

ST. MARY'S PARISH

LANCEFIELD & ROMSEY

Sixth Sunday of Easter - Year B

5th May, 2024

Lancefield Church
27 Chauncey Street
Lancefield



Romsey Church
85 Main Street
Romsey



EVERYONE WELCOME

Ministry Roster	04/05/24	05/05/24	12/05/24	19/05/24
Musician	-----	Christine	Agnes	Christine
Reader	Leanne	Rosemary	Joan	John
Collector	-----	Rob	Barry	Tim
Cleaner	-----	Loretta	Kerry	Marie
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,
Brendan Coburn, Isla Foy, Rhonda Cusack, & 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

IT'S NEARLY TIME TO SAY GOODBYE

Fr. Martin advised this week that a replacement Parish Priest has been appointed to St. Ambrose Parish, Woodend and St. Mary's Parish, Lancefield & Romsey.

Fr. John Healy will take up this role effective 10 July, 2024.

Fr. John comes to us from Holy Trinity Catholic Parish in Laverton, Altona Meadows and Point Cook.

SAVE THE DATE – June 16th

Fr. Martin will celebrate Mass with us on Sunday 16th of June at 9am in Romsey. Mass will be followed by a farewell morning tea in the hall.

CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal

This weekend is the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal (previously held during the month of August).

CatholicCare Victoria works with individuals, families and communities to build strength, resilience, and empowerment to reach their full potential. Your generous donation will help the most vulnerable members of our community – those facing unemployment and homelessness, those experiencing mental health challenges, families struggling with relationship problems, people in hospitals and prisons, newly arrived refugees, and those experiencing grief and trauma.

Please donate to CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. Your compassion and generosity will help the most vulnerable and marginalised in our community.

You can donate using the appeal envelope available, donate online at www.catholiccarevic.org.au

or call (03) 9287 5513. All gifts of \$2 and above are tax deductible.

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Secretary Hours

Wednesday & Friday
8:00am – 5:00pm

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

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 10:25-26. 34-35. 44-48

The gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out upon the gentiles also.

As Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to meet him, knelt at his feet and prostrated himself. But Peter helped him up. 'Stand up,' he said, 'I am only a man after all!'

Then Peter addressed them: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said, 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.'

While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the pagans too, since they could hear them speaking strange languages and proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter himself then said, 'Could anyone refuse the water of baptism to these people, now they have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have?' He then gave orders for them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterwards they begged him to stay on for some days.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 97:1-4. R. see v.2

(R.) *The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.*

or:

(R.) *Alleluia.*

1. Sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders. His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation. (R.)
2. The Lord has made known his salvation; has shown his justice to the nations. He has remembered his truth and love for the house of Israel. (R.)
3. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Shout to the Lord all the earth, ring out your joy. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Jn 4:7-10

God is love.

My dear people, let us love one another since love comes from God and everyone who loves is begotten by God

and knows God. Anyone who fails to love can never have known God, because God is love. God's love for us was revealed when God sent into the world his only Son so that we could have life through him; this is the love I mean: not our love for God, but God's love for us when he sent his Son to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 15:9-17

No one can have greater love than to lay down his life for his friends.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you and your joy be complete. This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you. A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends, if you do what I command you, I shall not call you servants any more, because a servant does not know his master's business; I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. You did not choose me, no, I chose you; and I commissioned you to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last; and then the Father will give you anything you ask him in my name. What I command you is to love one another.'



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

A pagan Roman officer was so evidently graced by the Holy Spirit that St Peter realised that the followers of Jesus Christ need not be constrained within the confines of Judaism. This incident, together with St Paul's mission, has helped Christianity spread to every tribe and nation on the face of the earth.

'Catholic' simply means 'world wide', and the Church's universal mission is to preach the truth of Christ's victory over death and the true meaning of love: 'No greater love can a man have than to lay down his life for his friend.'

In our experience, this is best exemplified in the desire of a mother or father to substitute themselves for a dying infant or child. Our Lord practised what he preached with incredible intensity. He substituted himself for the whole of humanity dying because of a broken relationship with its Creator. He did so on behalf of us whom he calls friends, those with whom he wishes to share his victory over death.

