

# ST. MARY'S PARISH

LANCEFIELD & ROMSEY

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

5<sup>th</sup> November, 2023

Lancefield Church  
27 Chauncey Street  
Lancefield



Romsey Church  
85 Main Street  
Romsey



## EVERYONE WELCOME

Ministry Roster	04/11/23	05/11/23	12/11/23	19/11/23
Musician	-----	Christine	Agnes	Christine
Reader	Michael G	Eileen	Michael M	Eileen
Collector	-----	Rob	Barry	Ged
Cleaner	-----	Anthea	Anne T	Anne N
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:  
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](mailto: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.

## Visit of His Excellency Most Rev Paul Gallagher

*Secretary for the Relations with States and International Organisations,  
Secretariat of State, Holy See*

On the occasion of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Diplomatic Relations between the Commonwealth of Australia and the Vatican, Archbishop Comensoli is pleased to welcome His Excellency Most Rev Paul Gallagher and the Apostolic Nuncio to Australia – His Excellency Most Rev Charles Balvo to Melbourne.

Archbishops Comensoli, Gallagher and Balvo, together with clergy of the Archdiocese, will celebrate Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral on the

**Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica**  
**Thursday 9 November, 5.30pm.**

All are welcome to attend.

## POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER 2023

*For the Pope*

We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfills his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.

## Parish Priest

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## Parish Secretary

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## Parish Email

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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  
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

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

5 November 2023

## First Reading Mal 1:14 – 2:2.8-10

*You have strayed from the way, you have caused many to stumble by your teaching.*

I am a great king, says the Lord of hosts, and my name is feared throughout the nations. And now, priests, this warning is for you. If you do not listen, if you do not find it in your heart to glorify my name, says the Lord of hosts, I will send the curse on you and curse your very blessing. You have strayed from the way; you have caused many to stumble by your teaching. You have destroyed the covenant of Levi, says the Lord of hosts. And so I in my turn have made you contemptible and vile in the eyes of the whole people in repayment for the way you have not kept to my paths but have shown partiality in your administration.

Have we not all one Father? Did not one God create us? Why, then, do we break faith with one another, profaning the covenant of our ancestors?

## Responsorial Psalm Ps 130

*(R.) In you, Lord, I have found my peace.*

1. O Lord, my heart is not proud nor haughty my eyes.  
I have not gone after things too great nor marvels beyond me. (R.)
2. Truly I have set my soul in silence and peace.  
A weaned child on its mother's breast, even so is my soul. (R.)
3. O Israel, hope in the Lord both now and for ever. (R.)

## Second Reading 1 Thes 2:7-9.13

*We were eager to hand over to you not only the Good News but our lives as well.*

Like a mother feeding and looking after her own children, we felt so devoted and protective towards you, and had come to love you so much, that we were eager to hand over to you not only the Good News but our whole lives as well. Let me remind you, brothers, how hard we used to work, slaving night and day so as not to be a burden on any one of you while we were proclaiming God's Good News to you.

Another reason why we constantly thank God for you is that as soon as you heard the message that we brought you as God's message, you accepted it for what it really is, God's message and not some human thinking; and it is still a living power among you who believe it.

## Gospel Acclamation Mt 23:9. 10

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*You have one Father, your Father in heaven;*

*you have one teacher: the Lord Jesus Christ.*

*Alleluia!*

## Gospel Mt 23:1-12

*They do not practise what they preach.*

Addressing the people and his disciples Jesus said, 'The scribes and the Pharisees occupy the chair of Moses. You must therefore do what they tell you and listen to what they say; but do not be guided by what they do: since they do not practise what they preach. They tie up heavy burdens and lay them on men's shoulders, but will they lift a finger to move them? Not they! Everything they do is done to attract attention, like wearing broader phylacteries and longer tassels, like wanting to take the place of honour at banquets and the front seats in the synagogues, being greeted obsequiously in the market squares and having people call them Rabbi.

'You, however, must not allow yourselves to be called Rabbi, since you have only one Master, and you are all brothers. You must call no one on earth your father, since you have only one Father, and he is in heaven. Nor must you allow yourselves to be called teachers, for you have only one Teacher, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant. Anyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and anyone who humbles himself will be exalted.'



## Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

There have been periods in the church's history where the burdens placed on the shoulders of people – particularly an exaggerated sense of guilt for certain sins – truly weighed people down, creating a terrible sense of unworthiness, leading to the living of distorted lives.

Our Lord makes it clear that leaders cannot evade responsibility for this by hiding behind honorific titles.

