

ST. MARY'S PARISH

LANCEFIELD & ROMSEY

Second Sunday of Advent - Year C

8th December, 2024

Lancefield Church
27 Chauncey Street
Lancefield



Romsey Church
85 Main Street
Romsey



EVERYONE WELCOME

Ministry	07/12/24	07/12/24	08/12/24	14/12/24	15/12/24
Musician	10am	6:30pm	Agnes		Christine
Reader	Leanne	Michael M	Eloise	Vol. Req	Michael G
Collector	-----	Joe	Vol. Req	Vol. Req	Rob
Cleaner	-----	-----	Leanne	-----	Anne N
Location	Rom	LF	LF	LF	Rom

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, Kath Ireland, Gwen DeCarolis, Brendan Coburn & Vittoria Cafari.**

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

Sat	Dec 7 th – 10am	Healing Mass – Rom
Sat	Dec 7 th – 6:30pm	Sat. Vigil Mass – LF
Sun	Dec 8 th – 9am	Sunday Mass – LF
Mon	Dec 9 th – 9:30am	Feast Mass - Rom
Wed	Dec 11 th – 9:30am	Weekday Mass – LF
Wed	Dec 11 th – 7pm	Advent Reconciliation – LF
Thur	Dec 12 th – 9:30am	Weekday Mass – Rom
Fri	Dec 13 th – 10:15am	Advent Liturgy Yr 3-6
Sat	Dec 14 th – 6:30pm	Sat. Vigil Mass – LF
Sun	Dec 15 th – 9am	Sunday Mass – Rom
Sun	Dec 15 th – 2:30pm	Baptism's – LF

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MONDAY 9th December – 9:30am

Feast of the Immaculate Conception will be celebrated at Romsey Church on 9th December at 9.30am.

An invitation to go out for coffee afterwards is extended to all. Please write your name on the clip board at the back of the church if you would like to come, that way we can book seats.

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS - READERS

Readers are still required for the Saturday Vigil Mass in Lancefield each week at 6:30pm. Please advise your availability.

NEW SATURDAY EVENING MASS TIMES

5pm in
Woodend
6.30pm in
Lancefield

ST. MARY'S PARISH – 2024 CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

RAFFLE WILL BE DRAWN AT MASS ON 15/12/24

1ST PRIZE - \$300 CASH 2ND PRIZE - \$50 CASH 3RD PRIZE – CHRISTMAS CAKE

Please support our parish raffle.

All prize money and baked goods have been donated by parishioners therefore all ticket sales will go to support the parish. Thank you to those parishioners for their generosity.

COLUMBAN Christmas Cards & Calendars

Packets of 8 cards for \$3.50

Calendars - \$8.00

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Secretary Hours

Wednesday & Friday
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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 Bar 5:1-9

Jerusalem – God will show you splendour.

Jerusalem, take off your dress of sorrow and distress,
put on the beauty of the glory of God for ever,
wrap the cloak of the integrity of God around you,
put the diadem of the glory of the Eternal on your head:
since God means to show your splendour to every nation under heaven,
since the name God gives you for ever will be,
'Peace through integrity, and honour through devotedness'.
Arise, Jerusalem, stand on the heights and turn your eyes to the east:
see your sons reassembled from west and east
at the command of the Holy One, jubilant that God has remembered them.
Though they left you on foot,
with enemies for an escort,
now God brings them back to you like royal princes carried back in glory.
For God has decreed the flattening of each high mountain, of the everlasting hills,
the filling of the valleys to make the ground level
so that Israel can walk in safety under the glory of God.
And the forests and every fragrant tree will provide shade
for Israel at the command of God;
for God will guide Israel in joy by the light of his glory
with his mercy and integrity for escort.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 125. R. v.3

*(R.) The Lord has done great things for us;
we are filled with joy.*

1. When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,
it seemed like a dream.
Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
on our lips there were songs. *(R.)*
2. The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels
the Lord worked for them!'
What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad. *(R.)*
3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage
as streams in dry land.
Those who are sowing in tears
will sing when they reap. *(R.)*

4. They go out, they go out, full of tears,
carrying seed for the sowing;
they come back, they come back, full
of song,
carrying their sheaves. *(R.)*

Second Reading Phil 1:3-6. 8-11

Show yourselves sinless and without blame in the day of Christ.

