

ST. MARY'S PARISH

LANCEFIELD & ROMSEY

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord - Year B

24th March, 2024

Lancefield Church
27 Chauncey Street
Lancefield



Romsey Church
85 Main Street
Romsey



EVERYONE WELCOME

| Ministry Roster | 24/03/24 | 31/03/24 | 06/04/24 | 07/04/24 |
|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Musician | Agnes | Rosalie | ----- | Christine |
| Reader | Leanne | Eloise | Anne B | Rosemary D |
| Collector | Barry | Joe | ----- | Rob |
| Cleaner | Anne T | Leanne | ----- | Christine |
| Location | Lancefield | 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

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 | Joanne | Eloise |
| Collector | Coonan | McCarthy | 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 27th March
7:30pm – Woodend Church

Parish Priest

Fr Martin Fleming
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Assistant Priest

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Lancefield Vic 3435
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Tammie Dalgleish
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Secretary Hours

Wednesday & Friday
8:00am – 5:00pm

Parish Email

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Parish Website

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

St Mary's Primary School

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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

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, Year B

24 March 2024

Gospel Jn 12:12-16

A great crowd who had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem.

So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying,

'Hosanna!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the king of Israel!'

And Jesus found a young ass and sat upon it; as is written:

'Fear not, daughter Zion;

behold, your king is coming,

sitting on an ass's colt!'

His disciples did not understand this at first;

but when Jesus was glorified,

then they remembered that this had been written of him and had been done to him.

First Reading Is 50:4-7

I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will not be ashamed.

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue.

So that I may know how to reply to the wearied he provides me with speech.

Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple.

The Lord has opened my ear,

For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away.

I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard;

I did not cover my face against insult and spittle.

The Lord comes to my help,

so that I am untouched by the insults.

So, too, I set my face like flint;

I know I shall not be shamed.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 21:8-9. 17-20. 23-24. R. v.2

(R.) My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

1. All who see me deride me.
They curl their lips, they toss their heads.
'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him;
let him release him if this is his friend.' (R.)
2. Many dogs have surrounded me,
a band of the wicked beset me.
They tear holes in my hands and my feet.
I can count every one of my bones. (R.)
3. They divide my clothing among them.
They cast lots for my robe.
O Lord, do not leave me alone,
my strength, make haste to help me! (R.)

4. I will tell of your name to my brethren
and praise you where they are assembled.
'You who fear the Lord give him praise;
all sons of Jacob, give him glory.
Revere him, Israel's sons.' (R.)

Second Reading Phil 2:6-11

He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high.

His state was divine,
yet Christ Jesus did not cling
to his equality with God
but emptied himself
to assume the condition of a slave,
and became as men are,
and being as all men are,
he was humbler yet,
even to accepting death,
death on a cross.
But God raised him high
and gave him the name
which is above all other names
so that all beings
in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld,
should bend the knee at the name of Jesus
and that every tongue should acclaim
Jesus Christ as Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel Acclamation Phil 2:8-9

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
Christ became obedient for us even to death
dying on the cross.**

Therefore God raised him on high

and gave him a name above all other names.

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

Gospel shorter form Mk 15:1-39

First thing in the morning, the chief priests together with the elders and the scribes, in short the whole Sanhedrin, had their plan ready. They had Jesus bound and took him away and handed him over to Pilate.

Pilate questioned him, 'Are you the king of the Jews?' 'It is you who say it' he answered. And the chief priests brought many accusations against him. Pilate questioned him again, 'Have you no reply at all? See how many accusations they are bringing against you!' But to Pilate's amazement, Jesus made no further reply.

At festival time Pilate used to release a prisoner for them, anyone they asked for. Now a man called Barabbas was then in prison with the rioters who had committed murder during the uprising. When the crowd went up and began

to ask Pilate the customary favour, Pilate answered them, 'Do you want me to release for you the king of the Jews?' For he realised it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed Jesus over. The chief priests, however, had incited the crowds to demand that he should release Barabbas for them instead. The Pilate spoke again. 'But in that case,' he said to them 'what am I to do with the man you call king of the Jews?' They shouted back, 'Crucify him!' 'Why?' Pilate asked them 'What harm has he done?' But they shouted all the louder, 'Crucify him!' So Pilate, anxious to placate the crowd, released Barabbas for them and, having ordered Jesus to be scourged, handed him over to be crucified.

