

ST. MARY'S PARISH

LANCEFIELD & ROMSEY

Fifth Sunday of Lent - Year B

17th March, 2024

Lancefield Church
27 Chauncey Street
Lancefield



Romsey Church
85 Main Street
Romsey



EVERYONE WELCOME

Ministry Roster	17/03/24	24/03/24	31/03/24	06/04/24
Musician	Christine	Agnes	Rosalie	-----
Reader	Eileen	Leanne	Eloise	Anne B
Collector	Gerard	Barry	Joe	-----
Cleaner	Anne N	Anne T	Leanne	-----
Location	Romsey	Lancefield	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

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	Agnes
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
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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

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 Jer 31:31-34

The days are coming when I will make a new covenant with Israel and I will forgive their iniquity.

See, the days are coming - it is the Lord who speaks - when I will make a new covenant with the House of Israel and the House of Judah, but not a covenant like the one I made with their ancestors on the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant of mine, so I had to show them who was master. It is the Lord who speaks. No, this is the covenant I will make with the House of Israel when those days arrive - it is the Lord who speaks. Deep within them I will plant my Law, writing it on their hearts. Then I will be their God and they shall be my people. There will be no further need for neighbour to try to teach neighbour, or brother to say to brother, 'Learn to know the Lord!' No, they will all know me, the least no less than the greatest - it is the Lord who speaks - since I will forgive their iniquity and never call their sin to mind.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 50:3-4. 12-15. R. v.12

(R.) Create a clean heart in me, O God.

1. Have mercy on my, God, in your kindness.
In your compassion blot out my offence.
O wash me more and more from my guilt,
and cleanse me from my sin. (R.)
2. A pure heart create for me, O God,
put a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
nor deprive me of your holy spirit. (R.)
3. Give me again the joy of your help;
with a spirit of fervour sustain me,
that I may teach transgressors your ways
and sinners may return to you. (R.)

Second Reading Heb 5:7-9

He learnt to obey and became for all the source of eternal salvation.

During his life on earth, Christ offered up prayer and entreaty, aloud and in silent tears, to the one who had the power to save him out of death, and he submitted so humbly that his prayer was heard. Although he was Son, he learnt to obey through suffering; but having been made perfect, he became for all who obey him the source of eternal salvation.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 12:26

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord; and where I am, my servant will also be.

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel Jn 12:20-33

If a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it yields a rich harvest.

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These approached Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put this request to him, 'Sir, we should like to see Jesus.' Philip went to tell Andrew, and Andrew and Philip together went to tell Jesus.

Jesus replied to them:

'Now the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. I tell you most solemnly, unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest. Anyone who loves his life loses it; anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it for the eternal life. If a man serves me, he must follow me, wherever I am, my servant will be there too. If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him. Now my soul is troubled. What shall I say: Father, save me from this hour? But it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name!'

A voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.'

People standing by, who heard this, said it was a clap of thunder; others said, 'It was an angel speaking to him.' Jesus answered, 'It was not for my sake that this voice came, but for yours.

'Now sentence is being passed on this world; now the prince of this world is to be overthrown. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I shall draw all men to myself.'

By these words he indicated the kind of death he would die.



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

I can observe a baby, but the parents 'see' their baby very differently. They gaze with total fascination, trying to perceive what this little bundle of flesh is really all about, trying to get an insight into its personality, visualising a possible future, hoping for a response.

This Gospel passage begins with a request from some Greeks 'to see Jesus', surely in all the ways parents see their baby. They were trying to perceive what this Jesus was really all about, trying to get an insight into his personality, imagining a possible future, hoping for a response.

And there was a response full of allusions to the future.

Jesus was as a grain of wheat. He died and was buried in the earth and that death was fruitful for the whole of humankind. He foresaw being nailed to the cross which would be dropped upright into a hole in the ground.

Our Lord says of that scene: 'When I am lifted up I will draw all people to myself.' How were people drawn to this scene?

People saw the length to which Jesus was prepared to go in order to persevere in his mission to live out the message that his Heavenly Father was full of mercy and wanted all people to share in Divine Life. This led to his being lifted up on the cross, being buried in the ground like a grain of wheat, only to rise to new life.

We could take a moment to pray that we will shortly see all this with the eyes of faith as we participate in the rituals of Good Friday and 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: By dying to self, we are born to eternal life. In that spirit of self-denial and penance, let us come to our Father in prayer.

R: That all members of the Church may profit richly from the graces that God offers them in their Lenten duties.

We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

R: That the faithful obedience of believers in all nations may attract non-believers to Christ, "the source of eternal salvation."

We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

R: That this community may shine out as a sign of Christ "lifted up from the earth," drawing all to himself.

We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

R: We pause to remember our own intentions.

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 Wendy Lakin, Mark Naismith & Peg Hawkins.

We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

All HAIL MARY

Fr: Lord of all creation,
hear the prayers we unite with the sacrifice which your Son gave us,
as his new and eternal covenant.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen

Collections last week Presbytery \$337 Thanksgiving \$432
1st collection: Presbytery & Priest 2nd collection: Thanksgiving (envelope)

Readings next week Mark 11:1-10 Isaiah 50:4-7 Philippians 2:6-11

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
- Parish Secretary, St John Vianney's Parish, Springvale North

Other Positions

- 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.

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](https://mccia.org.au).

WEEKLY MASS TIMES

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

17/03/24 – Romsey
24/03/24 – Lancefield
31/03/24 – Lancefield
07/04/24 – Romsey
14/04/24 – Lancefield
21/04/24 – Romsey

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

SAVE THE DATE!!!

To celebrate the **Centenary of Romsey Church**
Archbishop Peter Comensoli

will be here to celebrate Mass with us on

Sunday 6th October, 2024

Mass will be at 2pm on this day and will be followed by afternoon tea in the Parish Hall.

Please put this date in your diary and help us celebrate this wonderful occasion.

A MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER Weekend is for YOU...

“Live Your Best Married Life in Love”

Every relationship is a journey and the grind of everyday life can easily cause you to lose touch with your spouse.

This weekend gives married couples time to nurture your relationship and some tools to keep passion alive in a gentle, supportive environment, away from pressures and distractions of daily living.

Every married couple deserves a Marriage Encounter weekend!

The weekend is based around Catholic values and couples of all faiths are welcome.

Date: 12-14 April, 2024 in Melbourne

Information/Bookings:

Phone **Mercy & James 0409 183 676** or

Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au Website: wwme.org.au



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You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or by calling 1800 024 413

ST MARY'S DROP IN – DATES FOR 2024

ST. MARY'S PARISH HALL ROMSEY

10:30AM TO 2:30PM

Thursday 4th April

Thursday 2nd May

Thursday 6th June

Thursday 4th July



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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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