

ST. MARY'S PARISH

LANCEFIELD & ROMSEY

Fourth Sunday of Lent - Year B

10th March, 2024

Lancefield Church
27 Chauncey Street
Lancefield



Romsey Church
85 Main Street
Romsey



EVERYONE WELCOME

Ministry Roster	10/03/24	17/03/24	24/03/24	31/03/24
Musician	Rosalie	Christine	Agnes	Rosalie
Reader	Joan	Eileen	Leanne	Eloise
Collector	Ged	Gerard	Barry	Joe
Cleaner	Rosalie	Anne N	Anne T	Leanne
Location	Lancefield	Romsey	Lancefield	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

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.

Ministry Roster	28/03/24	29/03/24	30/03/24	31/03/24
	Holy Thursday	Good Friday	Easter Vigil	Easter Sunday
Musician	Agnes	Eileen CD's		Rosalie
Reader	Betty	Eileen		Eloise
Collector	Coonan			Joe
Gifts	Coonan	-----		
Cleaner	Anne N	-----	Leanne	-----
Location	Romsey 7pm	Romsey 3pm	Lancefield 7pm	Lancefield 9am

Vacant spaces require a volunteer.

Please advise if you can help.

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



LENTEN RECONCILIATION

Wednesday 20th March
7:00pm – Lancefield Church
Wednesday 27th 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

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 2 Chr 36:14-16. 19-23

The wrath and the mercy of the Lord are revealed in the exile and liberation of his people.

All the heads of the priesthood, and the people too, added infidelity to infidelity, copying all the shameful practices of the nations and defiling the Temple that the Lord had consecrated for himself in Jerusalem. The Lord, the God of their ancestors, tirelessly sent them messenger after messenger, since he wished to spare his people and his house. But they ridiculed the messengers of God, they despised his words, they laughed at his prophets, until at last the wrath of the Lord rose so high against his people that there was no further remedy.

Their enemies burned down the Temple of God, demolished the walls of Jerusalem, set fire to all its palaces, and destroyed everything of value in it. The survivors were deported by Nebuchadnezzar to Babylon; they were to serve him and his sons until the kingdom of Persia came to power. This is how the word of the Lord was fulfilled that he spoke: through Jeremiah, 'Until this land has enjoyed its Sabbath rest, until seventy years have gone by, it will keep Sabbath throughout the days of its desolation.'

And in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, to fulfil the word of the Lord that was spoken through Jeremiah, the Lord roused the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia to issue a proclamation and to have it publicly displayed throughout his kingdom: 'Thus speaks Cyrus king of Persia, "The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth; he has ordered me to build him a Temple in Jerusalem, in Judah. Whoever there is among you of all his people, may his God be with him! Let him go up."'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 136. R. v.6

*(R.) Let my tongue be silenced,
if ever I forget you!*

1. By the rivers of Babylon
there we sat and wept,
remembering Zion;
on the poplars that grew there
we hung our harps. (R.)
2. For it was there that they asked us,
our captors, for songs,
our oppressors, for joy.
'Sing to us,' they said,
'one of Zion's songs.' (R.)
3. O how could we sing
the song of the Lord
on alien soil?
If I forget you, Jerusalem,
let my right hand wither! (R.)
4. O let my tongue
cleave to my mouth
if I remember you not,
if I prize not Jerusalem
above all my joys! (R.)

Second Reading Eph 2:4-10

When we were dead through sins, he brought us to life.

God loved us with so much love that he was generous with his mercy: when we were dead through our sins, he brought us to life with Christ - it is through grace that you have been saved - and raised us up with him and gave us a place with him in heaven, in Christ Jesus.

This was to show for all ages to come, through his goodness towards us in Christ Jesus, how infinitely rich he is in grace. Because it is by grace that you have been saved, through faith; not by anything of your own, but by a gift from God; not by anything that you have done, so that nobody can claim the credit. We are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus to live the good life as from the beginning he had meant us to live it.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 3:16

*Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
God loved the world so much, he gave us
his only Son,
that all who believe in him might have
eternal life.*

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel Jn 3:14-21

God sent his Son into the world that we might be saved through him.

Jesus said to Nicodemus:

'The Son of Man must be lifted up
as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert,
so that everyone who believes may have eternal
life in him.

Yes, God loved the world so much
that he gave his only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him may not
be lost

but may have eternal life.
For God sent his Son into the world
not to condemn the world,
but so that through him the world might be
saved.

No one who believes in him will be condemned;
but whoever refuses to believe is condemned
already,

because he has refused to believe
in the name of God's only Son.
On these grounds is sentence pronounced:
that though the light has come into the world
men have shown they prefer
darkness to the light

because their deeds were evil.
And indeed, everybody who does wrong
hates the light and avoids it,
for fear his actions should be exposed;
but the man who lives by the truth
comes out into the light,
so that it may be plainly seen that what he does
is done in God.'



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

How does God picture us? St Paul reveals one of God's favourite ways of regarding us.

'We are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus, to live the good life as from the beginning He had intended us to live it.'

Just as an artist respects the medium he or she is working in, whether it be oils or crayon, so too God respects us as human beings with free will. Which is why His works of art don't always look the way He intended!

