

# ST. MARY'S PARISH

LANCEFIELD & ROMSEY

Fifth Sunday of Easter - Year B

28<sup>th</sup> April, 2024

Lancefield Church  
27 Chauncey Street  
Lancefield



Romsey Church  
85 Main Street  
Romsey



## EVERYONE WELCOME

Ministry Roster	28/04/24	04/05/24	05/05/24	12/05/24
Musician	Rosalie	-----	Christine	Agnes
Reader	Joanne	Leanne	Rosemary	Joan
Collector	Gerard	-----	Rob	Barry
Cleaner	Florence	-----	Loretta	Kerry
Location	Lancefield	Romsey	Romsey	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 T, Christine C, Isabelle F, Kath I, Gwen D,  
Brendan C, Isla F, Rhonda C, & Susan B.

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](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 6<sup>th</sup> 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, its people and its 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 arrange collection or delivery.

## CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal

Next weekend is the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal (previously held during the month of August). As the Catholic Church's mission in action, CatholicCare Victoria delivers programs and services to support families, children, young people and individuals to help everyone reach their full potential. The services include counselling and mental health services, specialised support for children and teens, refugee and asylum seeker help, pastoral care, support for separating families, social housing and homelessness support. Donations from our parish community help CatholicCare Victoria support the most vulnerable individuals and families in our community and empower everyone to live life to the full.

**Please donate to the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal.** Your support and generosity will help provide caring and compassionate support for struggling individuals and families in our community. You can donate using the appeal envelope available in our parish, donate online at [www.catholiccarevic.org.au](http://www.catholiccarevic.org.au) or call (03) 9287 5513

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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)

## 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

**Fifth Sunday of Easter, Year B**

**28 April 2024**

## First Reading Acts 9:26-31

*He explained how the Lord appeared to Saul and spoke to him on his journey.*

When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him: they could not believe he was really a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge of him, introduced him to the apostles, and explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his journey, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. Saul now started to go round with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hellenists, and argued with them, they became determined to kill him. When the brothers knew, they took him to Caesarea, and sent him off from there to Tarsus.

The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord, and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

## Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 21:26-28. 30-32. R. v. 26**

*(R.) I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.*

or:

*(R.) Alleluia.*

1. My vows I will pay before those who fear him.  
The poor shall eat and shall have their fill.  
They shall praise the Lord, those who seek him.  
May their hearts live for ever and ever! (R.)
2. All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord,  
all families of the nations worship before him.  
They shall worship him, all the mighty of the earth;  
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust. (R.)
3. And my soul shall live for him, my children serve him.  
They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come,  
declare his faithfulness to peoples yet unborn:  
'These things the Lord has done.' (R.)

## Second Reading 1 Jn 3:18-24

*His commandments are these: that we believe and that we love one another.*

My children,  
our love is not to be just words or mere talk,  
but something real and active;  
only by this can we be certain  
that we are the children of the truth  
and be able to quieten our conscience in his presence,  
whatever accusations it may raise against us,  
because God is greater than our conscience  
and he knows everything.

My dear people,  
if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience,  
we need not be afraid in God's presence,  
and whatever we ask him,  
we shall receive,  
because we keep his commandments  
and live the kind of life that he wants.  
His commandments are these:  
that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ  
and that we love one another  
as he told us to.  
Whoever keeps his commandments  
lives in God and God lives in him.  
We know that he lives in us  
by the Spirit that he has given us.

## Gospel Acclamation Jn 15:4-5

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord;*

*my branches bear much fruit.*

*Alleluia!*

## Gospel Jn 15:1-8

*All who live in me, and I in them, bear much fruit.*

Jesus said to his disciples:

'I am the true vine,  
and my Father is the vinedresser.  
Every branch in me that bears no fruit  
he cuts away,  
and every branch that does bear fruit he  
prunes  
to make it bear even more.  
You are pruned already,  
by means of the word that I have spoken to  
you.  
Make your home in me, as I make mine in  
you.  
As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself,  
but must remain part of the vine,  
neither can you unless you remain in me.  
I am the vine,  
you are the branches.  
Whoever remains in me, with me in him,  
bears fruit in plenty;  
for cut off from me you can do nothing.  
Anyone who does not remain in me  
is like a branch that has been thrown away  
- he withers;  
these branches are collected and thrown on  
the fire,  
and they are burnt.  
If you remain in me  
and my words remain in you,  
you may ask what you will  
and you shall get it.  
It is to the glory of my Father that you should  
bear much fruit,  
and then you will be my disciples.'



## Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

We are too familiar with today's gospel. Christ is the vine and we are the branches, sometimes in need of a good pruning. But God's purpose is not to produce a perfect vineyard. It is to produce a full-bodied wine at the end of history.

There is a foretaste of this at every Mass. The wine we offer - 'fruit of the earth and work of human hands' - becomes the spiritual drink which best serves the purpose of our Heavenly Father. How does this happen?

