

We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

R: That through our apostolic efforts we may provide the hungry with their share of God's bounty.

We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

R: That we may be found worthy to come to the supper of the Lamb of God.

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 and we remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially Brendan Finucane, Lynne Connors and Kathrine Theisz.

We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

All HAIL MARY

Fr: Most generous Father, you call us to share your bounty.

As we pray for others, help us to bring them with us
to that banquet set forth by your Son, who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Amen

Collections last week Presbytery \$338 Thanksgiving \$732
1st collection: Presbytery & Priest 2nd collection: Thanksgiving (envelope)

Readings next week Isaiah 45:1, 4-6 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5 Matthew 22:15-21



BANQUET

How many words can you make from
the letters in the word BANQUET ?

WEEKLY MASS TIMES

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

15/10/23 – Romsey
22/10/23 – Lancefield
29/10/23 – Lancefield
05/11/23 – Romsey
12/11/23 – Lancefield
19/11/23 – Romsey

**HEALING MASS
1st Saturday at 10:00am**

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:

Parish Positions

- Parish Secretary-Our Lady of Southern Cross Parish, Clifton Hill
- Parish Secretary, Corio/Lara Parish, Corio
- Parish Secretary, St. Mary’s Parish, Williamstown
- Parish Secretary, St. Luke’s Parish, Wantirna
- Parish Secretary, St. Macartan’s Catholic Church, Mornington

Others Positions

- Aboriginal Catholic Ministry Victoria (ACMV) Coordinator, Thornbury
- Discipleship Specialist – University Discipleship, Melbourne
- Discipleship Specialist – Marriage & Family Accompaniment, 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.

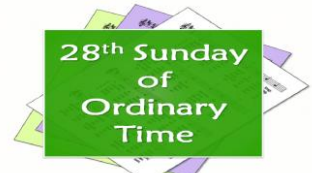
Archbishop Peter Comensoli will preside and His Beatitude, Patriarch Joseph Absi of the Melkite Greek Catholic Church will be one of the international guest speakers who will share personal testimony of persecution for the faith. We hope you will join us.

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.

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.



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