

ST. MARY'S PARISH

LANCEFIELD & ROMSEY

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

22nd October, 2023

Lancefield Church
27 Chauncey Street
Lancefield



Romsey Church
85 Main Street
Romsey



EVERYONE WELCOME

Ministry Roster	22/10/23	29/10/23	04/11/23	05/11/23
Musician	Agnes	Rosalie	-----	Christine
Reader	Joan	Michael M	Michael G	Eileen
Collector	Joe	Ged	-----	Rob
Cleaner	Kerry	Rosalie	-----	Anthea
Location	Lancefield	Lancefield	Romsey	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 THIS WEEK – WORLD MISSION SUNDAY



This week Catholic Mission will offer the opportunity to be part of a life-changing program which aims to address gaps in medical care, and provide families with essential health care and knowledge, equipping them with the confidence to act and autonomy over their health and well-being.

The Maria Auxiliadora Clinic is a vital project for the Salesian Sisters and the Church in Venilale. Since its establishment, the clinic has provided life-saving treatment for families in need, like Petrolina's, whose daughter Vitoria was found to have tuberculosis. But, with an increase in the demand for treatment, the Sisters resources can only carry them so far.

Please give generously today to help continue this life-giving program by using the appeal envelope, going online at catholicmission.org.au/timor, or scanning the QR code. Your gift will also help many other similar Church-run mission programs around the world.



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Secretary Hours

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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

Sacrament of Confirmation – St. Mary's Parish Children

The children of our parish will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday the 28th of October.

Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare for this next step in their faith journey.

The Living Word

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First Reading Is 45:1.4-6

I have taken the hand of Cyrus to subdue nations before his countenance.

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to
Cyrus,
whom he has taken by his right hand
to subdue nations before him
and strip the loins of kings,
to force gateways before him
that their gates be closed no more:

It is for the sake of my servant Jacob,
of Israel my chosen one,
that I have called you by your name,
conferring a title though you do not
know me.

I am the Lord, unrivalled;
there is no other God besides me.
Though you do not know me, I arm you
that men may know from the rising to
the setting of the sun
that, apart from me, all is nothing.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 95:1. 3-5. 7-10. R. v.7

(R.) Give the Lord glory and honour.

- 1 O sing a new song to the Lord,
sing to the Lord all the earth.
Tell among the nations his glory
and his wonders among all the
peoples. (R.)
- 2 The Lord is great and worthy of praise,
to be feared above all gods;
the gods of the heathens are naught.
It was the Lord who made the heavens.
(R.)
- 3 Give the Lord, you families of peoples,
give the Lord glory and power,
give the Lord the glory of his name.
Bring an offering and enter his courts.
(R.)
- 4 Worship the Lord in his temple.
O earth, tremble before him.
Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.'
He will judge the peoples in fairness.
(R.)

Second Reading 1 Thes 1:1-5

We are mindful of your faith, hope, and love.

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the
Church in Thessalonika which is in God the
Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; wishing

you grace and peace from God the Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ.

We always mention you in our prayers
and thank God for you all, and constantly
remember before God our Father how you
have shown your faith in action, worked for
love and persevered through hope, in our
Lord Jesus Christ.

We know, brothers, that God loves you and
that you have been chosen, because when
we brought the Good News to you, it came
to you not only as words, but as power and
as the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction.

Gospel Acclamation Phil 2:15. 16

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Shine on the world like bright stars;
you are offering it the word of life.*

Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 22:15-21

*Give to Caesar the things that belong to Caesar and to God
the things that are God's.*

The Pharisees went away to work out
between them how to trap Jesus in what
he said. And they sent their disciples to
him, together with the Herodians, to say,
'Master, we know that you are an honest
man and teach the way of God in an honest
way, and that you are not afraid of anyone,
because a man's rank means nothing
to you. Tell us your opinion, then. Is it
permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?'
But Jesus was aware of their malice and
replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this
trap for me? Let me see the money you pay
the tax with.' They handed him a denarius,
and he said, 'Whose head is this? Whose
name?' 'Caesar's' they replied. He then
said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar
what belongs to Caesar – and to God what
belongs to God.'



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Jesus first cleverly throws his
questioners on the defensive. They
are the ones carrying the coinage,
not him. Then he poses the crucial
question, 'Whose image is it and
whose inscription?' They said to
him, 'Caesar's'. Then he said to
them: 'Render to Caesar what is
Caesar's and to God what is
God's.'

The coin bore the image and
inscription of Caesar. Genesis
teaches us that human beings are
made in the image and likeness of
God. Our Lord is saying, 'Let the
political and financial authorities
have their coinage. It is their legal
tender. But they cannot have
human beings. Human beings
belong to Another. They belong to
God.'