The soldiers led him away to the inner part of the palace, that is, the Praetorium, and called the whole cohort together. They dressed him in purple, twisted some thorns into a crown and put it on him. And they began saluting him, 'Hail, king of the Jews!' They struck his head with a reed and spat on him; and they went down on their knees to do him homage. And when they had finished making fun of him, they took off the purple and dressed him in his own clothes.

They led him out to crucify him. They enlisted a passer-by, Simon of Cyrene, father of Alexander and Rufus, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross. They brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha, which means the place of the skull.

They offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he refused it. Then they crucified him, and shared out his clothing, casting lots to decide what each should get. It was the third hour when they crucified him. The inscription giving the charge against him read: 'The King of the Jews.' And they crucified two robbers with him, one on his right and one on his left.

The passers-by jeered at him; they shook their heads and said, 'Aha! So you would destroy the Temple and rebuild it in three days! Then save yourself: come down from the cross!' The chief priests and the scribes mocked him among themselves in the same way. 'He saved others,' they said 'he cannot save himself. Let the Christ, the king of Israel, come down from the cross now, for us to see it and believe.' Even those who were crucified with him taunted him.

When the sixth hour came there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. And at the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice, 'Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?' which means, 'My God, my God, why have you deserted me?' When some of those who stood by heard this they said, 'Listen, he is calling on Elijah'. Someone ran and soaked a sponge in vinegar and, putting it on a reed, gave it him to drink saying, 'Wait and see if Elijah will come to take him down.' But Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last.

All kneel and pause a moment.

And the veil of the Temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The centurion, who was standing in front of him, had seen how he had died, and he said, 'In truth this man was a son of God.'

Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

In this final Lenten Sunday, we see that we have been saved through the kenotic (partial renunciation of divine nature) humility of Jesus, not through military power. We have a saviour who was crushed for our iniquities, nailed to a cross as a convicted criminal, and there endured the sense of abandonment. However, this saviour was later lifted up and exalted precisely because he emptied himself of his divine prerogatives.

Jesus became one of us in order to show us how we are to live. He was raised up because he himself was first willing to be put down. The passion recounts the extent to which he willingly offered himself. We have a saviour who first offered himself *for* us and then continues to offer himself *to* us as an example to follow. As he was willing to empty himself for our sake, so we are told to empty ourselves for the sake of others.

The best way to enter Holy Week with him is in the company of those with whom he has identified himself: the poor and the broken; the humiliated and the marginalised; those who suffer the abuse of others; those who never use rank to force their will. If we are to be saved, we must go where salvation takes place: in our streets and in our homes where violence rages; in the dark corners of life where despair seems to hold sway; wherever the innocent are abused or the needy are neglected; wherever there is misunderstanding or fear or jealousy. We must go wherever Christ empties himself for us.

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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 King has entered his city. Our palms and cries of homage fade away, as the words of the Gospel tell the story of his suffering and death. Let us bring our prayers to the Father, through the Son he gave up for us, with love beyond our comprehension.

R: For the Church all around the world following the Saviour during Holy Week.
We pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

R: For peoples of all races and nations who seek peace.
We pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

R: For those who suffer mental, physical, or spiritual anguish.
We pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

R: For a spirit of penance, reflection, and gratitude during these chosen days.
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 Wal & Isa Connors.
We pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

All HAIL MARY

Fr: Lord and Father,
With serene courage your Son went forth to die for us.
Grant us a share in his strength as we bring these prayers before you.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen

Collections last week Presbytery \$348 Thanksgiving \$356
1st collection: Presbytery & Priest 2nd collection: Thanksgiving (envelope)

