

ST. MARY'S PARISH

LANCEFIELD & ROMSEY

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

12th November, 2023

Lancefield Church
27 Chauncey Street
Lancefield



Romsey Church
85 Main Street
Romsey



EVERYONE WELCOME

Ministry Roster	12/11/23	19/11/23	26/11/23	02/12/23
Musician	Agnes	Christine	Rosalie	-----
Reader	Michael M	Eileen	Rosemary	Betty
Collector	Barry	Ged	Tim	-----
Cleaner	Anne T	Anne N	Leanne	-----
Location	Lancefield	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

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. MARY'S PARISH – 2023 CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

RAFFLE WILL BE DRAWN AT MASS ON 17/12/23

1ST PRIZE - \$300 CASH

2ND PRIZE - \$50 CASH

3RD PRIZE – CHRISTMAS CAKE

Please support our parish raffle.

All prize money and baked goods have been donated by parishioners therefore all ticket sales will go to support the parish. Thank you to those parishioners for their generosity.

SPECIAL COLLECTION THIS SUNDAY – CATHOLIC DEAF

Please give generously to help the John Pierce Centre for Deaf Ministry continue with their vital services for the deaf.

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.

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Parish Website

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Secretary Hours

Wednesday & Friday
8:00am – 5:00pm

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Principal - Julie McDougall
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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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First Reading Wis 6:12-16

Wisdom is found by those who look for it.

Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim.
By those who love her she is readily seen,
and found by those who look for her.
Quick to anticipate those who desire her,
she makes herself known to them.
Watch for her early and you will have no
trouble;
you will find her sitting at your gates.
Even to think about her is understanding
fully grown;
be on the alert for her and anxiety will
quickly leave you.
She herself walks about looking for those
who are worthy of her
and graciously shows herself to them as
they go,
in every thought of theirs coming to meet
them.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 62:2-8. R. v.2

*(R.) My soul is thirsting for you,
O Lord my God.*

1. O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you
like a dry, weary land without water. *(R.)*
2. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary.
to see your strength and your glory.
For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise. *(R.)*
3. So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy. *(R.)*
4. On my bed I remember you.
On you I muse through the night
for you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. *(R.)*

Second Reading 1 Thes 4:13-18

Those who died as Christians, God will bring to life with Jesus.

We want you to be quite certain, brothers,
about those who have died, to make sure
that you do not grieve about them, like the
other people who have no hope. We believe
that Jesus died and rose again, and that it
will be the same for those who have died in
Jesus: God will bring them with him. We can
tell you this from the Lord's own teaching,

that any of us who are left alive until the
Lord's coming will not have any advantage
over those who have died. At the trumpet
of God, the voice of the archangel will call
out the command and the Lord himself will
come down from heaven; those who have
died in Christ will be the first to rise, and
then those of us who are still alive will be
taken up in the clouds, together with them,
to meet the Lord in the air. So we shall stay
with the Lord for ever. With such thoughts
as these you should comfort one another.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 24:42. 44

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful and ready:

*you know not when the Son of Man
is coming.*

Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 25:1-13

Look, the bridegroom comes. Go out to meet him.

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The
kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten
bridesmaids took their lamps and went to
meet the bridegroom. Five of them were
foolish and five of them were sensible: the
foolish ones did take their lamps, but they
brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones
took flasks of oil as well as their lamps.
The bridegroom was late, and they all grew
drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight
there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here!
Go out and meet him." At this, all those
bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their
lamps, and the foolish ones said to the
sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil:
our lamps are going out." But they replied,
"There may not be enough for us and for
you; you had better go to those who sell
it and buy some for yourselves." They had
gone off to buy it when the bridegroom
arrived. Those who were ready went in with
him to the wedding hall and the door was
closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later.
"Lord, Lord," they said, "open the door for
us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do
not know you." So stay awake, because you
do not know either the day or the hour.'



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Israel was often portrayed as a
bride in Jewish scriptures. So, the
question was: 'When would the
Bridegroom - the Anointed One of
God, the Christ - appear?' Jesus'
warning is to the attendants of the
bride: 'Be alert, be vigilant, be
prepared.' Some (the five foolish
attendants) did miss the moment:
the earthly ministry of Jesus of
Nazareth.

But his warning is also for the
Catholic Church which is the new
Bride of Christ. We are the
attendants to the Bride and the
imperative applies to us also: Be
alert, be vigilant. Be prepared for
the eruption, the intervention of
Our Lord Jesus Christ, the
Bridegroom, into our history, into
our moment of time.