This is the message entrusted to the members of the one, holy, catholic and apostolic church to be spread to the people of every tribe and nation.

We could take a moment to pray that we better express our undying gratitude for our status as friends of the Risen Lord, and better do our part as missionary disciples spreading the news of his great love embracing the whole of humanity.

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MYSTERY OF FAITH

Save us, Saviour of the world,
for by your Cross and Resurrection
you have set us free.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

- Fr:** Everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God, as St. John reminds us. Let our love this day open our hearts in genuine concern for all as we gather as a community in prayer.
- R:** We pray for our Church leaders, the Pope and the bishops, that they show themselves willing to follow the example of Jesus in laying down their lives for his friends.
We pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- R:** We pray for all who minister in the Church, that they be challenged by Peter's change in attitude in realising God does not have favourites.
We pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- R:** We pray that the Gospel standard to love one another as Jesus has loved us can encourage all Christians to renew their sense of commitment.
We pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- R:** We pray for the staff and volunteers of CatholicCare Victoria: 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, that we too commit ourselves to nurture and encourage those around us. We pray for the recently deceased, and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially Eileen & Massa Cardillo, Anne Connors & Eddie McCarthy.
We pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

All BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY PRAYER HAIL MARY

- Fr:** Father, receive our prayers with that same love with which you sent your Son to be the sacrifice who takes away our sins.
We ask this, through Christ our Lord.
Amen

Collections last week Presbytery \$275 Thanksgiving \$481
 1st collection: Presbytery & Priest 2nd collection: Thanksgiving (envelope)

Readings next week Acts 1:1-11 Ephesians 1:17-23 Mark 16:15-20

MAY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Congratulations and special blessings to all those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries during the month of May. 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: Rosemary Deutscher, Jules McCarthy, Kerry McCarthy, Robert Barry, Joanne Reuther and a big shout out to our younger ones: Paddy McCarthy, Tommy McCarthy, Hugh Newnham & Zaviar McWha!

Anniversaries: Ray & Rosemary Deutscher – 42 years
 John & Rosalie McCarthy – 57 years & Michael & Jill Walsh – 57 years

WEEKDAY MASSES

Weekday Masses are returning to St. Mary's Parish.
Commencing May 8th 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.

WEEKLY MASS TIMES

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

05/05/24 – Romsey
12/05/24 – Lancefield
19/05/24 – Romsey
26/05/24 – Lancefield
02/06/24 – Romsey
09/06/24 – Lancefield

HEALING MASS

1st 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 4th 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

LANCEFIELD CHURCH SACRISTY UPGRADE

The Lancefield Church Sacristy will be receiving a minor refurbishment during May. There will be some changes to weekday Masses because of this.

May 13 – May 24

will be when the work takes place.

The builder has kindly agreed to work around school Masses however **Wednesday Mass on 15th of May will not go ahead.** A decision on Wednesday Mass on 22nd of May will be made closer to the date depending on the progress of the build.

POSITIONS VACANT

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

Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne

- Communications Officer
- Head of Office – Clergy Life and Ministry
- Parish Relations Officer

Catholic Development Fund

- Business Analyst

Parish Positions

- Parish School Sacramental Coordinator, St. Clement of Rome

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.

UPCOMING PARISH MASSES

Wed May 8th – 9:30am - Weekday Mass – LF
Thur May 9th – 9:30am - Weekday Mass – Rom
Fri May 10th – 10:15am - Weekday Mass – LF
(no school attendance on May 10th)
Sun May 12th – 9am – Mass - Fr. Martin – LF
Thur May 16th – 9:30am – Weekday Mass – Rom
Fri May 17th – 10:15am – School Mass – LF
Sun May 19th – 9am – Mass - Fr. Brian – Rom
Wed May 22nd - 9:30am **Mass to be confirmed**
Thur May 23rd – 9:30am – Weekday Mass – Rom
Fri May 24th – 10:15am – Whole School
Pentecost Mass

HEALING MASS

Saturday 4th May, 2024

St. Mary's Church Romsey

9:30am – Reconciliation

10:00 - Mass

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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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.



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