For the Jewish people observing an animal whose throat is cut, it is obvious that the life drains out with the blood. 'Life' and 'blood' became synonyms. So, when the Jewish Jesus says of the wine in the chalice at the Last Supper: 'This is my blood', amongst other things he is saying: 'This is my life force, this is my very life given unreservedly for you.'

So, when we drink from the chalice at Holy Communion, the life of the Risen Lord courses through our bodies just as the sap of the vine courses through its branches. We share the same ultimate vitality so that our bodily existence builds into the Body of Christ. He becomes truly 'full-bodied' as the Divine Vignerone desires.

We could take a moment to pray that we respond to the pruning and the tending and the pressing by our Heavenly Father so as to contribute our distinctive character to the vintage at the end of history, the spiritual drink of the Kingdom of Heaven.

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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:** Christ says, "If you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask what you will and you shall get it." Let us pray confidently, inspired by his words.
- R:** That the unity which comes from Christ the true vine may draw all Christians to his Church.  
**We pray to the Lord.** **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- R:** That the peace which God gives us may spread through nations involved in war, terrorism or inner turmoil.  
**We pray to the Lord.** **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- R:** We pray for all those who are involved in teaching and educating young people: may their words and actions inspire and draw out the very best from those whom they teach.  
**We pray to the Lord.** **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- R:** For the staff and volunteers of CatholicCare Victoria: we pray that their daily work results in delivering services and programs that are grounded in love, leading to connection, improved relationships, and transformed life experiences for those who need support.  
**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 John White and Beulah Badger.  
**We pray to the Lord.** **Lord, hear our prayer.**

## All HAIL MARY

**Fr:** Almighty Father,  
The risen Lord Jesus dwells in you and he is the perfect mediator of our prayer. Hear us in him, who lives and reigns for ever and ever.  
**Amen**

<b>Collections last week</b>	Presbytery \$301	Thanksgiving \$310
	1 <sup>st</sup> collection: Presbytery & Priest	2 <sup>nd</sup> collection: Thanksgiving (envelope)
<b>Readings next week</b>	Act: 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48	1 John 4:7-10 John 15:9-17

## 2024 CARITAS PROJECT COMPASSION

The total contribution from St. Mary's Parish was  
**\$664.90**

Thank you all for your generosity.

## WEEKDAY MASSES

Weekday Masses are returning to St. Mary's Parish.  
Commencing May 8<sup>th</sup> there will be 3 weekday Masses celebrated in the parish.

**Wednesday 9:30am – weekday Mass – Lancefield Church**

**Thursday 9:30am – weekday Mass – Romsey Church**

**Friday 10:15am – School Mass – Lancefield Church**

School Mass will generally be for a specific year level/levels however full school Masses will be advertised in the bulletin the week prior.

All parishioners are welcome to attend School Masses.

## UPCOMING MASSES

Saturday May 4<sup>th</sup> – 10am - Healing Mass – Romsey

Sunday May 5<sup>th</sup> – 9am - Sunday Mass – Romsey

Wednesday May 8<sup>th</sup> – 9:30am - Weekday Mass – Lancefield

Thursday May 9<sup>th</sup> – 9:30am - Weekday Mass – Romsey

Friday May 10<sup>th</sup> – 10:15am - Weekday Mass – Lancefield  
(no school attendance on May 10<sup>th</sup>)

## WEEKLY MASS TIMES

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

28/04/24 – Lancefield

05/05/24 – Romsey

12/05/24 – Lancefield

19/05/24 – Romsey

26/05/24 – Lancefield

02/06/24 – Romsey

## 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 on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month

## Marriages

Arranged by appointment with Fr. Brian 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

## Catholic Theological College

have the following upcoming events in May at CTC:

### Engaging Your Faith online seminar series.

Nine stand-alone sessions on a range of themes will be presented by members of our lecturing staff.

- These sessions would be an ideal opportunity for lay leaders and other interested people in your parish to explore the possibilities offered at CTC for personal, theological, and spiritual development.
- Cost: \$25 per session: General audience.

For more information and to register:

[ctc.edu.au/engaging-your-faith/](http://ctc.edu.au/engaging-your-faith/)

## POSITIONS VACANT

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

### Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne

- Communications Officer
- Executive Support Officer-Proclaim, East Melbourne
- Aboriginal Catholic Ministry of Victoria (ACMV) Coordinator, Thornbury

### Parish Positions

- 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.

## BAPTISM PRAYER

We ask our God, the giver of life, to bless you,

**Bella & Isaac**

who will be baptised in our parish today.

We the Church of St. Mary's Lancefield/Romsey welcome and support you.

## HEALING MASS

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May, 2024**

*St. Mary's Church Hall Romsey*

9:30am – Reconciliation

10:00 Mass

## St. Mary's Parish Drop-in

Upcoming Drop-in dates:

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 2024**

*St. Mary's Church Hall Romsey*

**10:30am – 2:30pm**

Come along for a game of cards, a bite to eat and excellent company!

## ST MARY'S DROP IN – DATES FOR 2024

**ST. MARY'S PARISH HALL ROMSEY**

**10:30AM TO 2:30PM**

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July



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**5<sup>th</sup> 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.