

# ST. MARY'S PARISH

LANCEFIELD & ROMSEY

First Sunday of Lent - Year B

18<sup>th</sup> February, 2024

Lancefield Church  
27 Chauncey Street  
Lancefield



Romsey Church  
85 Main Street  
Romsey



## EVERYONE WELCOME

Ministry Roster	18/02/24	25/02/24	02/03/24	03/03/24
Musician	Christine	Agnes	-----	Christine
Reader	Rosemary D	Judith	Betty	John H
Collector	Rob	Joe	-----	Tim
Cleaner	Marie	Kerry	-----	Anthea
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, 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](mailto:lancefield@cam.org.au)

## 2024 CARITAS PROJECT COMPASSION

Envelopes and mite boxes are now available in church for the Special Collection throughout Lent for Caritas – Project Compassion.

Please take your choice of donation option and give what you can.

## VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED FOR EASTER MASSES

Please email Tam at [lancefield@cam.org.au](mailto:lancefield@cam.org.au) if you are available to help at any of the Easter Mass Services. Reader, Special Minister, Music required.

Thursday March 28<sup>th</sup> – 7pm Holy Thursday – Romsey

Friday March 29<sup>th</sup> – 3pm Passion of the Lord – Romsey

Saturday March 30<sup>th</sup> – 7pm Easter Vigil – Lancefield

Sunday March 31<sup>st</sup> – 9am Easter Sunday Mass – Lancefield

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

During the season of Lent

Stations of the Cross will be held in the

Romsey Church each Friday at 3:00pm

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> Feb – Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> Mar

EVERYONE WELCOME TO ATTEND

## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2024

10:30AM – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024

Anglican Church

Christ Church, Chauncey Street, Lancefield

Volunteers required to read on the day. Please contact Tam if you can help.

Everyone Welcome

## Parish Priest

Fr Martin Fleming  
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Woodend Vic 3442  
Ph: 5427 2690

## Assistant Priest

Fr. Brian Muling  
C/- Presbytery  
27 Chauncey Street  
Lancefield Vic 3435  
Ph: 5429 2130

## Parish Secretary

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

## Secretary Hours

Wednesday & Friday  
8:00am – 5:00pm

## Parish Email

[lancefield@cam.org.au](mailto:lancefield@cam.org.au)

## Parish Website

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

## St Mary's Primary School

T: 5429 1359  
[office@smlancefield.catholic.edu.au](mailto:office@smlancefield.catholic.edu.au)

## School Website

[www.smlancefield.catholic.edu.au](http://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 Gn 9:8-15

*I will recall the covenant between myself and you...the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh.*

God spoke to Noah and his sons, 'See, I establish my Covenant with you, and with your descendants after you; also with every living creature to be found with you, birds, cattle and every wild beast with you: everything that came out of the ark, everything that lives on the earth. I establish my Covenant with you: no thing of flesh shall be swept away again by the waters of the flood. There shall be no flood to destroy the earth again.'

God said, 'Here is the sign of the Covenant I make between myself and you and every living creature with you for all generations: I set my bow in the clouds and it shall be a sign of the Covenant between me and the earth. When I gather the clouds over the earth and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the Covenant between myself and you and every living creature of every kind. And so the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all things of flesh.'

## Responsorial Psalm

Ps 24:4-9. R. see v.10

*(R.) Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.*

1. Lord, make me know your ways.  
Lord, teach me your paths.  
Make me walk in your truth, and  
teach me:  
for you are God my saviour. (R.)
2. Remember your mercy, Lord,  
and the love you have shown from  
of old.  
In your love remember me,  
because of your goodness,  
O Lord. (R.)
3. The Lord is good and upright.  
He shows the path to those who  
stray,  
he guides the humble in the right  
path;  
he teaches his way to the poor. (R.)

## Second Reading 1 Pt 3:18-22

*The water of the flood is a type of the baptism which saves you now.*

Christ himself, innocent though he was, died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life, and, in the spirit, he went to preach to the spirits in prison. Now it was long ago, when Noah was still building that ark which saved only a small group of eight people 'by water', and when God was still waiting patiently, that these spirits refused to believe. That water is a type of the baptism which saves you now, and which is not the washing off of physical dirt but a pledge made to God from a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has entered heaven and is at God's right hand, now that he has made the angels and Dominations and Powers his subjects.

## Gospel Acclamation Mt 4:4

*Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!*

*No one lives on bread alone,  
but on every word that comes from  
the mouth of God.*

*Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!*

## Gospel Mk 1:12-15

*He was tempted by Satan, and the angels looked after him.*

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness and he remained there for forty days, and was tempted by Satan. He was with the wild beasts, and the angels looked after him.

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'



## Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

The Rainbow is God's signature to a treaty with humankind. On God's part, material forces will never be sent to annihilate human beings as a punishment for wrongdoing. On our part, as humans made in the likeness of God, we are to image God's rainbow relationship to nature.

