

ST. MARY'S PARISH

LANCEFIELD & ROMSEY

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

29th October, 2023

Lancefield Church
27 Chauncey Street
Lancefield



Romsey Church
85 Main Street
Romsey



EVERYONE WELCOME

Ministry Roster	29/10/23	04/11/23	05/11/23	12/11/23
Musician	Rosalie	-----	Christine	Agnes
Reader	Michael M	Michael G	Eileen	Michael M
Collector	Ged	-----	Rob	Barry
Cleaner	Rosalie	-----	Anthea	Anne T
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:
Merle Trembath, Christine Cheney, Isabelle Fleming, Kath Ireland, Val Carr,
Gwen DeCarolis, John Alford, 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.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Total Parish contribution - \$188.75

Thank you very much for your donations to World Mission Sunday last week. Your prayers and support of World Mission Sunday will help missionaries work alongside communities throughout the world that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief.

Please pray for the work of Catholic Missions and all those working to offer the love of Jesus, that we may remain strong in our witness to Christ's love for all peoples.

Mary's Drop-in ----- Thursday 2nd November, 10:30am to 2:30pm

Romsey Church Hall - All Welcome

Contact Rose for catering purposes: 5429 5270

Sacrament of Confirmation – St. Mary's Parish Children

Congratulations to the children of our parish who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday the 28th of October.

Thank you to our Faith & Wellbeing Leader, Shelly Thrum, for her tireless efforts in preparing the children and to Bp. Terry Curtin and Fr. Martin for celebrating this special occasion with our children as they take this important step in their faith journey.

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Secretary Hours

Wednesday & Friday
8:00am – 5:00pm

St Mary's Primary School

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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 Dalgleish
Michael Mooney
Monica Tomlinson

The Living Word

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29 October 2023

First Reading Ex 22:20-26

If you are harsh with the widow or the orphan, my anger will rage against you.

The Lord said to Moses, 'Tell the sons of Israel this, "You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans.

"If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him.

"If you take another's cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity."

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 17:2-4, 47, 51. R. v.2

(R.) *I love you, Lord, my strength.*

1. I love you, Lord, my strength,
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.
My God is the rock where I take refuge;
my shield, my mighty help, my
stronghold.
The Lord is worthy of all praise:
when I call I am saved from my foes. (R.)
2. Long life to the Lord, my rock!
Praised be the God who saves me.
He has given great victories to his king
and shown his love for his anointed. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Thes 1:5-10

You turned away from idols to serve God and await his Son.

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and

Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread – and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

*All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we
will come to them.*

Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 22:34-40

You shall love the Lord your God and your neighbour as yourself.

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: you must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Did you notice that Our Lord does not command us to love 'God'? No, we are to love 'the Lord your God', the One who rescued the Jewish people from slavery. The resurrection of Jesus Christ reveals the Lord God as the liberator from the apparent final dominance of death. Loving such a liberator is the natural response. So, 'Love *the Lord your God*'.

Then Our Lord does not command us to love our neighbour! Rather, 'Love your neighbour as *yourself*.' But who is 'yourself'? In the wonderful story-telling of Genesis, we are told that Adam, an earthen statue, had Divine Breath breathed into the nostrils, creating him as a human being. We earthlings are conceived with the Divine Breath at the core of our being.

The challenge for you and for me is to see 'yourself' in that way, and thereafter every human being whose lives we can affect: the neighbour. And in today's global world, the neighbour can be a person in a society geographically or culturally distant.

We could pause for a moment to see the true dimensions of God, self and the other, to more easily fulfil the dual command.

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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: Sisters and brothers, love God and love our neighbour are united in one commandment of Jesus, and are the foundation of how we live our Christian life.

R: For the Church: that Christian communities may live the love of God and neighbour that we proclaim to others.

We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

R: For all who live in the fear of war: may those who grieve be comforted, the injured consoled and healed, the Lord be close to those in fear and restrain those who turn to violence. May we seek the Lord's wisdom when we speak of justice, peace and security for all.

We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

R: For all the relationships in our lives – those we love and those we find hard to love: that we treat each other with gentleness, civility and loving concern.

We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

R: For those undertaking final examinations: may they know the peace of God, the support of family and teachers, and approach with confidence this harvest time of their studies.

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 and we remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially Eileen Peterson.

We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

All HAIL MARY

Fr: Compassionate God, you are a refuge for the poor and helpless. Hear our prayers and place in our hearts the desire to live your commandment of love. We make these prayers through Christ our lord. .

Amen

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

Readings next week Malachi 1:14-2:2, 8-10 1 Thessalonians 2:7-9, 13 Matthew 23:1-12



CROSSWORD

Across

- 2: *unwise*
5: *Jesus said, "Love _____ as much as you love yourself"*
7: *more than all others*
9: *an examination*
11: *God's laws that were given to Moses*

Down

- 1: *someone who knows a lot about a specific subject*
2: *the opposite of last*
3: *the organ that pumps blood through the body*
4: *significant*
6: *the S _____ were foolish*
8: *Jesus said, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, _____, and mind"*
10: *a rule that must be obeyed*

WEEKLY MASS TIMES

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

29/10/23 – Lancefield
05/11/23 – Romsey
12/11/23 – Lancefield
19/11/23 – Romsey
26/11/23 – Lancefield
03/12/23 – 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

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 BOOKS

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.

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
- Discipleship Internship Programme - Expression of Interest

Catholic Development Fund

- Product Support, CDF Pay

Parish Positions

- 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
- Administration Assistant – Corpus Christi College

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.

MELBOURNE CATHOLIC

To keep up to date with news happening in our Archdiocese, visit:

<https://melbournecatholic.org>

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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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