In the Gospels, we find the One who said: 'Come to me all you who toil and are burdened and I will refresh you. Take my yoke upon you and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden light.' (Matt 11:28-30)

If people don't find that the burden laid on them by Church leaders (who often long to be greeted obsequiously) leads to refreshment and rest for their souls, then it is right to question the burden, and to question the leaders who impose such burdens.

Perhaps we could pause for a moment to pray for Pope Francis whose favoured titles are simply: 'Bishop of Rome', 'Servant of the Servants of God'.

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## MYSTERY OF FAITH

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,  
we profess your Resurrection  
until you come again.

## PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

**Fr:** To the one God you created us all, let us pray in the name of Jesus,  
our Master and Teacher.

**R:** For the Church: that the church's leaders may be freed from thoughts of rank,  
title or honour, and live humbly as servants after the example of their Master.

**We pray to the Lord.**

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

**R:** For those who have been hurt by the words or deeds of church leaders:  
may the wounded be our teachers in ways of justice and healing.

**We pray to the Lord.**

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

**R:** For all those who serve our parish liturgies: may they strive to prayerfully enable  
all to participate in the liturgy and care lovingly for the place where we worship.

**We pray to the Lord.**

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

**R:** For nations torn apart by war: that in the hearts of all people there may be a true love  
of peace and justice and that those who take counsel for the nations of the earth may  
be guided by God's wisdom.

**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 for those whose anniversaries occur at  
this time, especially Ken Francis, Jack Smith, John Mann & James McCarthy.

**We pray to the Lord.**

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

**All BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY PRAYER** (see below)  
**HAIL MARY**

**Fr:** Father in heaven, we give thanks to you unceasingly because you receive our  
petitions this day and every day.

Help us to remain faithful to our ministry of prayer,  
just as your Son Jesus remained faithful to us.

In his name, Father, hear us.

**Amen**

**Collections last week** Presbytery \$397 Thanksgiving \$590  
1<sup>st</sup> collection: Presbytery & Priest 2<sup>nd</sup> collection: Thanksgiving (envelope)

## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

*Congratulations and special blessings to all those who are celebrating birthdays and  
anniversaries during the month of November. 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:** Genny Collaco, Christina Cheney & Linda Collaco.

**Anniversaries:** Anne & Clark Todd – 41 years  
Brendan & Florence Meyer – 56 years

## Help needed

Do you have a whipa snipper? And a couple of hours to spare?  
Back yard of the Presbytery is need of some help please.  
Mowing will be done but edging needs a whipa snipper.  
Please contact Tam if you are able to help. Thank you.

## Ordinations to the Priesthood – St.Patrick's Cathedral

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November, 2023 – 10:00am to 11:30am  
1 Cathedral Place, East Melbourne

On Saturday 25 November, three deacons will be ordained to the priesthood:

**Rev Tien Van Tran, Rev Doan Ngoc (Peter) Nguyen & Rev Thomas William  
Christie. Jean-Sebastien Gery will be ordained to the transitional diaconate.**

Please pray for them as they embark on their priestly ministry in the service of  
God's people in the Archdiocese.

## WEEKLY MASS TIMES

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

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

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

04/11/23 – Romsey  
02/11/23 – 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 Christmas Cards & Calendars

Packets of 5 cards for \$3.50

Calendars - \$8.00

Now available in our churches



### MEMORIAL BOOKS

Memorial Book's have been 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
- Assistant Sacristan, St Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne
- Discipleship Internship Programme - Expression of Interest
- Deputy Director, Proclaim Office for Mission Renewal

#### Catholic Development Fund

- Manager CDFpay Support
- Relationship Support Officer

#### Parish Positions

- Parish Secretary, St. Luke's Parish, Wantirna
- Parish Secretary, St. Macartan's Catholic Church, Mornington
- Administration Assistant- St Ignatius & St James, Richmond
- Stewardship Administrator - St Simon's Parish, Rowville
- Mission Support Leader, Operations - St Gregory's the Great (Doncaster) and St Kevin's (Templestowe)
- Parish Secretary, St Thomas Mores Parish, Hadfield
- Pastoral Worker - St Judes and St Simons Parish, Scoresby and Rowville
- Parish Secretary – Our Lady of Mt Carmel Parish, Sunbury

#### Others Positions

- Administration Assistant – Corpus Christi College, Carlton

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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31<sup>st</sup> Sunday  
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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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Director – Tim McCarthy

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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?**



**Andrew Baddeley | Podiatrist**

ROMSEY | 5429 5254 | 99 Main St

RIDDELLS CREEK | 5428 7591 | 9 Station St