

# ST. MARY'S PARISH

LANCEFIELD & ROMSEY

Fourth Sunday of Easter - Year B

21st April, 2024

Lancefield Church  
27 Chauncey Street  
Lancefield



Romsey Church  
85 Main Street  
Romsey



## EVERYONE WELCOME

Ministry Roster	21/04/24	28/04/24	04/05/24	05/05/24
Musician	Christine	Rosalie	-----	Christine
Reader	Eileen	Joanne	Leanne	Rosemary
Collector	Ged	Gerard	-----	Rob
Cleaner	Monica	Florence	-----	Loretta
Location	Romsey	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,  
Brendan Coburn, Isla Foy, Rhonda Cusack & 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)

## 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.

If you have any printed photographs of Romsey Church and it's surrounds throughout the years that you would be willing to lend for the purpose of a photographic display in the hall for the celebration, please contact Tam in the office to collect.

## 2024 CARITAS PROJECT COMPASSION

If anyone still has Project Compassion contributions, please return this weekend as our parish contribution will be sent off next week. Thank you for your support of this cause.

## PRAYER REQUEST

A prayer request for victims of 2019 Easter Sunday bomb attack in Sri Lanka has been made by His Eminence Malcolm Cardinal Rajith, Archbishop of Colombo to the President of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB.

*"We pray for the victims of the 2019 Easter Sunday bomb attack in Sri Lanka. May the merciful Lord grant justice to the victims, healing to the injured, hope and strength to the disabled and paralysed, consolation to the bereaved families and eternal rest to the deceased. In your mercy". Amen*

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## Secretary Hours

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## Parish Email

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## Parish Website

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## St Mary's Primary School

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## School Website

[www.smlancefield.catholic.edu.au](http://www.smlancefield.catholic.edu.au)

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is **everyone's** responsibility

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**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

Fourth Sunday of Easter, Year B

21 April 2024

## First Reading Acts 4:8-12

*This is the only name by which we can be saved.*

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter said: 'Rulers of the people, and elders! If you are questioning us today about an act of kindness to a cripple, and asking us how he was healed, then I am glad to tell you all, and would indeed be glad to tell the whole people of Israel, that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the one you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by this name and by no other that this man is able to stand up perfectly healthy, here in your presence, today. This is the stone rejected by you the builders, but which has proved to be the keystone. For of all the names in the world given to men, this is the only one by which we can be saved.'

## Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 117:1. 8-9. 21-23. 26. 28-29. R. v.22**

*(R.) The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.*

or:

*(R.) Alleluia.*

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,  
for his love has no end.  
It is better to take refuge in the Lord  
than to trust in men:  
it is better to take refuge in the Lord  
than to trust in princes. (R.)
2. I will thank you for you have given  
answer  
and you are my saviour.  
The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the corner stone.  
This is the work of the Lord,  
a marvel in our eyes. (R.)
3. Blessed in the name of the Lord  
is he who comes.  
We bless you from the house of the  
Lord;  
I will thank you for you have given  
answer  
and you are my saviour.  
Give thanks to the Lord for he is good;  
for his love has no end. (R.)

## Second Reading 1 Jn 3:1-2

*We shall see God as he is.*

Think of the love that the Father has  
lavished on us,  
by letting us be called God's children;  
and that is what we are.  
Because the world refused to acknowledge  
him,

therefore it does not acknowledge us.  
My dear people, we are already the  
children of God  
but what we are to be in the future has not  
yet been revealed;  
all we know is, that when it is revealed  
we shall be like him  
because we shall see him as he really is.