Now, if one has a work of art in the house, a picture or print that means a lot to you, or perhaps the first sketch by a child, do you put it in the darkest corner of the room? Or do you allow just enough light to fall on it so as to reveal how terrific it is, why it gives you pleasure? Of course, the latter.

Now, if you and I are God's work of art, God wants exactly the same. He wants us to be revealed in the light. What sort of light? Christ our Light.

Of course, it might be necessary for the Light to dispel some darkness, some shadow dimension of our lives. In this regard Christ is a healing Light, but this is so that he might illuminate us in a way which more clearly reveals the love which the Divine Artist has for His creation.

We might take a moment to pray for the courage to expose ourselves to Christ's healing light this Lent to be more beautifully illuminated at Easter.

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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: When we were dead in our sins, God brought us to life in his Son, lifted up on the Cross for us. Through that crucified Redeemer, let us draw near to our loving Father.

R: For the Church on her pilgrimage in this world, especially the suffering Church of silence.

We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

R: For mercy and justice among peoples of different creeds and cultures.

We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

R: For men and women who show that they prefer darkness to light by their evil deeds.

We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

R: For ourselves that we humbly seek reconciliation from our loving God.

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 Edie Smith, Anthony Greal, Eileen O'Neill (McCarthy) & Pat Kelly.

We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

All HAIL MARY

Fr: Loving Father
Our petitions are numberless, but we know your mercy is eternal.
We unite them to the infinite sacrifice of Jesus lifted up for us,
who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Amen

Collections last week	Presbytery \$534	Thanksgiving \$770
	1 st collection: Presbytery & Priest	2 nd collection: Thanksgiving (envelope)

Readings next week	Jeremiah 31:31-34	Hebrews 5:7-9	John 12:20-30
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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
- Animation Consultant-Proclaim, East Melbourne

Catholic Development Fund

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

Parish Positions

- Ministry Coordinator, St Scholastica's Parish, Bennettswood
- The Parish School Liaison, St. Clement of Rome, Bulleen

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://melbourncatholic.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

10/03/24 – Lancefield
17/03/24 – Romsey
24/03/24 – Lancefield
31/03/24 – Lancefield
07/04/24 – Romsey
14/04/24 – Lancefield

HEALING MASS

1st Saturday at 10:00am

06/04/24 – Romsey
04/05/24 – 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

MELBOURNE CITY CHURCHES in ACTION present: Way of the Cross **Friday 29 March 2024 – 2:00pm to 3:00pm**

Good Friday brings with it MCCIA's major annual public witness, the ecumenical 'Way of the Cross' walk. This live public event will be held through the streets of the CBD again this year. The Walk will be conducted in the same way as previous years. An electronic version of the liturgy booklet is available from the MCCIA.

Crossword

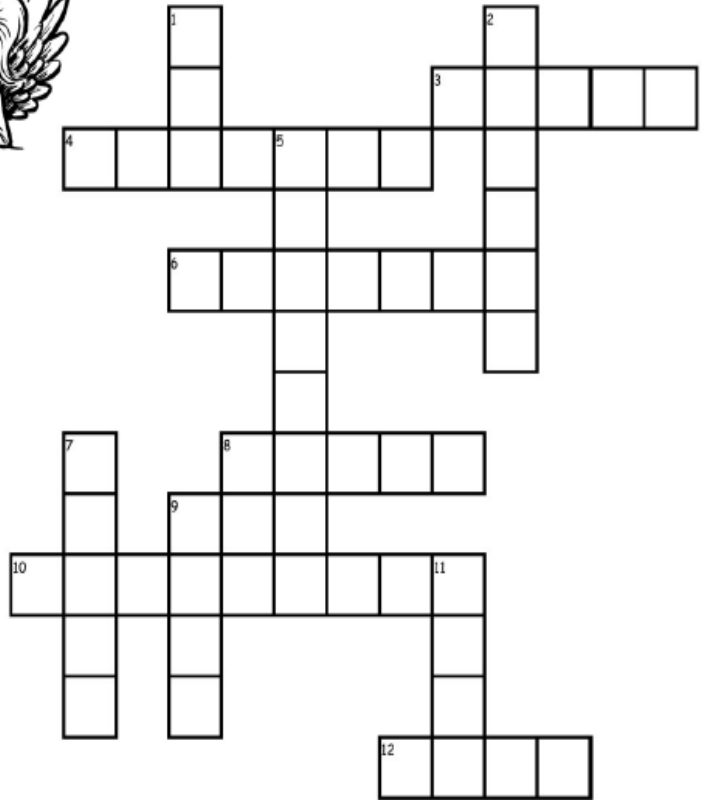


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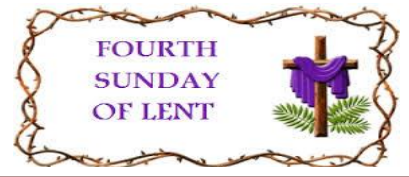
- 1: male offspring
- 2: humans
- 5: all people
- 7: to believe in something is to have this
- 9: to care about someone very much
- 11: rescue

Across

- 3: the opposite of always
- 4: God did not send his Son to c_____ people
- 6: those who have faith in God will have _____ life and never die
- 8: Earth is also called the _____
- 10: Jesus told this man about God's love for us
- 12: the opposite of receive



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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.



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