

ST. MARY'S PARISH

LANCEFIELD & ROMSEY

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

4th August, 2024

Lancefield Church
27 Chauncey Street
Lancefield



Romsey Church
85 Main Street
Romsey



EVERYONE WELCOME

Ministry Roster	03/08/24	04/08/24	11/08/24	18/08/24
Musician	-----	Christine	Rosalie	Christine
Reader	Joanne	Michael G	Michael M	Rosemary D
Collector	-----	Tim	Joe	Gerard
Cleaner	-----	Loretta	Kerry	Marie
Location	Romsey	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 & Susan Brady.

St. Mary's Church Romsey - 100 years Celebration

As you are all aware the Romsey Church will celebrate 100 years
with a special Mass celebrated by

Archbishop Peter Comensoli on October 6th, 2024 at 2pm

followed by afternoon tea in the Church Hall.

As part of the celebrations, we hope that past Parish Priests will be able to join us to share
memories and we will be able to prepare a display of events that have taken place in the
Romsey Church over the years.

Photos of Baptism, First Communions, Confirmations and Weddings come to mind and
maybe some old Certificates from Sacraments. If you can think of anything to add to the
display that would be great.

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.

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



August 6th: Feast of the Transfiguration

The Transfiguration is a powerful and mysterious event in which Moses and Elijah,
who have both suffered for following the call of God, come to strengthen Jesus for
the difficult road ahead as he does the Father's will in proceeding to Jerusalem.
The reminder for ourselves is that we may feel desolate or forsaken at times. Still,
God has given us the promise that we will be accompanied by the divine presence,
especially Jesus, who has walked the path of life before us.

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Secretary Hours

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Parish Email

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St Mary's Primary School

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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. John Healy
Tammie Dalgleish
Michael Mooney
Monica Tomlinson

The Living Word

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First Reading Ex 16:2-4, 12-15

I will rain bread from heaven upon you.

The whole community of the sons of Israel began to complain against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness and said to them, 'Why did we not die at the Lord's hand in the land of Egypt, when we were able to sit down to pans of meat and could eat bread to our hearts content! As it is, you have brought us to this wilderness to starve this whole company to death!'

Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Now I will rain down bread for you from the heavens. Each day the people are to go out and gather the day's portion; I propose to test them this way to see whether they will follow my law or not.'

'I have heard the complaints of the sons of Israel. Say this to them, "Between the two evenings you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have bread to your hearts content. Then you will learn that I, the Lord, am your God." And so it came about: quails flew up in the evening, and they covered the camp; in the morning there was a coating of dew all round the camp. When the coating of dew lifted, there on the surface of the desert was a thing delicate, powdery, as fine as hoarfrost on the ground. When they saw this, the sons of Israel said to one another, 'What is that?' not knowing what it was. 'That' said Moses to them 'is the bread the Lord gives you to eat.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 77:3-4. 23-25. 54. R. v.24

(R.) The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

1. The things we have heard and understood,
the things our fathers have told us,
we will tell to the next generation:
the glories of the Lord and his might. (R.)
2. He commanded the clouds above
and opened the gates of heaven.
He rained down manna for their food,
and gave them bread from heaven. (R.)
3. Mere men ate the bread of angels.
He sent them abundance of food.
He brought them to his holy land,
to the mountain which his right hand had won. (R.)

Second Reading Eph 4:17, 20-24

Put on the new person that has been created in God's image.

I want to urge you in the name of the Lord, not to go on living the aimless kind of life that pagans live. Now that is hardly the way you have learnt from Christ, unless you failed to hear him properly when you were

taught what the truth is in Jesus. You must give up your old way of life; you must put aside your old self, which gets corrupted by following illusory desires. Your mind must be renewed by a spiritual revolution so that you can put on the new self that has been created in God's way, in the goodness and holiness of the truth.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 4:4

Alleluia, alleluia!

**No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from
the mouth of God.**

Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 6:24-35

Whoever comes to me will never be hungry; whoever believes in me will never thirst.

When the people saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into boats and crossed to Capernaum to look for Jesus. When they found him on the other side, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' Jesus answered:

'I tell you most solemnly,
you are not looking for me
because you have seen the signs
but because you had all the bread you
wanted to eat.
Do not work for food that cannot last,
but work for food that endures to eternal
life,
the kind of food the Son of Man is offering
you,
for on him the Father, God himself, has set
his seal.'

Then they said to him, 'What must we do if we are to do the works that God wants?' Jesus gave them this answer, 'This is working for God: you must believe in the one he has sent.' So they said, 'What sign will you give to show us that we should believe in you? What work will you do? Our fathers had manna to eat in the desert; as scripture says: He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'

Jesus answered:

'I tell you most solemnly,
it was not Moses who gave you bread from
heaven,
it is my Father who gives you the bread
from heaven,
the true bread;
for the bread of God
is that which comes down from heaven
and gives life to the world.'

'Sir,' they said 'give us that bread always.'
Jesus answered:

'I am the bread of life.
He who comes to me will never be hungry;
he who believes in me will never thirst.'