Every time I pray for all of you, I pray with joy, remembering how you have helped to spread the Good News from the day you first heard it right up to the present. I am quite certain that the One who began this good work in you will see that it is finished when the Day of Christ Jesus comes. God knows how much I miss you all, loving you as Christ Jesus loves you. My prayer is that your love for each other may increase more and more and never stop improving your knowledge and deepening your perception so that you can always recognise what is best. This will help you to become pure and blameless, and prepare you for the Day of Christ, when you will reach the perfect goodness which Jesus Christ produces in us for the glory and praise of God.

Gospel Acclamation Lk 3:4. 6

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Prepare the way of the Lord, make
straight his paths:
all people shall see the salvation of God.
Alleluia!*

Gospel Lk 3:1-6

All people shall see the salvation of God.

In the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar's reign, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judaea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of the lands of Ituraea and Trachonitis, Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the pontificate of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah, in the wilderness. He went through the whole Jordan district proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the sayings of the prophet Isaiah:

A voice cries in the wilderness;
Prepare a way for the Lord,
make his paths straight.
Every valley will be filled in,
every mountain and hill be laid low,
winding ways will be straightened
and rough roads made smooth.
And all mankind shall see the
salvation of God.



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Do we have to be like John the Baptist, eccentrically dressed and scavenging for food, to prepare the way of the Lord? No. You and I are called to be a John or Joan the Baptist, preparing people's hearts in our own time and place.

But we have to allow God to prepare our hearts for this role. John the Baptist challenges us to 'Repent', i.e. to turn around our own lives seeking God's forgiveness. John then challenges us to see the big picture which is that 'All who live shall see the salvation of God'.

Pope Francis is the exemplary universal pastor inspiring us to become 'les mercifuls sans frontieres'. And young people through social media are already saying 'We are one community of human beings on this fragile planet'.

The challenge for most of us is more immediate and apparently of smaller scope. The challenge this Advent is to identify the one person whose heart you can help prepare to celebrate the coming of the Lord Jesus in three weeks' time. The best method is to let that person see your faith and joy centred on that little Jewish baby lying in a manger.

Do that, and who knows what may happen because that little baby is in fact the Sovereign Lord of history and of the whole cosmos. With God's grace, you don't have to be as eccentric or bizarre as John the Baptist to play your part in changing the course of history!

We could take a moment to pray that, repenting of our own sins where necessary, we may prepare the heart of at least one person so that the Lord Jesus may enter in this Christmas, helping him fulfil his mission that all who live shall see the salvation of God.

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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 – RESPONSE: *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, especially **Tom Hoban & Mitchell Phelan**
and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

All BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY PRAYER

HAIL MARY

Collections last week	Presbytery \$254	Thanksgiving \$580
	1 st collection: Presbytery & Priest	2 nd collection: Thanksgiving (envelope)
Readings next week	Zephaniah 3:14-18	Philippians 4:4-7 Luke 3:10-18

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Congratulations and special blessings to all those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries during the month of December. 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: Julie Tully, Tim McCarthy, Anne Barry, Greta James, Peter Scanlon, Michael McCarthy, Bevan McWha & **Chelsea McCarthy.**

A special Congratulations to the Tully family on the safe and happy arrival of their newest grandchild **Wren Florence.**

Anniversaries: Joe & Shirley Lewandowski – 56 years!

Feast Days this week.

December 8th – Feast of the Immaculate Conception



December 8 is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, celebrating the sinless life and Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

The feast takes place nine months before the feast of the Nativity of Mary and is one of the most important Marian feasts in the liturgical calendar.

Eastern Christian churches were commemorating the feast of the conception of Mary as early as the 5th century in Syria and was widely spread by the 7th century. The feast made its way into the Western Church in the 8th century.

December 11th – St. Damasus 1

December 11 is the feast day of Saint Damasus I, the Bishop of Rome in the late 4th century who presided over the Council of Rome which determined the canon of Sacred Scripture. Born in Rome in 305, his father became a priest at the Church of San Lorenzo in Rome. Damasus began his ecclesiastical career as a deacon in his father's church, before becoming a priest at the same church.

