

ST. MARY'S PARISH

LANCEFIELD & ROMSEY

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

4th February, 2024

Lancefield Church
27 Chauncey Street
Lancefield



Romsey Church
85 Main Street
Romsey



EVERYONE WELCOME

| Ministry Roster | 04/02/24 | 11/02/24 | 18/02/24 | 25/02/24 |
|-----------------|-----------|----------------------------|-----------|------------|
| Musician | Christine | Rosalie | Christine | Agnes |
| Reader | | VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED | | |
| Collector | | PLEASE | | |
| Cleaner | | | | |
| Location | Romsey | Lancefield | 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, Gwen DeCarolis, John Alford, Brendan Coburn, Isla Foy, Rhonda Cusack, Fran Cassidy & Susan Brady.

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

2024 Volunteer rosters

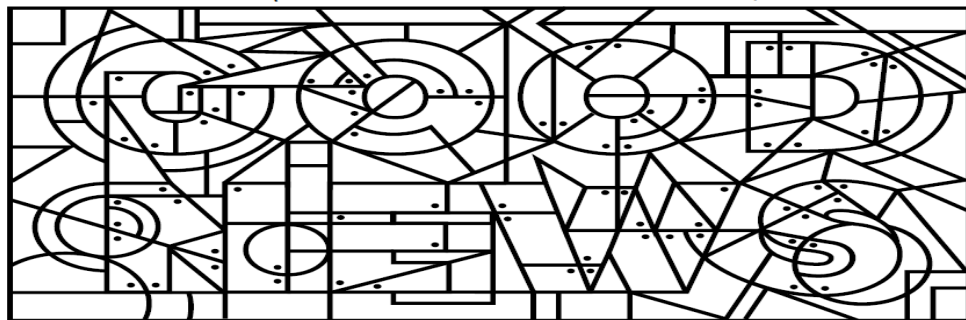
In line with 'The Way of the Gospel', Archbishop Comensoli is requiring all parishes to have people involved in all aspects of parish life. Many people have gifts and talents that combined together can allow a parish to run better.

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.

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

Colour in all the shapes that contain dots to reveal what Jesus wants everyone to know.



2024 ROSTERS

As I've only returned to the office this week, the need to prioritise the most urgent of tasks has meant that the rosters have not yet been completed for 2024.

Could current volunteers please fill roles as required for each Mass until rosters are ready.

Thank you.

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Lancefield Vic 3435
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Tammie Dalgleish
C/- Presbytery
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Secretary Hours

Wednesday & Friday
8:00am – 5:00pm

Parish Email

lancefield@cam.org.au

Parish Website

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

St Mary's Primary School

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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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4 February 2024

First Reading **Jb 7:1-4. 6-7**

I am filled with sorrow all day long.

Job began to speak:

Is not man's life on earth nothing more
than pressed service,
his time no better than hired drudgery?
Like the slave, sighing for the shade,
or the workman with no thought but his
wages,
months of delusion I have assigned to
me,
nothing for my own but nights of grief.
Lying in bed I wonder, 'When will it be
day?'
Risen I think, 'how slowly evening
comes!'
Restlessly I fret till twilight falls.
Swifter than a weaver's shuttle my days
have passed,
and vanished, leaving no hope behind.
Remember that my life is but a breath,
and that my eyes will never again see joy.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 146:1-6. R. v.3

(R.) *Praise the Lord who heals the
broken-hearted.*

or

(R.) *Alleluia!*

1. Praise the Lord for he is good;
sing to our God for he is loving:
to him our praise is due. (R.)
2. The Lord builds up Jerusalem
and brings back Israel's exiles,
he heals the broken-hearted,
he binds up all their wounds.
He fixes the number of the stars;
he calls each one by its name. (R.)
3. Our Lord is great and almighty;
his wisdom can never be measured.
The Lord raises the lowly;
he humbles the wicked to the dust. (R.)

Second Reading **1 Cor 9:16-19. 22-23**

Punishment will come to me if I do not preach the Gospel

I do not boast of preaching the gospel,
since it is a duty which has been laid on
me; I should be punished if I did not preach
it! If I had chosen this work myself, I might
have been paid for it, but as I have not, it is
a responsibility which has been put into my
hands. Do you know what my reward is? It is
this: in my preaching, to be able to offer the

Good News free, and not insist on the rights
which the gospel gives me.

So though I am not a slave of any man I
have made myself the slave of everyone so
as to win as many as I could. For the weak I
made myself weak. I made myself all things
to all men in order to save some at any cost;
and I still do this, for the sake of the gospel,
to have a share in its blessings.

Gospel Acclamation **Mt 8:17**

Alleluia, alleluia!

