

ST. MARY'S PARISH

LANCEFIELD & ROMSEY

The Ascension of the Lord - Year B

12th May, 2024

Lancefield Church
27 Chauncey Street
Lancefield



Romsey Church
85 Main Street
Romsey



EVERYONE WELCOME

Ministry Roster	12/05/24	19/05/24	26/05/24	01/06/24
Musician	Agnes	Christine	Rosalie	-----
Reader	Joan	John	Eloise	Eileen
Collector	Barry	Tim	Joe	-----
Cleaner	Kerry	Marie	Rosalie	-----
Location	Lancefield	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.

A PRAYER FOR OUR MOTHERS THIS MOTHERS' DAY

At the foot of the cross, her heart broke for Jesus, yet she accepted God's will not only for her Son, but for herself in her new role as mother to us all (John 19:25-27). As we honour today our earthly mothers and mother figures — including stepmothers, relatives, guardians, close family friends and those who would be mothers — let us honour our heavenly mother as well. Those devoted to her are always led to her Son. For her wise counsel tells us, "Do whatever he tells you" (John 2:5).

And so, we invite you to pray:

Lord Jesus Christ, You chose to put yourself—tiny, needy and helpless—into the nurturing and watchful hands of a human mother. Since then, every act of mothering, both physical and spiritual, in every time and every corner of the world recollects Mary's. Inspired by this example, we, too, honour our mothers and mother figures today. Bless these women, that they may be strengthened as Christian mothers and nurturers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, honour them always with a spirit of profound respect.

We ask this in your holy name. Amen.

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Secretary Hours

Wednesday & Friday
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Parish Website

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St Mary's Primary School

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School Website

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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

The Ascension of the Lord, Year B

12 May 2024

First Reading Acts 1:1-11

Why are you standing here looking into the sky? Jesus has been taken into heaven.

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is,' he had said, 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 46:2-3. 6-9. R. v.6

(R.) God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord. or (R.) Alleluia.

1. All peoples, clap your hands,
cry to God with shouts of joy!
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,
great king over all the earth. (R.)
2. God goes up with shouts of joy;
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
Sing praise for God, sing praise,
sing praise to our king, sing praise. (R.)
3. God is king of all the earth.
Sing praise with all your skill.
God is king over the nations;
God reigns on his holy throne. (R.)

Second Reading Eph 1:17-23

He made Jesus to sit at his right hand in heaven.

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength

of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

or Eph 4:1-7. 11-13

He made Jesus to sit at his right hand in heaven.

I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you to lead a life worthy of your vocation. Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience. Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds you together. There is one Body, one Spirit, just as you were all called into one and the same hope when you were called. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God who is father of all, over all, through all and within all.

Each one of us, however, has been given his own share of grace, given as Christ allotted it. The one who rose higher than all the heavens to fill all things is none other than the one who descended. And to some his gift was that they should be apostles; to some, prophets; to some, evangelists; to some, pastors and teachers; so that the saints together make a unity in the work of service, building up the body of Christ. In this way we are all to come to unity in our faith and in our knowledge of the Son of God, until we become the perfect Man, fully mature with the fullness of Christ himself.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 28:19. 20

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Go and teach all people my gospel.
I am with you always, until the end
of the world. Alleluia!*

Gospel Mk 16:15-20

The Lord Jesus was taken into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God.

Jesus showed himself to the Eleven and said to them, 'Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News to all creation. He who believes and is baptised is saved; he who does not believe will be condemned. These are the signs that will be associated with believers: in my name they will cast out devils; they will have the gift of tongues; they will pick up snakes in their hands, and be unharmed should they drink deadly poison; they will lay their hands on the sick, who will recover.'

And so the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven: there at the right hand of God he took his place, while they, going out, preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word by the signs that accompanied it.



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Our Risen Lord could have appeared to groups of followers generation after generation until now. But he withdrew his visible bodily presence from us. Why? I think because he needed to wean human beings from our tendency to be self-centred. The Resurrection starts the transformation of the whole of creation, not just us.

Ordinary human beings are the heart and mind and voice of non-angelic creation. We love and understand and speak on its behalf. The transforming effect of Our Lord's glorified humanity is much more profound. Every molecule, every quantum of energy, the past, present and future are all in the process of being changed towards 'the fullness of him who fills the whole creation'.

At every Mass, this divine resurrection power is at work. Elements of the universe, wheat-bread, grapes-wine, become the Real Presence of Our Lord's glorified body.

