

ST. MARY'S PARISH

LANCEFIELD & ROMSEY

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

29th September, 2024

Lancefield Church
27 Chauncey Street
Lancefield



Romsey Church
85 Main Street
Romsey



EVERYONE WELCOME

Ministry Roster	29/09/24	06/10/24 – 2PM	13/10/24	20/10/24
Musician	Rosalie	Christine	Agnes	Christine
Reader	Joan	Joanne	Michael M	Michael G
Collector	Ged	Ged	Barry	Tim
Cleaner	Eva	Christine	Florence	Monica
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 & Vittoria Cafari.

St. Mary's Church Romsey - 100 years Celebration

Mass will celebrated by

Archbishop Peter Comensoli

on October 6th, 2024 at 2pm

and concelebrated by *Fr. Terry Bergin, Fr. George O'Connor & Fr. Arnold Heredia*
Bp. Peter Connors, Fr. Brian Muling & Fr. John Healy.

Afternoon tea will follow Mass in the Church Hall.

RSVP's for attendance and catering - please respond by:

Friday 27th September, 2024

NO HEALING MASS – SATURDAY 5th OCTOBER

As both Fr. John & Fr. Brian will be attending required training in line with our Safeguarding Policy on 5/10/24, the Healing Mass won't take place in October.

Sorry for the inconvenience.

WEEKDAY FELLOWSHIP – CANCELLED FOR OCTOBER

A number of commitments have come to light for next week and unfortunately weekday Mass and fellowship have had to be cancelled for October 2nd.

Next fellowship will take place after Mass on Wednesday 6th November.

UPCOMING PARISH MASSES

Sun	Sept 29 th – 9am	Sunday Mass – LF	Fr. John
Wed	Oct 2 nd	NO WEEKDAY MASS	
Thur	Oct 3 rd – 9:30am	Weekday Mass – Rom	Fr. Brian
Fri	Oct 4 th – 9:30am	Weekday Mass – LF	Fr. Brian
Sat	Oct 5 th –	NO HEALING MASS	
Sun	Oct 6 th – 2pm	Centennial Mass – Rom	ABP Peter
Sun	Oct 6 th – 3pm	Afternoon tea – Parish Hall	

**PLEASE NOTE DURING SCHOOL HOLIDAYS – FRIDAY WEEKDAY MASS
WILL BE HELD AT 9:30am.**

WEEKDAY MASSES WILL NOW BE HELD IN THE CHURCH

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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
www.melbournecatholic.org

All children leaving the church during Mass must be accompanied by a parent.

Child Safety Committee

Fr. John Healy
Tammie Dalgleish
Michael Mooney
Monica Tomlinson

The Living Word

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First Reading Nm 11:25-29

Are you jealous on my account? Who decrees that all people may prophesy?

The Lord came down in the Cloud. He spoke with Moses, but took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. When the spirit came on them they prophesied, but not again.

Two men had stayed back in the camp; one was called Eldad and the other Medad. The spirit came down on them; though they had not gone to the Tent, their names were enrolled among the rest. These began to prophesy in the camp. The young man ran to tell this to Moses, 'Look', he said, 'Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.' Then said Joshua the son of Nun, who had served Moses from his youth, 'My Lord Moses, stop them!' Moses answered him, 'Are you jealous on my account? If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets, and the Lord gave his Spirit to them all!'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 18:8. 10. 12-14. R. v.9

(R.) The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

1. The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul.
The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple. *(R.)*
2. The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever.
The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just. *(R.)*
3. So in them your servant finds instructions;
great reward is in their keeping.
But who can detect all his errors?
From hidden faults acquit me. *(R.)*
4. From presumption restrain your servant and let it not rule me.
Then shall I be blameless,
clean from grave sin. *(R.)*

Second Reading Jas 5:1-6

Your wealth is rotting.

