

ST. MARY'S PARISH

LANCEFIELD & ROMSEY

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe - Year A

26th November, 2023

Lancefield Church
27 Chauncey Street
Lancefield



Romsey Church
85 Main Street
Romsey



EVERYONE WELCOME

| Ministry Roster | 26/11/23 | 02/12/23 | 03/12/23 | 10/12/23 |
|-----------------|------------|----------|-----------|------------|
| Musician | Rosalie | ----- | Christine | Agnes |
| Reader | Rosemary | Betty | John H | Michael M |
| Collector | Tim | ----- | Rob | Joe |
| Cleaner | Leanne | ----- | Christine | Eva |
| 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.

Please forward celebration idea's by email to lancefield@cam.org.au

OBSERVANCE – YOUTH SUNDAY – November 26th

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.

Christmas Masses – Volunteers required

Could Readers of the Word who will be available to attend Mass on
Christmas Eve 24/12/23 – 6pm at Lancefield or **Christmas Day Mass 25/12/23**
– **9am at Romsey** please advise Tam so plans can be made.

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

Fr Martin Fleming
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Woodend Vic 3442
Ph: 5427 2690

Parish Secretary

Tammie Dalgleish
C/- Presbytery
27 Chauncey Street
Lancefield Vic 3435
Ph: 5429 2130

Parish Email

lancefield@cam.org.au

Parish Website

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

Secretary Hours

Wednesday & Friday
8:00am – 5:00pm

St Mary's Primary School

Principal - Julie McDougall
T: 5429 1359

office@smlancefield.catholic.edu.au

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

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, Year A

26 November 2023

First Reading Ez 34:11-12,15-17

You, my flock, I judge between sheep and sheep.

The Lord says this: I am going to look after my flock myself and keep all of it in view. As a shepherd keeps all his flock in view when he stands up in the middle of his scattered sheep, so shall I keep my sheep in view. I shall rescue them from wherever they have been scattered during the mist and darkness. I myself will pasture my sheep, I myself will show them where to rest – it is the Lord who speaks. I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and make the weak strong. I shall watch over the fat and healthy. I shall be a true shepherd to them.

As for you, my sheep, the Lord says this: I will judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and he-goats.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 22:1-3, 5-6. R. v.1

*(R.) The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.*

1. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose. (R.)
2. Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit.
He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name. (R.)
3. You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. (R.)
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall
follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Cor 15:20-26,28

He will hand over the kingdom to God the Father, so that God may be all in all.

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death. And when everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will be

subject in his turn to the One who subjected all things to him, so that God may be all in all.

Gospel Acclamation Mk 11:9-10

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Blessings on him who comes
in the name of the Lord!*

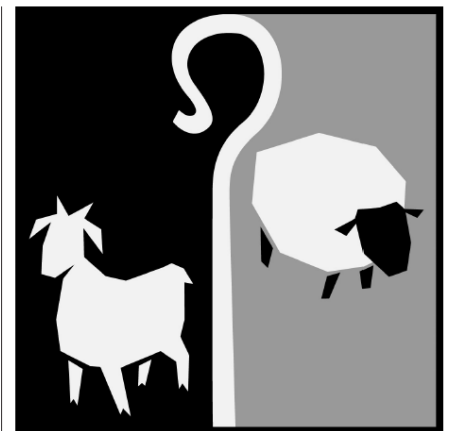
*Blessings on the coming kingdom
of our father David!*

Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 25:31-46

He will take his seat on his throne of glory, and he will separate men one from another.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left. Then the King will say to those on his right hand, "Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me." Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?" And the King will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me." Next he will say to those on his left hand, "Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me." Then it will be their turn to ask, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?" Then he will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me." And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the virtuous to eternal life.'



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

The eternal destiny of every human being of a certain maturity is determined by decisions made in relation to food and drink for the famished, clothing and housing for those without decent clothing or shelter, visiting those in circumstances which cut them off from life-giving contact with others (the sick and prisoners).

Those who provide such assistance, in the words of Pope Francis, touch the wounds of Christ! A Christian can be fully conscious of this, but for non-Christians it is possible to do so without any of our awareness or belief. Christ is *completely* incognito to them: 'When did we ever see you hungry and feed you ...?'

We know the doctrine of the Real Presence in the poor and marginalised. Woe betide those of us who ignore this fact of faith. We are on the way to a Hellish state of existence. That is equally possible for those who do not share our faith, but who ignore the plight of the marginalised and continue in a self-absorbed way.

We could pause for a moment to pray that we, and many billions of non-Christians, may hear the invitation: 'Come you blessed of my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.'

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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: "I myself will look after and tend my sheep," says the Lord God. "There is nothing they shall want." With confidence, let us call on the Divine Shepherd for guidance.

R: We pray for the earth and all its creatures, that we will take all the steps we need to protect and care for it.

We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

R: We pray for the stranger, that in every land a spirit of welcome and hospitality will overcome hostility and suspicion.