For example, is Christ coming to
meet us in the modern movements
which demand to hold authority
accountable, or which press for
just recognition of women? We can
foolishly remain in the dark or we
can wisely try to throw light on
these questions. Only then we will
be able to discern whether indeed
it is the Lord who is approaching.

We could pause to pray that we be
ready when the Bridegroom
responds to the ancient prayer:
'Come, Lord Jesus!'

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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:** Dear friends, Jesus calls us to be ready for the coming of the kingdom. Awake and alert, let us pray for God to guide and govern our world.
- R:** For peace in the Holy Land, release of hostages, protection of civilians, humanitarian aid for those in distress and diplomacy to end all hostilities.
- We pray to the Lord.** **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- R:** For those affected by bushfires in Australia, from the earthquake in Nepal, floods in Europe, Afghan refugees fleeing Pakistan and peace in places of conflict.
- We pray to the Lord.** **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- R:** For those who died in recent car accidents, especially in Daylesford, and the thousands killed in the Holy Land and Ukraine, that God may bring them to himself through Jesus Christ.
- We pray to the Lord.** **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- R:** For each other, that we may be always ready to meet the Bridegroom of the Church, Jesus Christ, our lamps aflame with good works.
- 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 Lurleen Nicholls, Eileen Parks & Raymonde Barrett and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially Margaret Kelleher, James Kelleher & Alfred Harder.
- We pray to the Lord.** **Lord, hear our prayer.**

All HAIL MARY

Fr: O Lord, our God,
give to us the Holy Spirit of Wisdom,
that we may be worthy of such a gift,
our minds filled with such grace
and our lives guided in the ways of peace.
Through Christ our Lord

Amen

Collections last week	Presbytery \$tbc	Thanksgiving \$tbc
	1 st collection: Presbytery & Priest	2 nd collection: Thanksgiving (envelope)
Readings next week	Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31	1 Thessalonians 5:1-6 Matthew 25:14-30

BAPTISM PRAYER

We ask our God, the giver of life, to bless you,

Harvey & Hayden

who will be presented to the parish to prepare for baptism.

We the Church of St. Mary's Lancefield/Romsey welcome and support you.

Congratulations to Harvey who will be baptised later today.

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 25th 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

12/11/23 – Lancefield
19/11/23 – Romsey
26/11/23 – Lancefield
03/12/23 – Romsey
10/12/23 – Lancefield
17/12/23 – Romsey

HEALING MASS

1st Saturday at 10:00am
02/12/23 – 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.

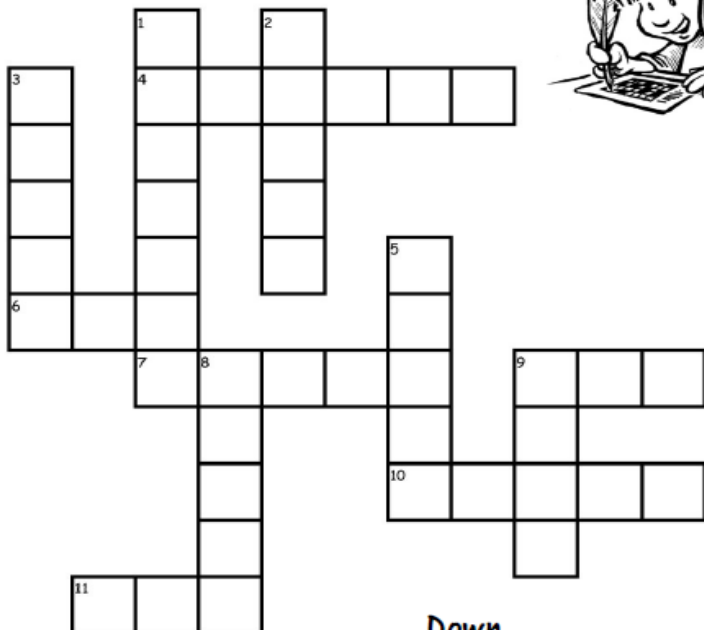
Volunteering Ministries

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

CROSSWORD



Across

- 4: there wasn't enough oil for all of the lamps
 6: this many girls went to meet the groom
 7: a bride's husband-to-be
 9: the liquid that was needed for the lamps
 10: you do this when you get tired
 11: to purchase

Down

- 1: when people get married they have one of these
 2: these were closed when the foolish girls returned
 3: the time when the sky is dark
 5: the ten girls used these to see in the dark
 8: prepared
 9: to enter a room first you must do this to the door

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.

COLUMBAN Christmas Cards & Calendars

Packets of 5 cards for \$3.50

Calendars - \$8.00

Now available in our churches

MELBOURNE CATHOLIC

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

<https://melbournecatholic.org>

32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

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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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