

ST. MARY'S PARISH

LANCEFIELD & ROMSEY

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

19th November, 2023

Lancefield Church
27 Chauncey Street
Lancefield



Romsey Church
85 Main Street
Romsey



EVERYONE WELCOME

Ministry Roster	19/11/23	26/11/23	02/12/23	03/12/23
Musician	Christine	Rosalie	-----	Christine
Reader	Eileen	Rosemary	Betty	John H
Collector	Ged	Tim	-----	Rob
Cleaner	Anne N	Leanne	-----	Christine
Location	Romsey	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:
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

So lovely to see a number of parishioners come and collect a Bible for themselves, their child or a loved one. I will leave the remaining Bibles in the bookcase at the back of each Church. Please help yourself if you are in need of a Bible.

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 LAST SUNDAY – CATHOLIC DEAF

Total contribution \$135

Thank you for your support of this wonderful work.

MELBOURNE CATHOLIC

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

ADVENT RECONCILIATION

Wednesday 13th of December
7pm – Lancefield Church

Parish Priest

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Parish Secretary

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Parish Website

<http://pol.org.au/lancefield/Home.aspx>

Secretary Hours

Wednesday & Friday
8:00am – 5:00pm

St Mary's Primary School

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School Website
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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-third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

19 November 2023

First Reading Prv 31:10-13,19-20,30-31

Give her a share in what she has worked for.

A perfect wife – who can find her?
She is far beyond the price of pearls.
Her husband's heart has confidence in her,
from her he will derive no little profit.
Advantage and not hurt she brings him
all the days of her life.
She is always busy with wool and with flax,
she does her work with eager hands.
She sets her hands to the distaff,
her fingers grasp the spindle.
She holds out her hand to the poor,
she opens her arms to the needy.
Charm is deceitful, and beauty empty;
the woman who is wise is the one to praise.
Give her a share in what her hands have
worked for,
and let her works tell her praises at the city
gates.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 127:1-5. R. v.1

(R.) Happy are those who fear the Lord.

1. O blessed are those who fear the Lord
and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be happy and prosper. *(R.)*
2. Your wife like a fruitful vine
in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive,
around your table. *(R.)*
3. Indeed thus shall be blessed
the man who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Zion
in a happy Jerusalem
all the days of your life. *(R.)*

Second Reading 1 Thes 5:1-6

The day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night.

You will not be expecting us to write anything to you, brothers, about 'times and seasons', since you know very well that the Day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night. It is when people are saying, 'How quiet and peaceful it is' that the worst suddenly happens, as suddenly as labour pains come on a pregnant woman; and there will be no way for anybody to evade it. But it is not as if you live in the dark, my brothers, for that Day to overtake you like a thief. No, you are all sons of light and sons of the day; we do not belong to the night or to darkness, so we should not go on sleeping, as everyone else does, but stay wide awake and sober.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 15:4, 5

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Live in me and let me live in you,
says the Lord;
my branches bear much fruit.
Alleluia!*

Gospel Mt 25:14-30

Because you have been faithful over a few things, enter into the joy of the Lord.

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out. The man who had received the five talents promptly went and traded with them and made five more. The man who had received two made two more in the same way. But the man who had received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. "Sir", he said "you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness." Next the man with the two talents came forward. "Sir," he said "you entrusted me with two talents; here are two more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness." Last came forward the man who had the one talent. "Sir," said he "I had heard you were a hard man, reaping where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered; so I was afraid, and I went off and hid your talent in the ground. Here it is; it was yours, you have it back." But his master answered him, "You wicked and lazy servant! So you knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered? Well then, you should have deposited my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have recovered my capital with interest. So now, take the talent from him and give it to the man who has the five talents. For to everyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from the man who has not, even what he has will be taken away. As for this good-for-nothing servant, throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth."



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

God's plan for human happiness is mostly frustrated by a good person burying his or her personality traits, what one might call one's talents, which is really to bury oneself and to become invisible.

In the old language of my schoolboy catechism, we should be concerned not just with sins of commission, but with sins of omission – failure of courage, failure to take risks, failure to put everything on the line with the personality and the moment in time given to you and to me.

As Shakespeare says in Julius Caesar:

'There is a tide in the affairs of men

which, taken at the flood, leads on to fortune;

omitted, all the voyage of their life is bound in stillness and in miseries.'

The Divine Tide is flowing through human history. We should trust ourselves to that tide which can carry us to the shores of Heaven. Failure to take risks leads to Hellish stillness and miseries.

We could pause for a moment to pray that we might use our talents so as to hear: 'Well done, good and faithful servant ... come and join in your Master's happiness.'

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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, today the Universal Church observes, at the initiative of Pope Francis, the 7th World Day of the Poor, with the theme of “not turning away.”

R: That the poor will feel the warmth of our care and compassion as we take the time to stretch out our hand to them with respect.

We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

R: That those who have realised, how spiritually poor they are, receive that grace by which they will know God better, & understand who their sisters & brothers really are.

We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

R: That the poor will teach us the truth of Pope Francis’ words: “prayer to God and solidarity with the poor and suffering are inseparable”.

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. That the poor who have died unknown, alone or unloved, will move from the darkness of their loneliness and be transformed into children of the light in the heavenly home. We pray for the recently deceased and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially Caden Salazar, Chris Johnston & Nick Johnson.

We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

All HAIL MARY

Fr: Loving Father,
help us to “hear the cry of the poor” with you,
and after the example of Mary, Mother of the Poor,
may we always be servants of those in need.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen

Collections last week	Presbytery \$260	Thanksgiving \$456
Collections 05/11/23	Presbytery \$176	Thanksgiving \$490
	1 st collection: Presbytery & Priest	2 nd collection: Thanksgiving (envelope)
Readings next week	Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17	1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28 Matthew 25:31-46

2024 Volunteer rosters

Work has begun on the volunteer rosters for 2024.

If you know of any travel plans for January to June 2024, please let Tam know so she can roster you accordingly.

A reminder that all volunteers require a valid Working with Children Check.

If you would like to join the volunteer team at the parish, please contact Tam to arrange. Ministries includes: Reader of the Word, Church Cleaning, Music, Gardening, PowerPoint operator for Sunday Mass.

Wordsearch

Try to find these words:



- away
- charge
- faithful
- five
- happiness
- little
- money
- more
- servant
- share
- thousand
- three

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WEEKLY MASS TIMES

St. Mary’s Parish
Sunday’s at 9:00am

- 19/11/23 – Romsey
- 26/11/23 – Lancefield
- 03/12/23 – Romsey
- 10/12/23 – Lancefield
- 17/12/23 – Romsey
- 24/12/23 – Lancefield

HEALING MASS
1st Saturday at 10:00am

- 02/12/23 – Romsey
- 06/01/24 – 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

Ordinations to the Priesthood – St.Patrick’s Cathedral

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

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.

POSITIONS VACANT

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

Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne

- Discipleship Specialist – University Discipleship, Melbourne
- Discipleship Internship Programme
- Deputy Director, Proclaim Office for Mission Renewal

Catholic Development Fund

- Manager CDFpay Support

Parish Positions

- Finance Administrator - St Simon's Parish, Rowville
- Administration Assistant- St Kevin's Parish, Hampton Park
- 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 Coordinator - St Joseph's Parish, Malvern, Holy Eucharist & St Mary's Parish, Malvern East & St Roch's Parish, Glen Iris
- Parish Secretary – Our Lady of Mt Carmel Parish, Sunbury

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.

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

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33rd Sunday
of
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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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