

ST. MARY'S PARISH

LANCEFIELD & ROMSEY

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

15th September, 2024

Lancefield Church
27 Chauncey Street
Lancefield



Romsey Church
85 Main Street
Romsey



EVERYONE WELCOME

Ministry Roster	15/09/24	22/09/24	29/09/24	05/10/24
Musician	Christine	Agnes	Rosalie	-----
Reader	Betty	Leanne	Joan	Anne B
Collector	Gerard	Joe	Ged	-----
Cleaner	Anne N	Leanne	Eva	-----
Location	Romsey	Lancefield	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 DeCarolus,
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.

We are looking for photos from Baptisms, First Communions, Confirmations, Weddings or any other special celebration that took place in the Romsey Church. If you can assist with any memorabilia, we would be most grateful if you could clearly mark the item with your name, a description and date of the occasion and names to a photo.

**Please drop your items to Tammie at the presbytery or contact
Kerry McCarthy on 0403 163 592.**

A big item to arrange is catering. We would like to do it ourselves but need your help.

To assist with afternoon tea we ask that those who can, please bring a plate.

RSVP: Attendance to Tam at lancefield@cam.org.au or 5429 2130

RSVP: Catering offering to Tam at lancefield@cam.org.au or 5429 2130

Please specify sweet/savoury so we don't have 500 sandwiches and no cake!

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

Friday 27th September, 2024

UPCOMING PARISH MASSES

Sat	Sept 14 th – 10am	Reconciliation – Woodend	Fr. John
Sun	Sept 15 th – 9am	Sunday Mass – Rom	Fr. Brian
Wed	Sept 18 th – 9:30am	Weekday Mass – LF	Fr. Brian
Thur	Sept 19 th – 9:30am	Weekday Mass – Rom	Fr. John
Fri	Sept 20 th – 10:15am	Weekday Mass – LF	Fr. Brian
Sat	Sept 21 st – 10am	Reconciliation – Lancefield	Fr. Brian
Sun	Sept 22 nd – 9am	Sunday Mass – LF	Fr. John
Sun	Sept 22 nd – 2:30pm	Baptism's – LF	Fr. Brian

PLEASE NOTE WEEKDAY MASSES WILL 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 Dalglish
Michael Mooney
Monica Tomlinson

The Living Word

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First Reading Is 50:5-9

I gave my body to those who struck me.

The Lord has opened my ear.

For my part, I made no resistance,
neither did I turn away.
I offered my back to those who struck me,
my cheeks to those who tore at my beard;
I did not cover my face
against insult and spittle.

The Lord comes to my help,
so that I am untouched by the insults.
So, too, I set my face like flint;
I know I shall not be shamed.

My vindicator is here at hand.
Does anyone start proceedings against me?
Then let us go to court together.
Who thinks he has a case against me?
Let him approach me.
The Lord is coming to my help,
who dare condemn me?

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 114:1-6. 8-9. R. v.9

*(R.) I will walk in the presence
of the Lord,
in the land of the living.
or*

(R.) Alleluia!

1. I love the Lord for he has heard
the cry of my appeal;
for he turned his ear to me
in the day when I called him. (R.)
2. They surrounded me, the snares
of death,
with anguish of the tomb;
they caught me, sorrow and distress.
I called on the Lord's name.
O Lord my God, deliver me! (R.)
3. How gracious is the Lord, and just;
our God has compassion.
The Lord protects the simple hearts;
I was helpless so he saved me! (R.)
4. He has kept my soul from death,
my eyes from tears
and my feet from stumbling.
I will walk in the presence of the Lord
in the land of the living. (R.)

Second Reading Jas 2:14-18

Faith without good works is dead.

Take the case, my brothers, of someone
who has never done a single good act but
claims that he has faith. Will that faith
save him? If one of the brothers or one of
the sisters is in need of clothes and has
not enough food to live on, and one of you
says to them, 'I wish you well; keep yourself
warm and eat plenty,' without giving them
these bare necessities of life, then what
good is that? Faith is like that: if good works
do not go with it, it is quite dead.

This is the way to talk to people of that kind:
'You say you have faith and I have good
deeds; I will prove to you that I have faith
by showing you my good deeds – now you
prove to me that you have faith without any
good deeds to show.'

Gospel Acclamation Gal 6:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

*My only glory is the cross of our Lord
Jesus Christ,*

*which crucifies the world to me
and me to the world.*

Alleluia!

Gospel Mk 8:27-35

You are the Christ ... the Son of Man was destined to suffer much.

Jesus and his disciples left for the villages
round Caesarea Philippi. On the way he
put this question to his disciples, 'Who do
people say I am?' And they told him, 'John
the Baptist,' they said, 'others Elijah; others
again, one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he
asked, 'who do you say I am?' Peter spoke
up and said to him, 'You are the Christ.' And
he gave them strict orders not to tell anyone
about him.

And he began to teach them that the Son of
Man was destined to suffer grievously, to be
rejected by the elders and the chief priests
and the scribes, and to be put to death, and
after three days to rise again; and he said
all this quite openly. Then, taking him aside,
Peter started to remonstrate with him. But,
turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked
Peter and said to him, 'Get behind
me, Satan! Because the way you think is
not God's way but man's.'

He called the people and his disciples
to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be a
follower of mine, let him renounce himself
and take up his cross and follow me. For
anyone who wants to save his life will lose
it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake,
and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.'