The privilege of a ministerial priest is to be the ritual servant of this divine transformation. Invoking the Holy Spirit and reciting the words of the Last Supper is the priest's role in Our Lord's creative real anticipation of the end of time.

We could take a moment to pray for the grace to let go of our self-centredness, to stop staring into the empty sky as though lamenting Our Lord's absence, and to savour the privilege of receiving his Real Presence in the transformed elements of creation as we and they share in that Holy Communion which is the destiny of the whole cosmos.

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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:** When our risen Saviour ascended into heaven, angels reminded his disciples that he would come back again. Until he comes, we continue his work by praying for all peoples and their needs.
- R:** In this week of Prayer for Christian Unity we pray that all Christians strive to respond to Christ’s desire for unity and that all be consecrated in the truth.
We pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- R:** We pray that we may come to appreciate the reason for Christ’s ascension and return to the Father’s right hand so that their Spirit be sent among us to continue the Trinitarian plan for the world.
We pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- R:** We pray for our world, especially for those nations struggling against injustice and violence. May they experience peace in our time.
We pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- R:** We pray for our mothers and mothers everywhere. May we look back in gratitude and go forward in faith to strengthen the loving bonds between the generations.
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 Margaret Redmond, Barry Nunn, Eily Martin, Kath Coburn, Jason Morrison, & Jozef Kolodziej, that in the eternal life of God’s promise they find eternal peace.
We pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

All HAIL MARY

Fr: God of Infinite Mercy, graciously look upon us today as we offer these prayers to you. Hear us, in the name of Christ Jesus whose return to you we celebrate with great joy this day.
Amen

Collections last week	Presbytery \$237	Thanksgiving \$460
	1 st collection: Presbytery & Priest	2 nd collection: Thanksgiving (envelope)
Readings next week	Acts 2:1-11	Galatians 5:16-25 John 15:26-27, 16:12-15

UPCOMING PARISH MASSES

Sunday	May 12 th – 9am	Sunday Mass - Fr. Martin – LF
Wednesday	May 11th – NO MASS DUE TO SACRISTY WORKS	
Thursday	May 16 th – 9:30am	Weekday Mass – Rom
Friday	May 17 th – 10:15am	School Mass – LF
Sunday	May 19 th – 9am	Sunday Mass - Fr. Brian – Rom
Wednesday	May 22nd - Mass to be confirmed depending on works progress	
Thursday	May 23 rd – 9:30am	Weekday Mass – Rom
Friday	May 24 th – 10:15am	Whole School <i>Pentecost</i> Mass



ASCENSION

How many words can you make from the letters in the word ASCENSION?

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WEEKLY MASS TIMES

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

- 12/05/24 – Lancefield
- 19/05/24 – Romsey
- 26/05/24 – Lancefield
- 02/06/24 – Romsey
- 09/06/24 – Lancefield
- 16/06/24 – Romsey

**HEALING MASS
1st Saturday at 10:00am**

- 01/06/24 – Romsey
- 06/07/24 – 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

- Head of Office – Clergy Life and Ministry

Catholic Development Fund

- Business Analyst

Parish Positions

- Parish School Sacramental Coordinator, St. Clement of Rome, Bulleen
- Parish Coordinator, Our Lady of Perpetual Help & The Catholic Parish of Our Lady of Fatima, Rosebud
- Finance Officer, Our Lady of Perpetual Help & The Catholic Parish of Our Lady of Fatima, Rosebud

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.

WEEKDAY MASSES

Please read Upcoming Parish Masses for changes to weekday Masses.

Once the Lancefield Sacristy refurbishment has been completed the weekday Mass schedule will be:

Wednesday 9:30am – Lancefield Church

Thursday 9:30am – Romsey Church

Friday 10:15am – School Mass – LF 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.

CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal 2024

The total contribution from St. Mary's Parish was **\$175**

Thank you for your generosity.

ST MARY'S DROP IN – DATES FOR 2024

ST. MARY'S PARISH HALL ROMSEY

10:30AM TO 2:30PM

Thursday 6th June

Thursday 4th July

Thursday 1st August



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**St. Mary's Presbytery Account
NAB**

BSB: 083 347

Acct: 64151 8467

Please use your surname as the reference.



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**St. Mary's Church Account
NAB**

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Acct: 64150 3257

Please use your surname and TG number as the reference.