In 366, Damasus succeeded to the papacy following the death of Pope Liberius, in the midst of factional violence. During his papacy, he was active in defending the Church against the threat of schism, condemning Apollinarianism (belief that Christ was not fully divine or fully human) and Macedonianism (deniers of the godhood of the Holy Spirit).

He presided over the Council of Rome in 382, which helped determine the official list of Sacred Scripture. He commissioned Jerome to produce a new Latin translation of the Bible, which was called the Vulgate and became the Church's officially promulgated Latin version of the Bible.

Damasus also encouraged the veneration of Christian martyrs, restoring and creating access to their tombs.

He was pope for 18 years and two months, passing away in 384. He was buried beside his mother and sister although the site of the grave has been lost.



WEEKLY MASS TIMES

St. Mary's Parish

Sunday's at 9:00am

Saturday's at 6:30pm

07/12/24 – Lancefield

08/12/24 – Lancefield

14/12/24 – Lancefield

15/12/24 – Romsey

21/12/24 – Lancefield

22/12/24 – Lancefield

28/12/24 – Lancefield

HEALING MASS

1st Saturday at 10:00am

07/12/24 – 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.

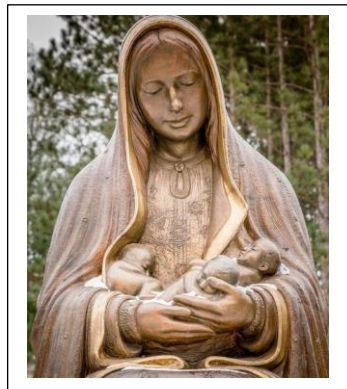
Volunteering Ministries

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

December 12th – Our Lady of Guadalupe



December 12 is the feast day of Our Lady of Guadalupe, a Catholic title for Mary associated with five Marian apparitions which occurred in Mexico in the 16th century.

In 1531, the Virgin Mary appeared for times to Juan Diego, an indigenous Mexican peasant Chichimec, and his uncle. The woman spoke to Juan Diego in his native Nahuatl language and identified herself as the Virgin Mary. She asked for a church to be built at the site in her honour. The Archbishop of Mexico City, Fray Juan de Zumarraga, did not believe him at first, telling Juan Diego to ask the woman for a truly acceptable, miraculous sign to prove her identity. He would see her four more times. When his uncle became ill, Juan Diego was forced to attend to him. He journeyed to get a Catholic priest to hear his confession and minister to him on his deathbed. After being intercepted by the Virgin Mary, she chided him for not having made resource to her, saying: "Am I not here, I who am your mother?" She assured him his uncle was now recovered and told him to gather flowers from the summit of Tepeyac Hill, which was normally barren. He obliged and found Castilian roses, not native to Mexico, blooming there.

The Virgin arranged the flowers in Juan Diego's cloak and when he opened his cloak later than day before Archbishop Zumárraga, the flowers fell to the floor, revealing the image of the Virgin of Guadalupe. He found his uncle fully recovered too.

The Archbishop kept Juan Diego's cloak, first in his private chapel, then in a chapel erected on Tepeyac Hill where the apparitions occurred. In 1695, the Old Basilica of Guadalupe was built on the site. Due to the huge number of pilgrims visiting the site, a new Basilica was built in the late 20th century. The Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe is the most-visited Catholic shrine in the world, and the world's third most-visited sacred site.

December 13th – St. Lucy

December 13 is the feast day of Saint Lucy, a virgin and martyr who was killed during the Diocletianic Persecution of the early 4th century.

According to tradition, Lucy was born to noble parents in 283 AD. Her father died when she was just five years old.

Lucy had consecrated her virginity to God and hoped to distribute her dowry to the poor. Her mother arranged for her marriage to a young man of a wealthy pagan family. Her mother suffered from a bleeding disorder and made a trip to St Agatha's shrine to ask for a cure.