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Some religions, and even strands of Catholicism, try to suppress appetites in order to achieve some 'out-of-this-world' liberation. But appetites are good things, telling us what we humans need as bodily, social, spiritual beings. They provide a reality check against our tendency to think that salvation is exclusively about the soul.

Our appetites for food and drink, for affection and companionship, for the truth about the Big Picture of our life journey, need to be satisfied or we disintegrate in various ways.

Our Lord Jesus Christ proclaims in today's Gospel that He is the total satisfaction of our deepest human appetites: 'I am the Bread from Heaven which gives life to the world.'

That 'Life' is nothing less than participation in Divine Life, existing in the Big Picture in the way God intended. That is the nourishment offered not to a particular tribe or ethnic group, but to the whole of humanity, indeed to the whole of creation.

We could take a moment to pray for faith to recognise that the bread brought up at the Offertory is truly transformed: no longer short term food like manna in the desert, but 'the Bread of Life', the Real Presence of the One who nourishes our humanity, indeed who gives Life to the world.

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**August 8th Feast of St Mary Mac Killop of the Cross
Litany of Mary MacKillop**

Lord, have mercy on us
Christ have mercy on us
Lord, have mercy on us
Christ, hear us
God the Creator of all things
God the Son, Redeemer of the world
God the Holy Spirit
Holy Trinity, One God

Holy Mary
Saint Joseph
Saint John the Baptist
Saint Mary of the Cross
Faithful to the will of God
Trusting God's loving care
Knowing God's mercy
Responding to the Holy Spirit
Devoted to the Sacred Heart
Accepting of the cross of life
Forgiving all who hurt you
Defending human dignity

Lord, have mercy on us
Christ, have mercy on us
Lord, have mercy on us
Christ, graciously hear us
have mercy on us
have mercy on us
have mercy on us
have mercy on us

pray for us
pray for us
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Mary MacKillop intercede for us on our life's journey, come be with us.

Saint Mary of the Cross
Living in simplicity
Serving the neglected ones
Teaching God's little ones
Standing with the vulnerable
Serving with compassion

pray for us
pray for us
pray for us
pray for us
pray for us
pray for us

Mary MacKillop give us your passion. May we respond to all those in need.

Saint Mary of the Cross
Gift of God to us today
Witness to the Gospel
Pilgrim on life's way
Comfort of the sick and dying
Leading by example
Open to God's presence
Prayerful and courageous

journey with us
journey with us
journey with us
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journey with us
journey with us
journey with us
journey with us

Mary MacKillop remind us always we are but travellers here in this world.

Jesus, Son of the Living God
Christ hear us
Lord Jesus hear our Prayer

Lord, hear our prayer
Christ hear us
Lord Jesus hear our Prayer

2007 Trustees of the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart. Words by Theresa McGarry
RSJ, Monica Brown RSJ

WE PRAY FOR

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 John Theisz.
May God have mercy on them all and help us to be faithful to their memory

WEEKLY MASS TIMES

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

04/08/24 – Romsey
11/08/24 – Lancefield
18/08/24 – Romsey
25/08/24 – Lancefield
01/09/24 – Romsey
08/09/24 – Lancefield

HEALING MASS

1st Saturday at 10:00am

03/08/24 – Romsey
07/09/24 – 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

By appointment only
Please contact Fr. Brian or
Fr. John directly
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

NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK

Vocations come from families, communities and parishes. Strong families and communities are the place where vocations are first nurtured. In this National Vocations Awareness Week, let us pray for all families in our parish, and for those preparing for marriage.

Let us also pray that our parish community may always be welcoming and encouraging of vocations to marriage, priesthood and consecrated life.

NEW MINISTRY ROSTERS

Thank you to all volunteers in their continued service to ministries at St. Mary's.

New rosters from August to December have been emailed out and printed copies available on the noticeboards in church.

FR. BRIAN – ANNUAL LEAVE

Fr. Brian will be back from leave Tuesday 6/8/24

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR AUGUST

For Political Leaders: We pray that political leaders be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and for the common good, especially caring for the poor and those who have lost their jobs.

NEW PARISH WEBSITE

Anyone visiting the parish website this week will have been redirected to our new site. It is still being built so feedback is always welcome. Let me know what you'd like to see on the website.
<https://www.melbcatholic.org/s/lancefield>

UPCOMING PARISH MASSES

Sat	Aug 3 rd – 10:00am	Healing Mass – Rom	Fr. John
Sun	Aug 4 th – 9:00am	Sunday Mass – Rom	Fr. John
Wed	Aug 7 th – 9:30am	Weekday Mass – LF	Fr. Brian
Thur	Aug 8 th – 9:30am	Weekday Mass – Rom	Fr. Brian
Fri	Aug 9 th – 10:15am	Weekday Mass – LF	Fr. Brian

COLLECTIONS

LAST WEEK

Presbytery	\$165
1 st Collection Presbytery & Priest	
Thanksgiving	\$503
2 nd Collection Thanksgiving	

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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.

**Do you have foot
problems?**



Andrew Baddeley | Podiatrist

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RIDDELLS CREEK | 5428 7591 | 9 Station St