

# ST. MARY'S PARISH

LANCEFIELD & ROMSEY

Third Sunday of Lent - Year B

3<sup>rd</sup> March, 2024

Lancefield Church  
27 Chauncey Street  
Lancefield



Romsey Church  
85 Main Street  
Romsey



## EVERYONE WELCOME

Ministry Roster	02/03/24	03/03/24	10/03/24	17/03/24
Musician	-----	Christine	Rosalie	Christine
Reader	Betty	John H	Joan	Eileen
Collector	-----	Tim	Ged	Gerard
Cleaner	-----	Anthea	Rosalie	Anne N
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, 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 until Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> March

EVERYONE WELCOME TO ATTEND

## CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY

### THANK YOU

to the Yr 5 & 6 students & their parents  
of St. Mary's School  
for cleaning the church  
and grounds at the Presbytery.

## LENTEN RECONCILIATION

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March

7:00pm – Lancefield Church

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March

7:30pm – Woodend Church

## Parish Priest

Fr Martin Fleming  
47 Urquhart Street  
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

Third Sunday of Lent, Year B

3 March 2024

## First Reading Ex 20:1-17 (or shorter form Ex 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17)

*The Law was given through Moses.*

God spoke all these words. He said, 'I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

'You shall have no gods except me.

'You shall not make yourself a carved image or any likeness of anything in heaven or on earth beneath or in the waters under the earth; you shall not bow down to them or serve them. For I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God and I punish the father's fault in the sons, the grandsons, and the great-grandsons of those who hate me; but I show kindness to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

'You shall not utter the name of the Lord your God to misuse it, for the Lord will not leave unpunished the man who utters his name to misuse it.

'Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath for the Lord your God. You shall do no work on that day, neither you nor your son nor your daughter nor your servants, men or women, nor your animals nor the stranger who lives with you. For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth and the sea and all that these hold, but on the seventh day he rested; that is why the Lord has blessed the sabbath day and made it sacred.

'Honour your father and your mother so that you may have a long life in the land that the Lord your God has given to you.

'You shall not kill.

'You shall not commit adultery.

'You shall not steal.

'You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

'You shall not covet your neighbour's house. You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his servant, man or woman, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is his.'

## Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 18:8-11. R. Jn 6:68**

*(R.) Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.*

1. The law of the Lord is perfect,  
it revives the soul.  
The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,  
it gives wisdom to the simple. *(R.)*
2. The precepts of the Lord are right,  
they gladden the heart.  
The command of the Lord is clear,  
it gives light to the eyes. *(R.)*
3. The fear of the Lord is holy,  
abiding for ever.  
The decrees of the Lord are truth  
all of them just. *(R.)*

4. They are more to be desired than gold,  
than the purest of gold  
and sweeter are they than honey,  
than honey from the comb. *(R.)*

## Second Reading 1 Cor 1:22-25

*We are preaching a crucified Christ, a scandal to many, but to those who have been called, the wisdom of God.*

While the Jews demand miracles and the Greeks look for wisdom, here are we preaching a crucified Christ; to the Jews an obstacle that they cannot get over, to the pagans madness, but to those who have been called, whether they are Jews or Greeks, a Christ who is the power and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

## Gospel Acclamation Jn 3:16

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

*God loved the world so much, he gave us  
his only Son,*

*that all who believe in him might have  
eternal life.*

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

## Gospel Jn 2:13-25

*Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.*

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went out to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market.' Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said.

During his stay in Jerusalem for the Passover many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he gave, but Jesus knew them all and did not trust himself to them; he never needed evidence about any man; he could tell what a man had in him.



## Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

The Ten Commandments are badly named. Rather, they are the Ten Responses which should characterise a liberated people, freed from slavery by 'the Lord, your God'.

By the time Jesus came on the scene, the Temple in Jerusalem was no longer a fit dwelling place for a God who desires to free people from oppression and exploitation. To the contrary, Jesus saw the Temple ideology as placing undue burdens and shackles on people.

His anger at this erupted in dramatic street theatre. His overturning of the tables of the money-changers signalled the overturning of the Temple system.