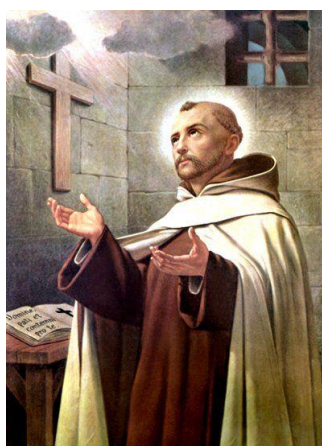
St Agatha came to Lucy in a dream and told her, her mother would be cured. She convinced her mother to give away more of her riches to the poor.

Lucy's betrothed heard about the family's wealth being given away and denounced her to the Governor of Syracuse, who ordered her to burn a sacrifice to the emperor's image. When she refused, she was met with death by sword, thrust into her throat.

In other accounts, she was tortured by eye gouging, however her eyes were miraculously restored when her body was being prepared for burial. Her body remained in Sicily for 400 years before it was transferred elsewhere in Italy. Today, parts of her body remain in Syracuse, while the remainder of her relics are in Venice.



December 14th – St. John of the Cross



December 14 is the feast day of St John of the Cross, a Spanish priest, mystic, Doctor of the Church, and Carmelite friar who was a major figure in the Counter-Reformation.

Born Juan de Yepes y Álvarez in a small town near Avila, in 1542, he was descended from Jewish converts to Catholicism. His father, Gonzalo, married his mother, who was an orphan of a lower class and he was rejected by his family. Gonzalo died when John was just three years old.

His family moved to Medina del Campo for his mother to find work and he entered school to receive a basic education. While studying there, he was chosen to serve as an altar boy at a nearby Augustinian monastery. He later studied at a Jesuit school from 1559 to 1563. In 1563, he entered the Carmelite Order and adopted the name John of St Matthias.

He made his First Profession in 1564 and studied theology and philosophy. He was ordained a priest in 1567. He met Teresa of Avila in Medina where she was hoping to found the second of her new convents. She talked to him about seeking to restore the purity of the Carmelite Order and she asked him to follow her. In 1568, he helped found a new monastery for Carmelite friars, following in her principles.

He adopted the new name John of the Cross. He became the spiritual director and confessor to Teresa and the 130 other nuns at the Convent of the Incarnation. Over the next few years, he would remain with Teresa. During this time, he had a vision of the crucified Christ.

Tensions began to increase between the Carmelites and the reformers with Teresa and John. In 1577, a group of Carmelites opposed to reform broke into John's dwelling in Avila and took him prisoner, after he refused to leave the town. He was sentenced to a term of imprisonment in a monastery, enduring a brutal regime of lashings and isolation. He managed to escaped in 1578 and was nursed by to health by Teresa's nuns in Toledo.

In 1580, Pope Gregory XIII signed a decree which authorised the separation of the new "Disclaled" Carmelites, from the old order. Through the rest of his life, he helped to establish new convents, even after the death of Teresa.

While at an isolated monastery in Andalusia, he fell ill and travelled to another monastery for treatment. His conditioned worsened and he died of erysipelas in 1591. He was beatified in 1675 by Pope Clement X and canonised by Pope Benedict XIII in 1726. In 1926, he was declared a Doctor of the Church by Pope Pius XI.

OFFERTORY PROCESSION

The Offertory Procession has been re-introduced at all our weekend Masses.
Fr. John & Fr. Brian will call upon parishioners to participate.

POPE'S PRAYER OF INTENTION FOR DECEMBER

For Pilgrims of Hope:

We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthens our faith, helping us to recognise the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

THE AUSTRALIAN NATIVITY SCENE AT ST. ELIZABETH'S PARISH

Date: Monday 9 December 2024 to Friday 10 January 2025

Venue: St. Elizabeth's Parish, 107 Baker Road, Dandenong North

St. Elizabeth's Parish invites you to visit its Australian Nativity Scene on its 21st year of display. The Nativity scene was created by artist Wilson Fernandez, and is regarded as one of Australia's most traditional Nativity scenes and the largest of its kind in the country. Each week, the Nativity scene conveys the story of Christmas. It features scenes starting with Mary and Joseph looking for a place to stay and finding only a stable free, the birth of Jesus, visits from the shepherds and the three kings, and ends with the Holy Family fleeing to Egypt.

The Nativity scene will be on public display from 9 December through to the end of Christmas, and will close for Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day. For all enquiries, call St Elizabeth's Parish office on 9795 6217.

