

ST. MARY'S PARISH

LANCEFIELD & ROMSEY

Second Sunday of Easter - Year B

7th April, 2024

Lancefield Church
27 Chauncey Street
Lancefield



Romsey Church
85 Main Street
Romsey



EVERYONE WELCOME

Ministry Roster	06/04/24	07/04/24	14/04/24	21/04/24
Musician	-----	Christine	Agnes	Christine
Reader	Anne B	Rosemary D	Michael M	Eileen
Collector	-----	Rob	Tim	Ged
Cleaner	-----	Christine	Eva	Monica
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 October 2024!
Centenary of Romsey Church.

Please forward celebration idea's by email to lancefield@cam.org.au

Special Collection Good Friday

The total contribution from St. Mary's Parish was

\$232

Thank you for your generosity towards this important cause.

Divine Mercy Sunday St. Patrick's Cathedral

1 Cathedral Place, East Melbourne

Sunday 7 April, 2024 – 2:00pm to 4:30pm

St. Patrick's Cathedral will hold a special celebration this year for Divine Mercy Sunday. - All welcome!

Schedule:

- 2pm - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, devotional prayer & rosary
- 2pm – 3:15pm - Confessions
- 3pm - Divine Mercy Chaplet
- 3:15pm - Holy Mass
- For more information, contact Roselyn Coquet on 0422 134 523

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.

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Tammie Dalgleish
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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

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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 Acts 4:32-35

The whole group was united, heart and soul.

The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common.

The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect.

None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 117:2-4. 15-18. 22-24. R. v.1

(R.) Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
his love is everlasting

or

(R.) Alleluia.

1. Let the sons of Israel say:
'His love has no end.'
Let the sons of Aaron say:
'His love has no end.'
Let those who fear the Lord say:
'His love has no end.' (R.)
2. The Lord's right hand has triumphed;
his right hand raised me up.
I shall not die, I shall live
and recount his deeds.
I was punished, I was punished by the
Lord,
but not doomed to die. (R.)
3. The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes.
This day was made by the Lord;
we rejoice and are glad. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Jn 5:1-6

Anyone begotten by God has already overcome the world.

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ
has been begotten by God;
and whoever loves the Father that begot him
loves the child whom he begets.
We can be sure that we love God's children
if we love God himself and do what he has
commanded us;
this is what loving God is –
keeping his commandments;
and his commandments are not difficult,
because anyone who has been begotten by
God
has already overcome the world;
this is the victory over the world –
our faith.
Who can overcome the world?

Only the man who believes that Jesus is the
Son of God;
Jesus Christ who came by water and blood,
not with water only,
but with water and blood;
with the Spirit as another witness –
since the Spirit is the truth.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 20:29

Alleluia, alleluia!

*You believe in me, Thomas, because you
have seen me;
happy are those who have not seen me,
but still believe!*

Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 20:19-31

After eight days, Jesus came in and stood among them.

In the evening of that same day, the first
day of the week, the doors were closed in
the room where the disciples were, for fear
of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among
them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,'
and showed them his hands and his side.
The disciples were filled with joy when they
saw the Lord, and he said to them again,
'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me,
so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them
and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.

For those whose sins you forgive,
they are forgiven;

for those whose sins you retain,
they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of
the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus
came. When the disciples said, 'We have
seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see
the holes that the nails made in his hands
and can put my finger into the holes they
made, and unless I can put my hand into
his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days
later the disciples were in the house again
and Thomas was with them. The doors
were closed, but Jesus came in and stood
among them. 'Peace be with you' he said.
Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger
here; look, here are my hands. Give me your
hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer
but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and
my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me.

Happy are those who have not seen and
yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus
worked and the disciples saw, but they
are not recorded in this book. These are
recorded so that you may believe that Jesus
is the Christ, the Son of God, and that
believing this you may have life through his
name.



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

The true believers in the Risen Christ kept Thomas the Doubter within their circle, rather than expelling him. This gave him a further opportunity to experience the very Real Presence of the Risen Lord and his gift of peace. Companionable patience is our best response to those struggling with belief in even fundamental tenets of the faith.

Thomas saw that the wounds of Christ were still present, not obliterated. Does this suggest that our redeemed bodies will bear the marks of the wounds unjustly inflicted on us? However, they will not be disabling to our personality because they will be incorporated into the resurrection life of Christ. Incredibly, our self-inflicted wounds, i.e. our sins, will be obliterated in the mercy of God.

Pope Francis emphasises that it was in responding to the invitation to touch the wounds of Christ that Thomas understood Christ's true identity, exclaiming: 'My Lord and my God'. It is only by touching the wounds of Christ in many different people in many different situations that we can authentically make the same act of faith.

We could take a moment to pray for the strength to touch the wounds of Christ in others, 'the least'. And we could pray that, wounded as we may be by the vagaries and injustices of life, we may be liberated from their evil effects as the Risen Lord adopts our wounds as his own.

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MYSTERY OF FAITH

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,
we proclaim your Death, O Lord,
until you come again.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

- Fr:** As witnesses of the Resurrection, the apostles were sent forth to continue the work of Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit. Let us pray for the mission of the Church and the needs of the world.
- R:** That, led by the successors of Peter and the apostles, the Church will boldly proclaim the truth of Easter.
We pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- R:** That those who guide the economy of nations will distribute resources fairly among all peoples.
We pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- R:** That the many movements and small groups in the Church, who seek to find ways of living the Gospel in our world, will always find hope in the model of the early Christian community.
We pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- R:** That people weighed down by guilt may find pardon and peace in the Divine Mercy.
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 Joe Fleming.
We pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

All BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY PRAYER
HAIL MARY

Fr: As your people continue the work of the apostolic witnesses, we beseech you, most merciful Father, to grant our petitions, Through Christ our Lord.
Amen

Collections last week	Presbytery \$666	Thanksgiving \$1020
Collections 24/03/24	Presbytery \$180	Thanksgiving \$435
	1 st collection: Presbytery & Priest	2 nd collection: Thanksgiving (envelope)
Readings next week	Acts 3:13-15, 17-19	1 John 2:1-5 Luke 24:35-48

APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Congratulations and special blessings to all those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries during the month of April. 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:** Florence Meyer, Louise Newnham, Noel Doolan, Anne Naismith, Rosalae Seidel, Monique McWha, Charlotte McCarthy, Ben Todd, Ella McCarthy & Anna Newnham.
- Anniversaries:** Peter & Elaine Scanlon – 43 years
Denis & Genny Collaco – 53 years
Robert & Anne Barry – 56 years



Thomas had doubts about Jesus being alive. He wanted to see Jesus' hands and side before he would believe that Jesus had come back to life.
Re-arrange the tiles to discover the important message Jesus gave to Thomas.

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WEEKLY MASS TIMES
St. Mary's Parish
Sunday's at 9:00am
07/04/24 – Romsey
14/04/24 – Lancefield
21/04/24 – Romsey
28/04/24 – Lancefield
05/05/24 – Romsey
12/05/24 – 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

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

- Marketing Coordinator, Catholic Development Fund

Parish Positions

- Parish School Sacramental Coordinator, 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.

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



As we draw closer to Easter, could parishioners please finalise their mite boxes and giving envelopes for the Project Compassion Special Collection and return them at your earliest convenience. Thank you for your support of this cause.

ST MARY'S DROP IN – DATES FOR 2024

ST. MARY'S PARISH HALL ROMSEY

10:30AM TO 2:30PM

Thursday 2nd May

Thursday 6th June

Thursday 4th July



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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER



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.