We are fortunate to live in a
wonderful democracy. But even a
democracy can violate the dignity
of a human being created in the
image and likeness of God. As
Pope John Paul II said: 'Authentic
democracy is possible only in a
state ruled by law, and on the
basis of a correct conception of the
human person.' (Italics added)

We could pause for a moment to
thank God for the inscription, 'Child
of God', effectively engraved on our
hearts by baptism.

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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: Jesus calls us to live for God in the world we build together. Let us pray for God's blessing on our world and all who dwell in it.

R: We pray for the leaders of the world's nations. May they dedicate themselves to the work of unity, peace and the care of creation.

We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

R: We pray for the church on this Mission Sunday. May all the baptised embrace their mission to go forth and proclaim the good news.

We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

R: We pray for those who work without fanfare to protect and improve their local environment. May their hidden service bear fruit for all.

We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

R: We pray for one another. May we, like the Thessalonians, put faith into action, work for love and persevere in hope.

We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

R: We pray for the sick members of our parish and for those who care for them. For those who have died recently, especially Ian Kay and we remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially Peter McLaughlin. May they rejoice in the grace and peace of God forever.

We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

All HAIL MARY

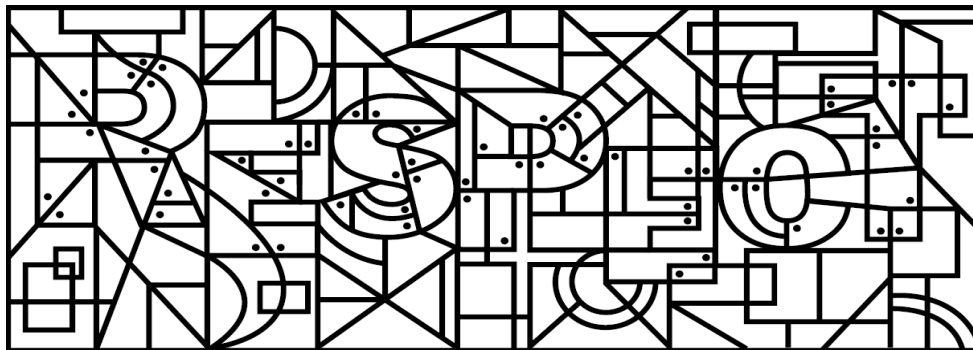
Fr: God of wisdom and power, by your providence you guide all that you have made. Look upon us with love and keep us on the path of salvation. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen

Collections last week Presbytery \$241 Thanksgiving \$520
1st collection: Presbytery & Priest 2nd collection: Thanksgiving (envelope)

Readings next week Exodus 22:20-26 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10 Matthew 22:34-40

Colour in shapes that contain dots to reveal something that Jesus wants us to show others



ALL SOULS' & ALL SAINTS' Masses in our district

01/11/23	All Saints' Day 9:30am Mass at St. Ambrose – Fr. Martin 9:30am Mass at St. Brigid's – Fr. Denis No Mass in Kilmore
02/11/23	All Souls' Day 9:00am Mass at St. Patrick's Kilmore – Fr. Prakash 9:30am Mass at St. Ambrose Woodend – Fr. Martin 5:00pm Mass at St. Brigid's Gisborne – Fr. Denis/Fr. Jossy 7:30pm Mass at St. Patrick's Kilmore – Fr. Prakash

Memorial Book's will again be placed in each of our churches for the month of November. We welcome parishioners to include your loved ones.

Parishioners are invited to leave framed photographs of departed loved ones at the base of each altar during the month of November.

WEEKLY MASS TIMES

St. Mary's Parish

Sunday's at 9:00am

22/10/23 – Lancefield
29/10/23 – Lancefield
05/11/23 – Romsey
12/11/23 – Lancefield
19/11/23 – Romsey
26/11/23 – Lancefield

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

MELBOURNE CATHOLIC

To keep up to date with news happening in our Archdiocese, visit: <https://melbournecatholic.org>

POSITIONS VACANT

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

Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne

- Discipleship Specialist – University Discipleship, Melbourne
- Discipleship Specialist – Marriage & Family Accompaniment, Melbourne
- Aboriginal Catholic Ministry Victoria (ACMV) Coordinator, Thornbury
- Assistant Sacristan, St Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne

Catholic Development Fund

- Relationship Support Officer

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
- Administration Assistant, Richmond

Others Positions

- Business Manager - The Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate, Camberwell

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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