St. Mary's Food Drive - CatholicCare Victoria

St. Mary's Food Drive will run from November 17th to December 29th.

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. 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.

Below is the list of items they would appreciate as donations for a food drive for their Asylum Seeker clients.

- All forms of dry packets of pasta (eg spaghetti, shells, penne etc)
 - Basmati rice – small or large packets (5kg packets are excellent)
 - 2 minute noodles
 - Tinned peas
 - Dried red lentils (not canned)
- Tinned tomatoes
Dried chick peas
Dried yellow lentils (not canned)
- Plain flour packet-not self-raising
Long grain rice
Savoury biscuits (eg savoy's)
Sweet biscuits (treat for children)

Collection baskets will be placed at the entry of each church during the collection period – please do not include any glass items. Thank you for your support.

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ROMSEY | 5429 5254 | 99 Main St

RIDDELLS CREEK | 5428 7591 | 9 Station St



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:

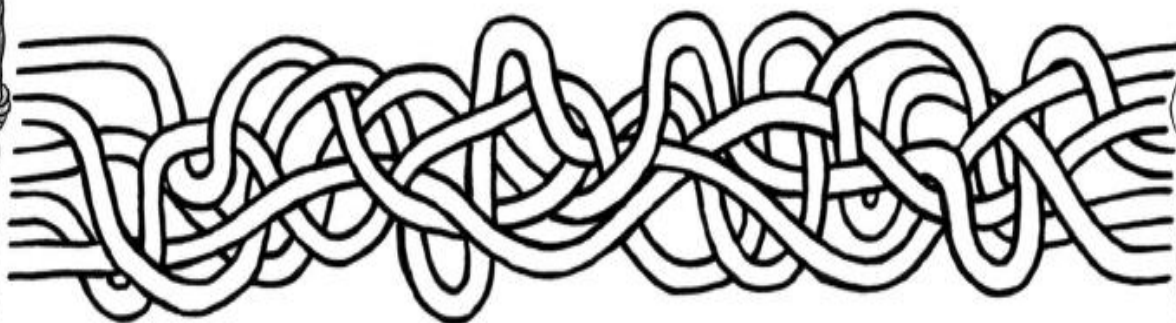
**St. Mary's Church Account
NAB**

BSB: 083 347

Acct: 64150 3257

Please use your surname and TG number as the reference.

Help John the Baptist prepare the way for the Lord by finding the straightest path to Jesus



Wordsearch

Try to find these words:

crooked	mountain	rough
desert	prophet	shouting
emperor	ready	sins
forgiven	road	valley

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Prayer of the Faithful: As members of the community of Jesus Christ, we offer our prayers for healing and peace in our world, in our Church and in our families.

1. The Baptist proclaims, 'prepare a way for the Lord'. May we be attentive to that voice and prepare ourselves spiritually as well as practically for the ways the Lord comes to us in this season.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

2.. As summer begins and we bask in the wonder of sunlight, let us give praise and thanks to Jesus, the light of the world, who ever reveals himself in the gift of creation.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

3. The days of the month become frantic with busyness. May our sense of goodwill for all encourage us to be open to the lonely, to the bereaved and to the frail in this special season leading to the birth of our Saviour.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

4. For those who are oppressed, for refugees and those who suffer war: that we will reach out in service, financial support and prayer to bring comfort and compassion to those in need.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

5. We pray for ourselves and the needs of all in our parish community. We pray for those who are sick – especially those on our parish prayer list – and for all who care for them. For the faithful departed: for those who have died recently, especially **Tom Hoban & Mitchell Phelan** and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

Birthday & Anniversary Prayer

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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Birthdays: Julie Tully, Tim McCarthy, Anne Barry, Greta James, Peter Scanlon, Michael McCarthy, Bevan McWha & **Chelsea McCarthy**.

A special Congratulations to the Tully family on the safe and happy arrival of their newest grandchild **Wren Florence**.

Anniversaries: Joe & Shirley Lewandowski – 56 years!

Hail Mary

Celebrant: Gracious God, through our prayers we ask you to continue to lead us in holiness, help us to discern what is of value, and fill us with the fruits of your mercy. We make our prayer through Christ the Lord. Amen.