

ST. MARY'S PARISH

LANCEFIELD & ROMSEY

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

13th October, 2024

Lancefield Church
27 Chauncey Street
Lancefield



Romsey Church
85 Main Street
Romsey



EVERYONE WELCOME

Ministry Roster	13/10/24	20/10/24	27/10/24	02/11/24
Musician	Agnes	Christine	Rosalie	-----
Reader	Michael M	Michael G	Rosemary D	Eileen
Collector	Barry	Tim	Joe	-----
Cleaner	Florence	Monica	Kerry	-----
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 DeCarolus,
Brendan Coburn & Vittoria Cafari.

St. Mary's Church Romsey - 100 years Celebration

Thank you to all those who helped prepare for and celebrate the Centenary of the opening of St Mary's in Romsey. We celebrated the faith of our pioneers and we look forward to being the presence of Christ in this place for the next 100 years. In the coming weeks there will be a photo display for all to see.

Video's from the day are now being loaded onto our facebook page.

<https://www.facebook.com/stmarysparishlancefieldromsey>

Could anyone who took footage or photo's on the day please forward them to lancefield@cam.org.au so we have a full record of the event.

If you have too many to send, please contact Tam to arrange a usb copy.

Fr. JOHN - ANNUAL LEAVE & SUPPLY

Fr. John will be on annual leave from 21/10/24 to 31/10/24 and from 04/11/24 to 15/11/24
As Fr Vincent at Gisborne is away on leave Fr John will help with supply for weekend
Mass on 12th/13th October.

UPCOMING PARISH MASSES

Sat	Oct 12 th - 10am	Reconciliation - Woodend	Fr. John
Sun	Oct 13 th - 9am	Sunday Mass - LF	Fr. Brian
Wed	Oct 16 th - 9:30am	Weekday Mass - LF	Fr. Brian
Thur	Oct 17 th - 9:30am	Weekday Mass - Rom	Fr. Brian
Fri	Oct 18 th - 10:15am	School Mass Yrs 3&4 - LF	Fr. Brian
Fri	Oct 18 th - 7pm	Holy Hour - LF	Fr. John
Sat	Oct 19 th - 10am	Reconciliation - LF	Fr. Brian
Sat	Oct 19 th - 4pm	Confirmation Mass - School	Bp. Terry & Fr. John

CELEBRATING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

On Friday 18th October, 7pm - 8pm, at St Mary's Lancefield, there will be an hour of prayer before the blessed Sacrament. Reflecting on the following mysteries of the Rosary: The Visitation, The carrying of the Cross, The descent of the Holy Spirit, Mary crowned Queen of Heaven and The Wedding at Cana.

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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 Wis 7:7-11

In comparison to wisdom, I held riches as nothing.

I prayed, and understanding was given me;
I entreated, and the spirit of Wisdom came to me.
I esteemed her more than sceptres and thrones;
compared with her, I held riches as nothing.
I reckoned no priceless stone to be her peer,
for compared with her, all gold is a pinch of sand,
and beside her silver ranks as mud.
I loved her more than health or beauty,
preferred her to the light,
since her radiance never sleeps.
In her company all good things came to me,
at her hands riches not to be numbered.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 89:12-17. R. v.14

(R.) *Fill us with your love, O Lord,
and we will sing for joy!*

1. Make us know the shortness of our life that we may gain wisdom of heart.
Lord, relent! Is your anger forever?
Show pity to your servants. (R.)
2. In the morning, fill us with your love;
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.
Give us joy to balance our affliction
for the years when we knew
misfortune. (R.)
3. Show forth your work to your servants;
let your glory shine on their children.
Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:
give success to the work of our hands. (R.)

Second Reading Heb 4:12-13

The word of God discerns the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

The word of God is something alive and active; it cuts like any double-edged sword but more finely: it can slip through the place where the soul is divided from the spirit, or joints from the marrow; it can judge the secret emotions and thoughts. No created thing can hide from him; everything is uncovered and open to the eyes of the one to whom we must give account of ourselves.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 5:3

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Happy the poor in spirit;
the kingdom of heaven is theirs!
Alleluia!*

Gospel Mk 10:17-30 or (shorter form Mk 10:17-27)

Go and sell whatever you have and come follow me.

Jesus was setting out on a journey when a man ran up, knelt before him and put this question to him, 'Good master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: You must not kill; You must not commit adultery; You must not steal; You must not bring false witness; You must not defraud; Honour your father and mother.' And he said to him, 'Master, I have kept all these from my earliest days.' Jesus looked steadily at him and loved him, and he said, 'There is one thing you lack. Go and sell everything you own and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' But his face fell at these words and he went away sad, for he was a man of great wealth.

Jesus looked round and said to his disciples, 'How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God! The disciples were astounded by these words, but Jesus insisted, 'My children,' he said to them, 'how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.' They were more astonished than ever. 'In that case' they said to one another, 'who can be saved?' Jesus gazed at them. 'For men' he said, 'it is impossible, but not for God: because everything is possible for God.'

Peter took this up. 'What about us?' he asked him. 'We have left everything and followed you.' Jesus said, 'I tell you solemnly, there is no one who has left house, brothers, sisters, father, children or land for my sake and for the sake of the gospel who will not be repaid a hundred times over, houses, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and land – not without persecutions – now in this present time and, in the world to come, eternal life.'



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

The man in this story is described (at the end) as a man of great wealth, so that when Jesus says 'There is one thing you lack', it would have got his attention. But he learnt to his shock that what he lacked was the big-heartedness which would enable him to give up the security and status and power which came with his possessions.