## Gospel Acclamation Jn 10:14

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;  
I know my sheep, and mine know me.  
Alleluia!*

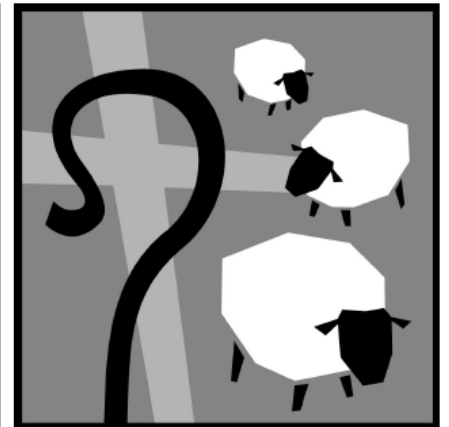
## Gospel Jn 10:11-18

*The good shepherd lays down his life for his sheep.*

Jesus said:

'I am the good shepherd:  
the good shepherd is one who lays down  
his life for his sheep.  
The hired man, since he is not the  
shepherd  
and the sheep do not belong to him,  
abandons the sheep and runs away  
as soon as he sees a wolf coming,  
and then the wolf attacks and scatters  
the sheep;  
this is because he is only a hired man  
and has no concern for the sheep.  
I am the good shepherd;  
I know my own  
and my own know me,  
just as the Father knows me  
and I know the Father;  
and I lay down my life for my sheep.  
And there are other sheep I have  
that are not of this fold,  
and these I have to lead as well.  
They too will listen to my voice,  
and there will be only one flock  
and one shepherd.  
The Father loves me,  
because I lay down my life  
in order to take it up again.  
No one takes it from me;  
I lay it down of my own free will,  
and as it is in my power to lay it down,  
so it is in my power to take it up again;  
and this is the command I have been  
given by my Father.'

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## Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

In the regions where Jesus was an itinerant preacher, three or four flocks could be kept in a communal sheepfold for safety. In the morning, the shepherds would come and, as each called out, the sheep attuned to the sound of his voice would follow to life-giving pasture.

We are surrounded by hundreds of voices clamouring for our attention. We are bombarded by messages, social media incessantly chattering. Jesus invites us to get attuned to *his* voice, listening for the distinctive sound of it so that, even if it is faintly heard in a cacophony, we immediately turn toward it so that we can follow it in a life-giving direction.

How do we get attuned to that voice? By reading the gospels. A Chinese student once told me that the Chinese character for gospel is 'happy sounds'. I like the plural. Jesus' gospel voice is not a monotone but a polyphony sounding in different ways in different situations.

As disciples, we have to get onto the same wavelength as that voice so that we can echo it in our own lives. We become reverberations of Christ's voice in many different situations, helping him to lead others to life-giving pastures.

We could take a moment to pray for better listening so that we might recognise the gospel voice of Jesus Christ, especially at the moment of death. Then we may hear the one voice we need and long for: 'Today you will be with me in paradise.'

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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:** Jesus is that good shepherd who lays down his life for his sheep.  
Let us pray to the Father, remembering the selfless love of his beloved Son.
- R:** For the Shepherds of our Church; our Holy Father Pope Francis, Archbishop Peter,  
our Bishops and pastors. May they reflect a Father's love and care for all whom they  
serve.
- We pray to the Lord.** **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- R:** We pray for world peace. May the powerful nations consider peaceful settlements and  
well being for all people.
- We pray to the Lord.** **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- R:** For our seminarians and all those in formation to priesthood and consecrated life;  
that our prayers may support them in their vocations.
- We pray to the Lord.** **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- R:** We pray for the laity and members of our church. May they feel the comfort of a  
caring shepherd.
- 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, especially *Terry Connors* and for those whose  
anniversaries occur at this time, especially *Sr. Fran Guinane, Patrick Fleming,  
Janina Kolodziej & Teresa Fogarty.*
- We pray to the Lord.** **Lord, hear our prayer.**

## All HAIL MARY

**Fr:** Most loving Father, our help and our salvation,  
accept the prayers of your children, the flock gathered in the name of your Son,  
who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

**Amen**

**Collections last week** Presbytery \$255                      Thanksgiving \$870  
1<sup>st</sup> collection: Presbytery & Priest      2<sup>nd</sup> collection: Thanksgiving (envelope)

**Readings next week**                      Acts 9:26-31                      1 John 3:18-24                      John 15:1-8

## 21 April, 2024 – World day of Prayer for Vocations

Today is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Pope Francis tells us:

***There can be no greater joy than to risk one's life for the Lord!***

I would like to say this especially to you, the young. Do not be deaf to the Lord's  
call. If he calls you to follow this path, do not pull your oars into the boat, but  
trust him. Let us pray for the young people in our community, and in our families  
and circle of friends. May our prayers help them to be open to the Lord's call to  
consecrated life or priesthood.