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Here in our Australian democracy we
hardly feel the force of the famous
gospel passage in which Jesus
forewarns his disciples of the high cost
of following him. We trivialise the
meaning of taking up the cross to make
it refer to bearing a chronic ailment, or
putting up with a particularly irritating
family member or work colleague:
'It/he/she is the cross I have to bear.'

No, our Lord was referring to the terrible
reality which could be inflicted on his
followers, as even happens today: the
beheadings by ISIL in Iraq, the rape and
enslavement of women in Nigeria, the
displacement from homelands in Syria.
The True Cross is not to be found in
splinters of wood but in the various
means by which suffering is inflicted on
those whose allegiance to Jesus Christ
does not waiver.

Peter could not, would not, grasp this.
His head was full of political fantasy,
easy sovereignty. Jesus rebuked Peter
quite savagely: 'Satan, get behind me.'
Only after the resurrection, believing
that our Lord had conquered the worst
that death could do, did Peter follow
Jesus to crucifixion, upside down at the
base of the Vatican Hill.

We could take a moment to pray for and,
where possible, give appropriate political
support to, our fellow Christians
wherever they are persecuted, forced to
bear the true cross of suffering. May
God give those Christian martyrs victory
in the embrace of the resurrection
power of Jesus Christ.

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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:** The Lord is gracious and just, a compassionate God who protects and saves his people. Let us pray to him, trusting in the anointed Son he gave up for our salvation.
- R:** We pray for our Church leaders, especially Francis, our Pope, Peter, our Archbishop, Fr. John & Fr. Brian. Give them the wisdom they need to guide us to a stronger awareness of you.
We pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- R:** We pray for the leaders of our nations, that they will have the wisdom and courage to guide their people in their daily lives.
We pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- R:** We pray that Christian people may never look down on those whose lives are disadvantaged or unconventional.
We pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- R:** We pray for members of our community who suffer, that they may know the Son of Man who “was destined to suffer grievously.”
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 Pat Shannon, Joan Harder, Barazel Salazar and Caden Jaireh Salazar.
We pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- All HAIL MARY**
- Fr:** God of mercy and compassion, through the merits of our Saviour, hear the prayers of your Church, confessing, with Peter, our faith in Christ your Son, who lives and reigns for ever and ever.
Amen

Collections last week Presbytery \$208 Thanksgiving \$505

Social Services Sunday - 15 September 2024

A day to reflect on mercy, justice and charity

Sunday 15 September 2024 marks Social Services Sunday within the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne. On this day we give thanks for the dedicated work of the thousands of staff and volunteers who stand with and serve the poor, disadvantaged and marginalised. We acknowledge with gratitude all of Catholic Social Services Victoria's 40 member organisations, their 7,000+ staff and 15,000+ volunteers and the important work that they do to serve over 300,000 people.

At this challenging time of a cost of living and housing affordability crisis, the Gospel message of love, care and welcome is needed more than ever. We can all play a role in building a more just and compassionate society.

Feast days this week

Saint Hildegard of Bingen's - 17th September



Abbess, artist, author, composer, mystic, pharmacist, poet, preacher, theologian—where to begin in describing this remarkable woman? Born into a noble family. When Hildegard was 18, she became a Benedictine nun at the Monastery of Saint Disibodenberg. Ordered by her confessor to write down the visions that she had received since the age of three. Pope Eugene III read it, and in 1147, encouraged her to continue writing. She wrote over 300

letters to people who sought her advice; she also composed short works on medicine and physiology, and sought advice from contemporaries such as Saint Bernard of Clairvaux. Like all mystics, Hildegard saw the harmony of God's creation and the place of women and men in that. In 2012, Hildegard was canonized and named a Doctor of the Church by Pope Benedict XVI.

WEEKLY MASS TIMES

St. Mary's Parish

Sunday's at 9:00am

15/09/24 – Romsey

22/09/24 – Lancefield

29/09/24 – Lancefield

06/10/24 – Romsey – 2PM

13/10/24 – Lancefield

20/10/24 - Romsey

HEALING MASS

1st Saturday at 10:00am

05/10/24 – Romsey

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

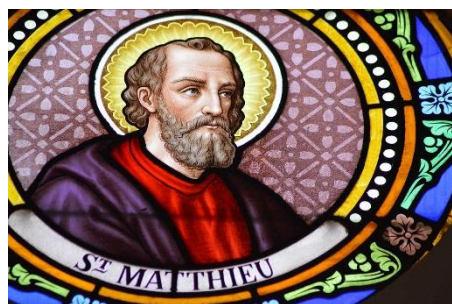
Saints Andrew Kim Taegon, Paul Chong Hasang, and Companions' Stories - 20th September

The first native Korean priest, Andrew Kim Taegon was the son of Christian converts. Following his baptism at the age of 15, Andrew travelled 1,300 miles to the seminary in Macao, China. After six years, he managed to return to his country through Manchuria. Back home again, he was assigned to arrange for more missionaries to enter by a water route that would elude the border patrol. He was arrested, tortured, and finally beheaded at the Han River near Seoul, the capital.

Besides Andrew and Paul, Pope John Paul II canonized 98 Koreans and three French missionaries who had been martyred between 1839 and 1867, when he visited Korea in 1984. Among them were bishops and priests, but for the most part they were lay persons: 47 women and 45 men.



Saint Matthew 21st September



Saint Matthew, the first-century tax collector turned apostle who chronicled the life and ministry of Christ in his Gospel, is celebrated by the Church today, September 21. Although relatively little is known about the life of St. Matthew, the account he wrote of Christ's ministry – traditionally considered to be the first of the four Gospels - is of inestimable value to the Church, particularly in its verification of Jesus as the Messiah.

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