

ST. MARY'S PARISH

LANCEFIELD & ROMSEY

First Sunday of Advent - Year B

3rd December, 2023

Lancefield Church
27 Chauncey Street
Lancefield



Romsey Church
85 Main Street
Romsey



EVERYONE WELCOME

Ministry Roster	02/12/23	03/12/23	10/12/23	17/12/23
Musician	-----	Christine	Agnes	Christine
Reader	Betty	John H	Michael M	Anne N
Collector	-----	Rob	Joe	Tim
Cleaner	-----	Christine	Eva	Monica
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.

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



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.

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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
47 Urquhart Street
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Ph: 5427 2690

Parish Secretary

Tammie Dalgleish
C/- Presbytery
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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

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First Reading **Is 63:16-17; 64:1.3-8**

Oh that you would tear the heavens apart and come down.

You, Lord, yourself are our Father,
Our Redeemer is your ancient name.
Why, Lord, leave us to stray from your
ways
and harden our hearts against fearing
you?

Return, for the sake of your servants,
the tribes of your inheritance.

Oh, that you would tear the heavens
open and come down
– at your Presence the mountains
would melt.

No ear has heard,
no eye has seen

any god but you act like this
for those who trust him.

You guide those who act with integrity
and keep your ways in mind.

You were angry when we were sinners;
we had long been rebels against you.

We were all like men unclean,
all that integrity of ours like filthy
clothing.

We have all withered like leaves
and our sins blew us away like the
wind.

No one invoked your name
or roused himself to catch hold of you.

For you hid your face from us
and gave us up to the power of our
sins.

And yet, Lord, you are our Father;
we the clay, you the potter,
we are all the work of your hand.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 79:2-3. 15-16. 18-19 R. v.4

**R. Lord, make us turn to you, let us see
your face and we shall be saved.**

1. O shepherd of Israel, hear us,
shine forth from your cherubim
throne.
O Lord, rouse up your might,
O Lord, come to our help. (R.)
2. God of hosts, turn again, we
implore,
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has
planted. (R.)

3. May your hand be on the man you
have chosen,
the man you have given your
strength.
And we shall never forsake you
again:
give us life that we may call upon
your name. (R.)

Second Reading **1 Cor 1:3-9**

The revelation we looked for, Christ Jesus our Lord.

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus
Christ send you grace and peace.

I never stop thanking God for all the
graces you have received through Jesus
Christ. I thank him that you have been
enriched in so many ways, especially
in your teachers and preachers; the
witness to Christ has indeed been
strong among you so that you will not
be without any of the gifts of the Spirit
while you are waiting for our Lord Jesus
Christ to be revealed; and he will keep
you steady and without blame until
the last day, the day of our Lord Jesus
Christ, because God by calling you has
joined you to his Son, Jesus Christ; and
God is faithful.

Gospel Acclamation **Ps 84:8**

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.**

Alleluia!

Gospel **Mk 13:33-37**

Stay awake! You never know when the Lord will come.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Be on your
guard, stay awake, because you never
know when the time will come. It is like
a man travelling abroad: he has gone
from home, and left his servants in
charge, each with his own task; and he
has told the doorkeeper to stay awake.
So stay awake, because you do not
know when the master of the house is
coming, evening, midnight, cockcrow,
dawn; if he comes unexpectedly, he
must not find you asleep. And what I say
to you I say to all: Stay awake!'



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Our Lord portrays himself as the
Master who goes away on a
journey. It is certain that he will
return, even if no-one in his
household knows exactly when.
That is *our* situation. What do we
do in anticipation?

Our Lord, the Master, indicates we
have a choice. We can close our
eyes and enter into the world of
dreams where we create our own
fantasy futures, or we can stay
awake and alert to do what Our
Lord wants us to do: 'He left his
servants in charge, giving to each
his work.'

You and me – his servants – have
a particular role or work in and for
this phase of human history. A
deep down intuition, prompted by
the Holy Spirit, indicates what this
is. We must be true to this
assignment.

We could take a moment to pray
that, when the Lord returns, we
may hear: 'Come, good and *faithful*
servant, inherit the Kingdom
prepared for you since the
foundation of the world.'

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2024 Volunteer rosters

In line with *'The Way of the Gospel'*, Archbishop Comensoli is requiring all parishes to have people involved in all aspects of parish life. Many people have gifts and talents that combined together can allow a parish to run better.

Moving forward there will be opportunity to be involved in new ministries to allow our parish to grow and thrive.

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

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.

POSITIONS VACANT

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

Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne

- Chief Advisor
- Creatives Officer, Parental Leave Contract

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 – St Macartan's Catholic Church, Mornington

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.

Funeral details for Pat Power

A Memorial Service to celebrate the life of Patricia Power will be held in the chapel at T.J. Scott & Son's - 5 Piper Street, Woodend on Wednesday 6th of December, 2023 at 11:30pm.

Burial will follow at Lancefield Cemetery at 1:30pm.

Pope's Monthly Intention for December

For persons with disabilities.

We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.

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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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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.