We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

R: We pray for our parish, that we will be more and more a community of care, warmth and selfless service.

We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

R: As we come to the end of the liturgical year, we pray with gratitude for all the faithful who have striven to preserve the spirit of our communities during the year just gone. May our churches continue to be places of communal prayer as we celebrate the Eucharist together.

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. We pray for the recently deceased, especially Sr. Margaret Sheehan RSM and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially Brian Cushen, Laurel Connors, James & Agnes Barry, Jack & Nell Grealy, Maurice Barry, David Shannon and Aileen Fleming.

We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

All HAIL MARY

Fr: God of glory and majesty, hear our prayers for your people everywhere, especially those who are deprived of life's basic requirements.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen

Collections last week Presbytery \$299 Thanksgiving \$325
 1st collection: Presbytery & Priest 2nd collection: Thanksgiving (envelope)

Readings next week Isaiah 63:16-17, 64:1, 3-8 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 Mark 13:33-37

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.

UPCOMING CHRISTMAS MASSES

A total of 5 Christmas Masses will be available to all St. Mary's & St. Ambrose parishioners so there will be a time and place to suit everyone. 😊

Wednesday 13th December – 7pm – Advent Reconciliation - Lancefield

Wednesday 20th December – 7:30pm – Advent Reconciliation – Woodend

Sunday 24th December – 9am – Fourth Sunday of Advent - Lancefield

Sunday 24 December – 6pm – outdoor family Mass – Lancefield

Sunday 24 December – 6pm – indoor family Mass – Woodend

Sunday 24 December – 10pm Mass (including carols) – Woodend

Monday 25 December – 9am Christmas Day Mass – Romsey

Monday 25 December – 9am Christmas Day Mass – Woodend

New Parish Priest appointed at St. Brigids in Gisborne

A number of St. Mary's parishioners also attend other churches in the region so I thought you'd like to know St. Brigid's welcomes their new Parish Priest,

Fr. Vincent Nguyen this weekend.

WEEKLY MASS TIMES

St. Mary's Parish

Sunday's at 9:00am

26/11/23 – Lancefield

03/12/23 – Romsey

10/12/23 – Lancefield

17/12/23 – Romsey

24/12/23 – Lancefield

31/12/23 – Lancefield

HEALING MASS

1st Saturday at 10:00am

02/12/23 – Romsey

No Healing Mass January 2024

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.

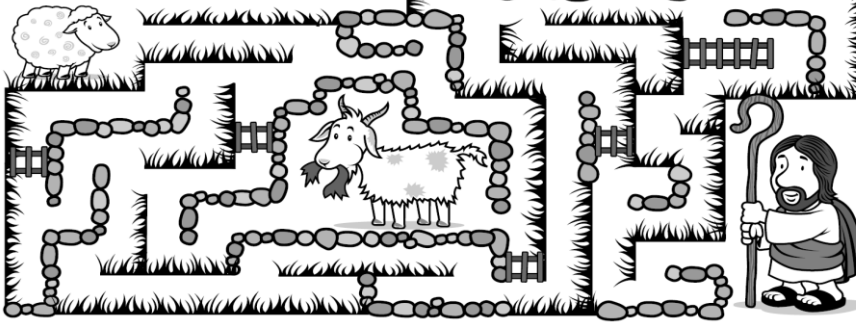
Volunteering Ministries

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

Help the sheep find its way to Jesus.



HOLDING the LIGHT: ecumenical service

Thursday 30 November 2023 - 5pm-6pm

Wesley Uniting Church, 136 Lonsdale Street, Melbourne

The Holding the Light ecumenical service remembers victims and survivors of domestic and family violence, and will this year be held at Wesley Uniting Church, (Lonsdale Street) with special guest speaker Sr Nicole Rotamu RSM.

POSITIONS VACANT

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

Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne

- Discipleship Specialist – University Discipleship, Melbourne
- Creatives Officer, Parental Leave Contract
- Deputy Director, Proclaim Office for Mission Renewal

Catholic Development Fund

- Manager CDFpay Support

Parish Positions

- Finance Administrator - St Simon's Parish, Rowville
- 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 will be removed from the churches after this week.

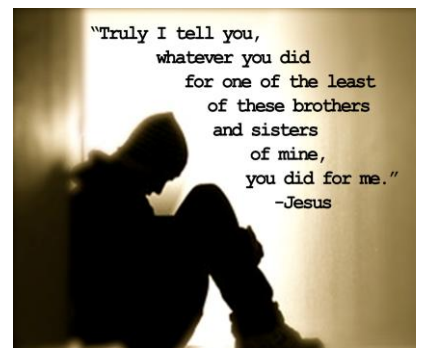
If you placed a photograph and your loved ones at the foot of the altar during November Masses, please take your treasured memories home after Mass this week. Thank you.

COLUMBAN Christmas Cards & Calendars

Packets of 5 cards for \$3.50

Calendars - \$8.00

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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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