Readings next week Acts 10:34, 37-43 Colossians 3:1-4 John 20:1-9

2024 EASTER SERVICES

Lenten Reconciliation – 27th March

7:30pm – Woodend Church

Holy Thursday - 28th March

7:00pm - **Evening Mass of the Lords Supper** – Romsey Church

Good Friday - 29th March

10:00am – **Stations of the Cross** - Romsey Church

3:00pm – **Passion of the Lord** - Romsey Church

Holy Saturday - 30th March

7:00pm – **Easter Vigil** - Lancefield Church

Easter Sunday - 31st March

9:00am – Lancefield Church

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

- Marketing Coordinator, Catholic Development Fund

Parish Positions

- Ministry Coordinator, St Scholastica's Parish, Bennettswood
- The Parish School Liaison, St. Clement of Rome, Bulleen
- Parish Business Manager, St Gregory's the Great (Doncaster) and St Kevin's (Templestowe)
- Parish Secretary, St John Vianney's Parish, Springvale North

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.

WEEKLY MASS TIMES

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

24/03/24 – Lancefield

31/03/24 – Lancefield

07/04/24 – Romsey

14/04/24 – Lancefield

21/04/24 – Romsey

28/04/24 – 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

Crossword

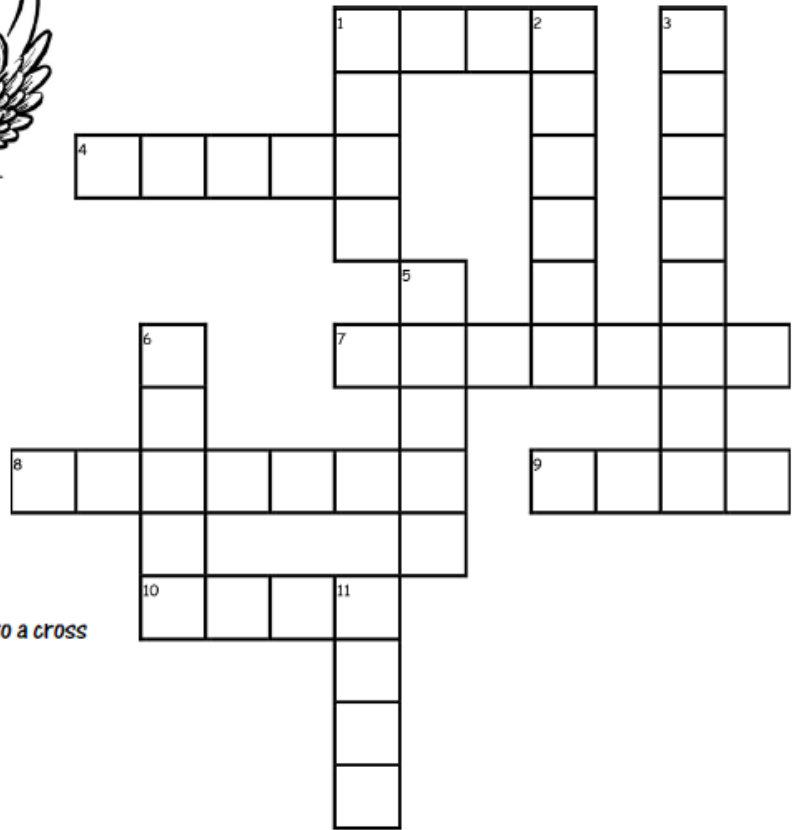


Across

- 1: the soldiers beat Jesus with one of these
- 4: a _____ of thorns was placed on Jesus' head
- 7: the chief _____ made fun of Jesus
- 8: the soldiers gambled for Jesus' _____
- 9: the soldiers hit Jesus on the _____ with a stick
- 10: the sky became _____ at noon until three o'clock

Down

- 1: someone soaked a sponge in this and gave it to Jesus
- 2: this man freed Barabbas and ordered that Jesus be nailed to a cross
- 3: Jesus was nailed to the cross at this place
- 5: Jesus died on one of these
- 6: a large group of people
- 11: Pilate called Jesus the _____ of the Jews



Wordsearch

Try to find these words:

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|---------|----------|---------|
| clothes | dark | Pilate |
| cross | Golgotha | priests |
| crowd | head | whip |
| crown | king | wine |

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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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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

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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.