Jesus was not satisfied with the wealthy man's minimalist agenda of keeping the commandments. He is just as dissatisfied with us. We each know what is holding us back from being a wholehearted follower of Jesus Christ. At some stage in our lives, we have known, or know now, or will know, what it is we are hanging onto: the one thing we cannot, will not, give up, the one thing that is so much part of our personality we cannot imagine what it would be like to get rid of it.

There is only one thing that can give you, give me, the courage and trust that is needed. In this Gospel story, and the only time in Mark, it says: 'Jesus looked steadily at him and loved him.' This is not the glare of the critical eye but similar to the gaze of a parent on a newborn child, envisaging and encouraging a beautiful future for that child.

We could take a moment to pray, 'Lord, I know there is something I must give up to enable me to follow you more nearly. Give me the courage which can only come from knowing that you gaze steadily at me and love me.'

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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 readings today have reminded us of the power of God's Word. For it to be alive and active, we pray that it cuts through the attachments and obstacles of our lives.

R: We pray for the abolition of debt, that the concern for the poor be one tangible fruit of the world.

We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

R: We pray that the Word of God continue to be the medium of union between all Christians.

We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

R: We pray for the Church, that we may always live out our mission to provide genuine love, care and compassion to those facing the end of life.

We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

R: We pray for all people; that the light of Christ might awaken in us all, new respect for every human life, particularly for unborn children.

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 Maureen Brown, Noel Meyer, Br. John Cleary, Msgr. Bryan Long & Lynne Connors. Loving God receive them into the peace of your Kingdom.

We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

All HAIL MARY

Fr: Gracious God, you gave us the freedom and responsibility to make choices. Grant us the Spirit of Wisdom that we may choose to be faithful in the way of Christ, the way of truth that leads to eternal life, for he is the Christ the Lord. Amen.

Collections last week Presbytery \$260 Thanksgiving \$1060
1st collection: Presbytery & Priest 2nd collection: Thanksgiving (envelope)

Readings next week Isaiah 53:10-11 Hebrews 4:14-16 Mark 10:35-45

Feast Days this week.

October 15th St. Teresa of Avila (1515–1582)



St. Teresa, one of the towering figures of all Christian history, was the daughter of a wealthy Spanish merchant, she became a nun at twenty. The Carmelite convent in Avila was quite lax—more a boarding house for wealthy maidens than a house of prayer. Her campaign of reform became the foundation for the Discalced (shoeless) Carmelites — a reference to their strict poverty. Given that she was a woman and a reformer who based her authority on private visions, Teresa's activities entailed considerable risk. In fact, they resulted in an investigation by the Inquisition. Nevertheless, she surmounted all obstacles, including sickness, hunger, and poverty, sustained by an extraordinarily intense communion with God. There was little doubt that her courage and wisdom were rooted in a special relationship with God. A mystic, reformer, founder of seventeen convents, and author of four books, she was one of the outstanding masters of Christian prayer. She died in 1582 and was canonized forty years later. In 1970 she was the first woman named a Doctor of the Church.

WEEKLY MASS TIMES

St. Mary's Parish

Sunday's at 9:00am

13/10/24 – Lancefield

20/10/24 – Romsey

27/10/24 – Lancefield

03/11/24 – Romsey

10/11/24 – Lancefield

17/11/24 – Romsey

HEALING MASS

1st Saturday at 10:00am

02/11/24 – Romsey

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!

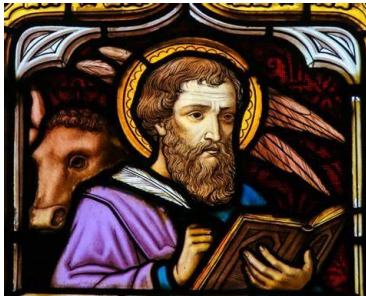
Power Point operator at Mass
Reader of the Word
Church Cleaning & Gardening

October 16th St Margaret Mary Alacoque



A French nun whose visions of Christ helped to spread devotion to the Sacred Heart throughout the Western Church. Margaret Mary Alacoque was born in July of 1647. Two days after Christmas of 1673, Margaret experienced Christ's presence in an extraordinary way while in prayer. She heard Christ explain that he desired to show his love for the human race in a special way, by encouraging devotion to "the heart that so loved mankind." In 1674, however, the Jesuit priest Father Claude de la Colombiere became Margaret's spiritual director. He believed her testimony, and chronicled it in writing. In time, however, many who doubted her would become convinced as they pondered what Father Claude had written about the Sacred Heart. Eventually, her own writings and the accounts of her would face a rigorous examination by Church officials. She died on October 17, 1690, and was canonized by Pope Benedict XV in 1920.

October 18th St. Luke Evangelist



St. Luke was the author of one of the four Gospels as well as the Acts of the Apostles. Paul refers to "Luke, the beloved physician," a phrase that has prompted the traditional depiction of Luke as a doctor. Luke's Gospel is marked by a special concern for the poor, the marginalized, women, and social outcasts. His account of the Nativity, with its stress on the faith of Mary, emphasizes the humbleness of Jesus' birth and its significance in fulfilling the hopes of the poor. It is in Luke's Gospel that Mary delivers her *Magnificat*, where Jesus preaches "Blessed are the poor," and where we find the parable of the rich man and the poor beggar Lazarus, offering such a striking image of the relation between mercy and justice in this life and in the life to come.

MASS FOR MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARIES

Sunday 20 October, 2024 - 11am – 12pm

St Patrick's Cathedral, 1 Cathedral Place – East Melbourne

Couples & their families are invited to join us as we celebrate our annual Anniversary Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral.

Couples who register and are celebrating one of these anniversaries –

5th, 10th, 15th, 20th, 25th, 30th, 35th or 40 years and above will receive a commemorative certificate.

Register by Sunday 13 October - <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1291296>

For any queries, please contact the Proclaim team on 9926 5761 or at proclaim@cam.org.au



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