***The annual Seminary Enquiry Day at Corpus Christi College is on  
Sunday 19 May.***

## A prayer request

You might know of a young person in the parish, in your family or an  
acquaintance whom you think would make a good priest or religious. Why not  
pray for them by name on a regular basis? Carry them with you 'spiritually' to  
Mass on Sunday and place them on the alter at the offertory. Sometimes the Lord  
uses us as his instruments to encourage vocations.

## THE MANNIX LIBRARY BOOK SALE – Calling all bookworms!

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books just waiting to find new homes.

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and get ready to unearth some hidden gems.

**EVENT DATE:** Now on until – Friday 3 May 2024

**VENUE:** Mannix Library - Catholic Theological College  
278 Victoria Parade - East Melbourne Victoria 3002

## WEEKLY MASS TIMES

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

21/04/24 – Romsey  
28/04/24 – Lancefield  
05/05/24 – Romsey  
12/05/24 – Lancefield  
19/05/24 – Romsey  
26/05/24 – Lancefield

**HEALING MASS  
1<sup>st</sup> Saturday at 10:00am**

04/05/24 Romsey  
01/06/24 – 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 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

**POSITIONS VACANT**

Applications are invited from suitably qualified & experienced people for the positions of:

**Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne**

- Parish Relations Officer
- Communications Officer

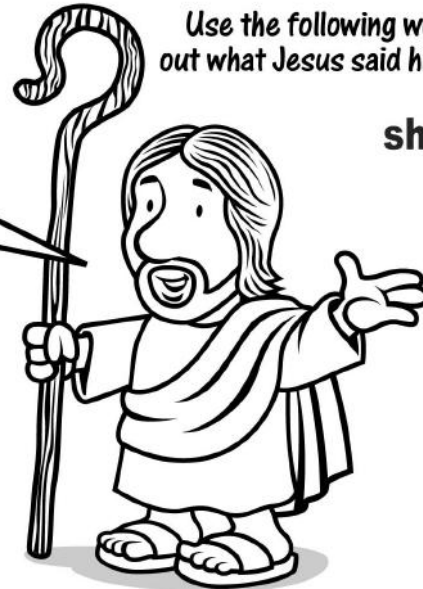
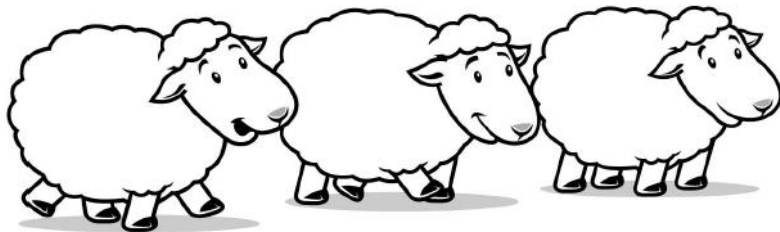
**Parish Positions**

- Parish School Sacramental Coordinator, St. Clement of Rome
- 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.

I am the \_\_\_\_\_  
 I know my own \_\_\_\_\_ and they  
 \_\_\_\_\_ me, just as the \_\_\_\_\_  
 knows me and I know the Father.  
 I lay down my \_\_\_\_\_ for my sheep.



Use the following words to find out what Jesus said his disciples.

- shepherd
- Father
- life
- good
- sheep
- know




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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.

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**BSB: 083 347**  
**Acct: 64150 3257**

Please use your surname and TG number as the reference.

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