An answer for the rich. Start crying, weep for the miseries that are coming to you. Your wealth is all rotting, your clothes are all eaten up by moths. All your gold and your silver are corroding away, and the same corrosion will be your own sentence, and eat into your body. It was a burning fire that you stored up as your treasure

for the last days. Labourers mowed your fields, and you cheated them – listen to the wages that you kept back, calling out; realise that the cries of the reapers have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. On earth you have had a life of comfort and luxury; in the time of slaughter you went on eating to your heart's content. It was you who condemned the innocent and killed them; they offered you no resistance.

Gospel Acclamation See Jn 17:17

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your word, O Lord, is truth:

make us holy in the truth.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Anyone who is not against us is for us. If your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off.

John said to Jesus, 'Master, we saw a man who is not one of us casting out devils in your name; and because he was not one of us we tried to stop him.' But Jesus said, 'You must not stop him: no one who works a miracle in my name is likely to speak evil of me. Anyone who is not against us is for us.'

'If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just because you belong to Christ, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

'But anyone who is an obstacle to bring down one of these little ones who have faith, would be better thrown into the sea with a great millstone round his neck. And if your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life crippled, than to have two hands and go to hell, into the fire that cannot be put out. And if your foot should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life lame, than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. And if your eye should cause you to sin, tear it out; it is better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell where their worm does not die nor their fire go out.'



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

An easy way to deal with this Gospel: 'anyone who is not against us is for us,' would be to emphasise the transformation of the relationship of Catholics with Protestants. Too easy.

But what about our relationship with the Muslims? There is a huge gulf between Muslims and us about Jesus Christ. Muslims do not even believe that he was killed on the cross, let alone raised to life. We hold to the testimony and the faith of the Apostles.

But Catholics also believe that the Divine Wind blows where it pleases amongst all people of all religious traditions (and of none). In the early Church this was expressed by saying that the Seeds of the Word were sown by the Holy Spirit in the hearts of all human beings.

We need to recognise the Seed of the Word in Islam – our shared belief in the one God, Creator of the cosmos, Lord of history, merciful and just. The task of the Church is to bring that Seed closer to the illumination of Divine Light so that it may eventually grow in belief that God is indeed One in the loving relationship of Triune life.

The world is holding its breath over the encounter of the Catholic Church and Islam. There is a history of mutual violence and contemporary barbarities which are inhumane and blasphemous. But, in the face of indifference and hostility to religion, at least in the West, it is good to acknowledge what we share in common.

We may take a moment to pray for the grace to relate to those Muslims whom we know in our own society in light of our faith that the Divine Wind has sown and is nurturing the Seed of the Word amongst them.

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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:** God calls us to show concern for the whole person as we proclaim the Gospel to the world. Let our prayers today be a sign of our dedication and commitment to all who thirst for hope.
- R:** We pray for the Pope and Bishops. May the balance between their words and example give witness to genuine Christian discipleship.
We pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- R:** We pray that the leader of our nation – politicians, scientists, economists, teachers, artists and poets - use their gifts to shape us as a community steeped in justice and respect for all people.
We pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- R:** We pray for the seminarians, that as they prepare to become priests' they will grow in knowledge and love of God, and of the people they will serve.
We pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- R:** We pray for our family members and parishioners who have celebrated Eucharist with us. May our common offering now be the source of eternal blessing for them.
We pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- R:** We pray for the sick members of our parish, especially Fr. Prakash and for those who care for them. We pray for the recently deceased, and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially Barry Roworth, Dawn Boswell, Honor McGeady & Scott Fleming.
May they find healing and peace in the Lord.
We pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

All HAIL MARY

- Fr:** Gracious God, you have given us all a share in your Spirit. May that Spirit continue to inspire us in our prayers to you. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Collections last week Presbytery \$309 Thanksgiving \$676

Fr. JOHN – ANNUAL LEAVE

Fr. John will be on annual leave from 21/10/24 to 1/11/24 and from 04/11/24 to 14/11/24

SECRETARY – ANNUAL LEAVE

Tam will be taking just a day annual leave next Wednesday 02/10/24
The office will be unattended on this day.