*He bore our sickness,
and endured our suffering
Alleluia!*

Gospel **Mk 1:29-39**

*He cured many who suffered from diseases of one kind or
another.*

On leaving the synagogue, Jesus went with
James and John straight to the house of
Simon and Andrew. Now Simon's mother-
in-law had gone to bed with fever, and they
told him about her straightaway. He went to
her, took her by the hand and helped her
up. And the fever left her and she began to
wait on them.

That evening, after sunset, they brought to
him all who were sick and those who were
possessed by devils. The whole town came
crowding round the door, and he cured
many who were suffering from diseases
of one kind or another; he also cast out
many devils, but he would not allow them
to speak, because they knew who he was.

In the morning, long before dawn, he got
up and left the house, and went off to
a lonely place and prayed there. Simon
and his companions set out in search of
him, and when they found him they said,
'Everybody is looking for you.' He answered,
'Let us go elsewhere, to the neighbouring
country towns, so that I can preach there
too, because that is why I came.' And he
went all through Galilee, preaching in their
synagogues and casting out devils.



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

The mother-in-law of Simon (Peter)
was sick in bed with a raging fever.
When Jesus learned about her
distressed state, he 'took her by
the hand and helped her up'. He
broke the taboo about physical
contact with a woman not his
relative because he wanted to
holistically heal her dis-ease.

Simon's mother-in-law didn't need
an aspirin and a cup of tea. She
felt quarantined, isolated, and
needed a hand reassuring her of
sociable relationships. Jesus
overcame her fever and her dis-
ease with the world.

At every Mass we exchange a
physical gesture at the greeting of
Peace. This quite often overcomes
being ill-at-ease with a family
member or just with the neighbour
in the pew. We need to take that
symbolic action into the world. For
somebody, it may be the most
touching thing we ever do.

We could pause for a moment to
identify that person who needs us
to reach out, to take their hand
and help them up.

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MYSTERY OF FAITH

We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
and profess your Resurrection
until you come again.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Fr: Brothers and sisters, God's wisdom and compassion are limitless. Let us bring our needs and those of the world before the Lord.

R: For the Church: That it will offer the good news freely, unshackled by human ambition or power.

We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

R: For the liberation of the poor: That nations will strive to break the chains of poverty and oppression.

We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

R: For teachers and students: That they will be encouraged and inspired in their work.

We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

R: For people who have lost hope: That the Lord will bind their wounds and give them new heart.

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 Val Carr & Marie Johnston and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially Christopher Martin, Pat Toomey, Brian Sheehan and Ernie French.

We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

ALL BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY PRAYER

HAIL MARY

Fr: Father in Heaven,
Loving God, your son healed the sick and gave hope to the broken hearted. Hear our prayer and free us from self concern that we may proclaim your good news with compassion and mercy. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen

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

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Congratulations and special blessings to all those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries during the month of February. 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: Kath Ireland, Barry Ireland, Jan Davis, Elaine Scanlon, Michael Mooney & Elise Todd.

Anniversaries: Bevan & Monique McWha – 13 years
Tim & Melissa McCarthy – 17 years
Lindsay & Betty Peacock – 46 years
Mario & Joan Drago – 47 years
Tony & Jan Davis – 56 years

POSITIONS VACANT

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

Parish Positions

- Pastoral Worker - Supporting communities of Scoresby and Rowville (St Judes and St Simons)
- Pastoral Worker, St Andrew's Parish, Clayton South
- Parish Secretary- St Mary's Catholic Church, Greensborough
- Pastoral Associate - Mary Mother of the Church, Ivanhoe
- Liturgical & Sacramental Coordinator - Nazareth Parish, Grovedale, Torquay, Anglesea

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.

WEEKLY MASS TIMES

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

04/02/24 – Romsey
11/02/24 – Lancefield
18/02/24 – Romsey
25/02/24 – Lancefield
03/03/24 – Romsey
10/03/24 – Lancefield

HEALING MASS

1st Saturday at 10:00am

02/03/23 – 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 on the 4th Sunday of the month

Marriages

Arranged by appointment with Fr. Martin at least 6 months in advance.

Funerals

Contact Fr. Martin directly.
Contact Fr. Brian directly.

Reconciliation

By appointment only
Please contact Fr. Brian
5429 2130

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



Wordsearch

Try to find these words:

alone
diseases
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fever

Galilee
gather
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LOURDES DAY MASS

Saturday 10th February, 2024
10:30am

The Order of Malta invites you to the annual Lourdes Day Mass to provide an opportunity to pray for the sick and infirm, particularly those who would not otherwise have the possibility of visiting Lourdes.

The Mass will take place at St. Patrick's Cathedral, with Archbishop Peter A Comensoli as the principal celebrant.

For further information, please call:
Sauro Antonelli on 0411 250 288



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ROSTERS

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

- ✓ Superannuation & SMSF Services
- ✓ Wealth Management & Investment Plans
- ✓ Business Planning, Taxation & Growth Strategies

Director – Tim McCarthy
0403 036 654 or tim@sagegroup.com.au



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.