

ST. MARY'S PARISH

LANCEFIELD & ROMSEY

Second Sunday of Lent - Year B

25th February, 2024

Lancefield Church
27 Chauncey Street
Lancefield



Romsey Church
85 Main Street
Romsey



EVERYONE WELCOME

Ministry Roster	25/02/24	02/03/24	03/03/24	10/03/24
Musician	Agnes	-----	Christine	Rosalie
Reader	Judith	Betty	John H	Joan
Collector	Joe	-----	Tim	Ged
Cleaner	Kerry	-----	Anthea	Rosalie
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, 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 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 if you are available to help at any of the Easter Mass Services. Reader, Special Minister, Music required.

Thursday March 28th – 7pm Holy Thursday – Romsey

Friday March 29th – 3pm Passion of the Lord – Romsey

Saturday March 30th – 7pm Easter Vigil – Lancefield

Sunday March 31st – 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 until Friday 22nd March

EVERYONE WELCOME TO ATTEND

TUESDAY WEEKDAY MASS

During the season of Lent

Weekday Mass will be held in the
Lancefield Church each Tuesday
at 9:30am until Tuesday 26th March

EVERYONE WELCOME TO ATTEND

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2024

10:30AM – Friday 1st March 2024

Anglican Church

Christ Church, Chauncey Street,
Lancefield

Open invitation to all parishioners to
attend the service.

LENTEN RECONCILIATION

Wednesday 20th March

7:00pm – Lancefield Church

Wednesday 27th March

7:30pm – Woodend Church

Parish Priest

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Assistant Priest

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C/- Presbytery
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Lancefield Vic 3435
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Parish Secretary

Tammie Dalgleish
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27 Chauncey Street
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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

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 Gn 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18

The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith.

God put Abraham to the test. 'Abraham, Abraham,' he called. 'Here I am' he replied. 'Take your son,' God said 'your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.'

When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there, and arranged the wood. Then he bound his son Isaac and put him on the altar on top of the wood. Abraham stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son.

But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven. 'Abraham, Abraham' he said. 'I am here' he replied. 'Do not raise your hand against the boy' the angel said. 'Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son.' Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt offering in place of his son.

The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. 'I swear by my own self - it is the Lord who speaks - because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of your enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 115:10, 15-19. R. 114:9

(R.) I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

1. I trusted, even when I said:
'I am sorely afflicted,'
O precious in the eyes of the Lord
is the death of his faithful. (R.)
2. Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;
you have loosened my bonds.
A thanksgiving sacrifice I make;
I will call on the Lord's name. (R.)
3. My vows to the Lord I will fulfil
before all his people,
in the courts of the house of the Lord,
in your midst, O Jerusalem. (R.)

Second Reading Rom 8:31-34

God did not spare his own Son.

With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us - he rose from the dead, and there at God's right hand he stands and pleads for us.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 17:5

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

From the shining cloud, the Father's voice is heard:

this is my beloved Son, hear him.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel Mk 9:2-10

This is my Son, the beloved; listen to him.

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Rabbi,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them any more but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what 'rising from the dead' could mean.



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

St Thomas Aquinas famously said: 'If only my soul is saved, I am not saved.' And yet many Christians do think that our ultimate goal is, by the grace of God, to end up as souls in Heaven.

No, I am a human being, bodysoul. If I am to be saved, then this stardust, this fraction of material creation, this earthling, needs to be immersed into Divine energy and light.

The Transfiguration of Jesus Christ, especially as recounted in the other gospels, shows what happens when human nature is in total communion with God. Every molecule of his body was evidently pulsing with Divine energy and light. The amazing truth is that God ardently desires that each one of us should share in the transfigured life of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

For this to occur, we must play our part, accepting that Jesus of Nazareth is indeed the Beloved Son of God, listen to him, and put into practice what we hear.

We could take a moment to pray that after the "repose of the soul" after death, we may participate as bodysouls in the transfigured humanity of the Risen Lord.

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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:** Like St. Peter, we believe that "It is wonderful for us to be here..."
In the divine presence, we confidently bring our prayers to our God and Father.
- R:** For the Pope, the Bishops and other leaders of the Church, that they may always lead us to the glory of our heavenly homeland.
We pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- R:** For the world, that the transfiguration of Jesus Christ may make us aware of the presence and glory of God.
We pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- R:** For the poor, the lonely, and the oppressed, that through our practical care they may see the favoured Son of God.
We pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- R:** For the educators, that they continue to work effectively to find ways to challenge their students with Christian values that bring justice, peace and freedom in line with the teachings of Jesus Christ
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 Francesco Cafari. May your healing love be a sign of life and Resurrection.
We pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

All HAIL MARY

- Fr:** Almighty Father,
with grace and glory you transform our lives;
by these prayers, strengthen us to come through the trials of this earthly life,
we ask this, through Christ our Lord.
Amen

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

Readings next week Exodus 20:1-17 1 Corinthians 1:22-25 John 2:13-25

BAPTISM PRAYER

We ask our God, the giver of life, to bless you,
Logan
who will be baptised in our parish this week.
We the Church of St. Mary's welcome and support you.



BEQUEST TO THE PARISH

The parish of St. Mary's would like to acknowledge a recent bequest by former parishioner - **John White**. John has left a sum of money which will go towards the refurbishment of the Sacristy in the Lancefield Church.

"The Melbourne Passion Play" cast and crew recruitment.

Each year, for the past 23 years, the passion of Jesus Christ has been enacted in Melbourne by a group of volunteers. This is a scene-by-scene representation of the ministry of Jesus by people in real, open-air surroundings.

The Melbourne Passion Play is currently recruiting cast and crew required to take part in the 25th annual play that will be performed during the 2024 Easter season.

Rehearsals and performances will take place every Sunday afternoon leading up to Easter.
Performance dates are: Palm Sunday 24 March, at 1:30pm and
Good Friday, 29 March at 10am.

No acting experience is necessary. Not all roles have speaking parts. Character roles include **Townspeople** – Playing small individual roles and collectively appearing in crowd scenes. **Apostles, temple officials, guards, Roman Soldiers, Backstage personnel** – crew to assist with wardrobe, props, makeup and sound equipment.

For more information and to register your interest, contact Director: Robert Durai on 0422 130 014 or at robertodurai@yahoo.com

WEEKLY MASS TIMES

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

25/02/24 – Lancefield
03/03/24 – Romsey
10/03/24 – Lancefield
17/03/24 – Romsey
24/03/24 – Lancefield
31/03/24 – Lancefield

HEALING MASS

1st 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 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

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.

POSITIONS VACANT

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

Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne

- Executive Support Officer-Proclaim, East Melbourne
- Aboriginal Catholic Ministry of Victoria (ACMV) Coordinator, Thornbury

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
- Ministry Coordinator, St Scholastica's Parish, Bennettswood

Other Positions

- Executive Assistant to the Provincial, Camberwell

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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2024 ROSTERS

Rosters have been distributed by email. Please check your inboxes and confirm receipt. Spare copies are available in the churches.

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

Director – Tim McCarthy

0403 036 654 or tim@sagegroup.com.au



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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?**



Andrew Baddeley | Podiatrist

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