DAY LIGHT SAVINGS REMINDER

As we have a very important event next Sunday 6th October, I'm thankful someone reminded me recently that

Day Light Savings will commence at 2am Sunday morning 2/10/24.

Please remember to put your clocks forward so you don't miss Mass!

Tuesday 1st October: Saint Thérèse of Lisieux's Story



"I prefer the monotony of obscure sacrifice to all ecstasies. To pick up a pin for love can convert a soul." These are the words of Thérèse of Lisieux, a Carmelite nun called the "Little Flower," who lived a cloistered life of obscurity in the convent of Lisieux, France. And her preference for hidden sacrifice did indeed convert souls. Few saints of God are more popular than this young nun. Her autobiography, *The Story of a Soul*, is read and loved throughout the world. Thérèse Martin entered the convent at the age of 15 and died in 1897 at the age of 24. Life in a Carmelite convent is indeed uneventful and consists mainly of prayer and hard domestic work. But Thérèse possessed that holy insight that redeems the time, however dull that time may be. She saw in quiet suffering a redemptive suffering, suffering that was indeed her apostolate. Thérèse said she came to the Carmel convent "to save souls and pray for priests." And shortly before she died, she wrote: "I want to spend my heaven doing good on earth." Thérèse was canonized in 1925

WEEKLY MASS TIMES

St. Mary's Parish

Sunday's at 9:00am

29/09/24 – Lancefield

06/10/24 – Romsey – 2PM

13/10/24 – Lancefield

20/10/24 – Romsey

27/10/24 – Lancefield

03/11/24 – Romsey

HEALING MASS

1st Saturday at 10:00am

NO HEALING MASS OCTOBER

02/11/24 – 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 at least 6 months' notice. Please contact parish office.

Funerals

Contact Fr. John directly.

Contact Fr. Brian directly.

Reconciliation

Second Saturday of the month at Woodend 10am-10:30am

Third Saturday of the month at Lancefield 10am-10:30am

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. John/Fr. Brian, 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

Wednesday 2nd October: Feast of the Guardian Angels

Perhaps no aspect of Catholic piety is as comforting to parents as the belief that an angel protects their little ones from dangers real and imagined. Yet guardian angels are not only for children. Their role is to represent individuals before God, to watch over them always, to aid their prayer, and to present their souls to God at death. The concept of an angel assigned to guide and nurture each human being is a development of Catholic doctrine and piety based on Scripture but not directly drawn from it. Jesus' words in Matthew 18:10 best support the belief: "See that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that their angels in heaven always look upon the face of my heavenly Father." Devotion to the angels began to develop with the birth of the monastic tradition. Saint Benedict gave it impetus and Saint Bernard of Clairvaux, the great 12th-century reformer, was such an eloquent spokesman for the guardian angels that angelic devotion assumed its current form in his day.



Friday 4th October: Feast of St. Francis of Assisi



Founder, Friars Minor (1182–1226) The son of a wealthy cloth merchant in Assisi, he spent his youth in frivolous enjoyment. But a series of harsh experiences, including war, captivity, and sickness, turned his heart from worldly ambitions. While praying before a crucifix in a ruined chapel, Francis heard a voice commanding him to "repair" the Church. At first he took this quite literally, setting about rebuilding old church buildings. But in time he repaired the Church in a more profound way. Attracting followers, he launched a new order, the Friars Minor, who, in their strict faithfulness to the Gospel—seeking out the poor, the sick, the marginalized, embracing poverty and nonviolence—turned the values of their society upside down. In his life and in his relationship with the world, Francis represented the breakthrough of a new model of human and cosmic community. His last years were marked by terrible suffering, including the wounds of the cross on his hands and feet. He died on October 3, 1226. His feast day is 4th October.

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