What Our Lord revealed to uncomprehending authorities was that His body was the true sanctuary. The body of Jesus of Nazareth is the dwelling place of God, the habitation of the Lord God who liberates people. In short, God's sanctuary is not a place, but a person.

We could take a moment to pray, using the Ten Responses to review and guide our reflection and practice as we move towards Easter. This will help us to celebrate the enigmatic saying: 'Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it again.'

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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:** Christ is the power and wisdom of God. We come before his presence  
praying for the peoples of the world and the Church.
- R:** We pray as we are gathered under the image of the cross of Jesus Christ,  
that we may accept his invitation to take up the cross daily and follow him.  
**We pray to the Lord.** **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- R:** We pray for all followers of Christ: may we follow his example of  
self-sacrifice in both our words and our deeds.  
**We pray to the Lord.** **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- R:** We pray for all peoples of all nations, particularly those in turmoil;  
may they listen to the words of their God imprinted in their hearts and so  
bring the world to greater justice and peace.  
**We pray to the Lord.** **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- R:** We pray for all who are too set in their own assumptions:  
may they be guided by Christ in greater openness to the truth.  
**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, may they open their hearts to the one who opens for them the gates  
of eternal life.  
**We pray to the Lord.** **Lord, hear our prayer.**

## All BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY PRAYER

### HAIL MARY

- Fr:** Merciful God, into your hands we entrust our prayers of petition.  
Receive us in our thirst for your gracious love.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
**Amen**

<b>Collections last week</b>	Presbytery \$319	Thanksgiving \$527
<b>Collection 18/02/24</b>	Presbytery \$320	Thanksgiving \$1341
	1 <sup>st</sup> collection: Presbytery & Priest	2 <sup>nd</sup> collection: Thanksgiving (envelope)
<b>Readings next week</b>	2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23;	Ephesians 2:4-10; John 3:14-21

## MARCH BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

*Congratulations and special blessings to all those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries during the month of March. 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:** Monica Tomlinson, Sophie McCarthy & Josh McCarthy.
- Anniversaries:** Anthea & Steve Goodwin – 20 years  
Peter McGill & Julie Arnold-McGill – 41 years  
Bob & Greta James – 60 years! WOW

## “The Melbourne Passion Play” cast and crew recruitment.

The Melbourne Passion Play is currently recruiting cast and crew required to take part in the 25<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:robertodurai@yahoo.com)

## WEEKLY MASS TIMES

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

03/03/24 – Romsey  
10/03/24 – Lancefield  
17/03/24 – Romsey  
24/03/24 – Lancefield  
31/03/24 – Lancefield  
07/04/24 – Romsey

### 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

## CATHOLIC VOCATIONS

Dear friends, I would like to thank you for your prayers for Vocations over the years. We were delighted to accept eight men to the Seminary for Melbourne this year: Chinh Tran, Rohan Prince, Luke Kennedy, Luke Emslie, Tung Phan, Joseph Maae, Patrick Harris and Mathews Noble.

Many of you have personally helped and encouraged these men along their journey to apply to join the Seminary; it truly is a team effort! Please continue to pray for them!

Part of the work of the Vocations Office is to promote Vocations throughout our Archdiocese. Please feel free to contact us if you have any thoughts/plans of how we can do so better.

In Christ, Fr Dishan and the Vocations Team

Catholic Vocations - 383 Albert Street, East Melbourne VIC 3002 (03) 9926 5733 - W: [vocationmelbourne.org](http://vocationmelbourne.org)

## 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

### Catholic Development Fund

- Relationship Manager, Catholic Development Fund
- Marketing Coordinator, Catholic Development Fund
- Communications Advisor, Catholic Development Fund

### Parish Positions

- Parish Secretary- St John Bosco's Parish, Niddrie
- Ministry Coordinator, St Scholastica's Parish, Bennettswood

### Other Positions

- Executive Assistant to the Provincial, Camberwell
- Fundraising Coordinator, Missionaries of God's Love Priests & Brothers, Melbourne, Sydney or Canberra

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.

### 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.

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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.

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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.

**Do you have foot  
problems?**



**Andrew Baddeley | Podiatrist**

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RIDDELLS CREEK | 5428 7591 | 9 Station St