This is the Divine Treaty basis of our responsibility for the environment. We undertake not to engage in practices or support policies which could severely damage the fragile ecology which supports life on our planet. The deforestation of the slopes of the Himalayas, leading to floods which kill thousands, is a catastrophic example.

And, gazing at the rainbow, we can pray for our planet, for the human beings and all other creatures who inhabit it, and quite often for ourselves at a deep personal level. For we know that, just as after a storm and dark clouds, light penetrates the misty sky and the beautiful bow of colour appears, the same phenomenon can occur in our own lives.

We could take a moment to pray that the rainbow will appear, perhaps for ourselves, perhaps for others we know who are going through a stormy time.

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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:** Our Saviour calls us to repent and believe the Good News. Let us pray that we will keep the covenant of our baptism in this season of grace.

**R:** That the Church may continue to preach faith and repentance.

**We pray to the Lord.**

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

**R:** That the leaders of nations may embrace God's covenant of peace and justice.

**We pray to the Lord.**

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

**R:** That people who are attached to material things will learn that "no one lives on bread alone".

**We pray to the Lord.**

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

**R:** That we will renew our baptism through a humble confession of our sins.

**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 and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially Colleen O'Connor.

**We pray to the Lord.**

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

## All HAIL MARY

**Fr:** We come before you, Father,  
confident that you hear us, through the new and eternal covenant,  
of your beloved Son, who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

**Amen**

**Collections last week** Presbytery \$259 Thanksgiving \$1135  
1<sup>st</sup> collection: Presbytery & Priest 2<sup>nd</sup> collection: Thanksgiving (envelope)

**Readings next week** Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18 Romans 8:31-34 Mark 9:2-10

## WEEKLY MASS TIMES

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

18/02/24 – Romsey  
25/02/24 – Lancefield  
03/03/24 – Romsey  
10/03/24 – Lancefield  
17/03/24 – Romsey  
24/03/24 – Lancefield

**HEALING MASS**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Saturday at 10:00am**

02/03/23 – Romsey  
06/04/24 – 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 on the 4<sup>th</sup> 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:

angels desert John  
animals forty kingdom  
believe Galilee news  
day good wild

E J P F N K Q G A L I L E E F  
C Q N D E S E R T K G T G P O  
B L P Q X Q L H D A Y S N J R  
E X L P F D X B U L R I P U T  
L L X S L N D T G F K K H R Y  
I U D M Q W I L D O G O O D X  
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M Z F Q N K O T N X M B S T C  
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## 2024 ROSTERS

Thank you to all parish  
volunteers for their  
patience waiting for  
the 2024 Rosters to be  
published and for your  
flexibility with short  
notice service requests.

Rosters will be  
distributed by email in  
the next week and  
spare copies will be  
made available in the  
churches.

## Secretary office hours next week

If x-rays show  
expected results next  
week I will be having  
the cast removed on  
Wednesday so the  
office will only be  
attended on Friday.

Emails will be  
monitored so please  
forward any queries or  
responses to volunteer  
requests through.

## GREAT WOMEN OF FAITH: PORTRAIT EXHIBITION BY BARBARA SKORUPA

Friday 1 March 2024 – 9:00am to Sunday 10 March 2024 - 4pm.

St. Patrick's Cathedral – 1 Cathedral Place, East Melbourne - Free event

This unique exhibition in St Patrick's Cathedral will feature 24 beautiful portraits of extraordinary women of faith by Cologne-based artist Barbara Skorupa. The portraits have been selected from the artist's collection of more than 100 paintings of extraordinary women from different cultures and eras, including Australians St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, Dr Sr Mary Glowrey JMJ and Eileen O'Connor.

*'When people talk about icons today, especially of women, the focus is often on their external features and behaviours. I am concerned with representation of the inner attitude of the women painted, which radiates from them and becomes visible through their lives.'*—Barbara Skorupa

A digital guide to the Great Women of Faith exhibition will be available on the [Catholic Precinct Walking App](#) from late February.

An exhibition catalogue will be available to purchase from St. Patrick's Cathedral Shop from late February.

## THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY - For the Terminally Ill

Let us pray that the sick who are in the final stages of life, and their families, receive the necessary medical and human care and accompaniment.

## POSITIONS VACANT

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

### Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne

- Executive Support Officer-Proclaim, East Melbourne

### Parish Positions

- Parish Secretary- St John Bosco's Parish, Niddrie
- Liturgical & Sacramental Coordinator - Nazareth Parish, Grovedale, Torquay, Anglesea
- Parish Secretary, Partnered Parish St Gabriels, St Stephens & St Raphael, Reservoir- Reservoir East -Presten West, Reservoir

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.



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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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**St. Mary's Church Account  
NAB**

**BSB: 083 347**

**Acct: 64150 3257**

Please use your surname and TG number as the reference.

**Do you have foot  
problems?**



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