

ST. MARY'S PARISH

LANCEFIELD & ROMSEY

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

18th August, 2024

Lancefield Church
27 Chauncey Street
Lancefield



Romsey Church
85 Main Street
Romsey



EVERYONE WELCOME

Ministry Roster	18/08/24	25/08/24	01/09/24	07/09/24
Musician	Christine	Vol. required	Christine	-----
Reader	Rosemary D	Joanne	Eileen	John
Collector	Gerard	Ged	Tim	-----
Cleaner	Marie	Rosalie	Anthea	-----
Location	Romsey	Lancefield	Romsey	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, Susan Brady & Vittoria Cafari.

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 Communion, 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

2024 ARCHBISHOP'S CAMPAIGN

The 2024 Archbishop's Campaign is now underway, and we ask everyone to consider a pledge to support the vital ministries of our Archdiocese. These ministries are outlined in the Campaign brochure which you will find in church. Gifts of \$2 or more are tax-deductible. Tax-deductible donations go to the Archbishop's Charitable Fund which supports the Corpus Christi College Building Fund, the Priests Retirement Foundation, John Pierce Centre, Melbourne Overseas Mission, University of Divinity Building Fund as well as Catholic community agencies and service organisations through annual grants. Non-tax-deductible donations go to the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne Religious Projects Fund and support seminarian formation and evangelisation ministries.

Please review the campaign material and prayerfully consider pledging a recurring monthly gift to help us continue to strengthen the Christian faith and address the needs of God's people. Tear-off pledge cards are attached to the campaign envelopes in the church.

You can also make a gift online at melbournecatholic.org/archbishops campaign or via the QR codes on the campaign materials. I invite you to give generously to this important campaign.

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Secretary Hours

Wednesday & Friday
8:00am – 5:00pm

Parish Email

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Parish Website

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St Mary's Primary School

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School Website

www.smlancefield.catholic.edu.au

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 Prv 9:1-6

Come and eat my bread; drink the wine I have prepared.

Wisdom has built herself a house,
she has erected her seven pillars,
she has slaughtered her beasts, prepared
her wine,
she has laid her table.
She has despatched her maidservants
and proclaimed from the city's heights:
'Who is ignorant? Let him step this way.'
To the fool she says,
'Come and eat my bread,
drink the wine I have prepared!
Leave your folly and you will live,
walk in the ways of perception.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 33:2-9. R. v.9

(R.) *Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.*

1. I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its
boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. (R.)
2. Revere the Lord, you his saints.
They lack nothing, those who revere
him.
Strong lions suffer want and go hungry
but those who seek the Lord lack no
blessing. (R.)
3. Come children, and hear me
that I may teach you the fear of the
Lord.
Who is he who longs for life
and many days, to enjoy his prosperity?
(R.)
4. Then keep your tongue from evil
and your lips from speaking deceit.
Turn aside from evil and do good;
seek and strive after peace. (R.)

Second Reading Eph 5:15-20

Be watchful that you may know the will of God.

Be very careful about the sort of lives you lead, like intelligent and not like senseless people. This may be a wicked age, but your lives should redeem it. And do not be thoughtless but recognise what is the will of the Lord. Do not drug yourselves with wine, this is simply dissipation; be filled with the Spirit. Sing the words and tunes

of the psalms and hymns when you are together, and go on singing and chanting to the Lord in your hearts, so that always and everywhere you are giving thanks to God who is our Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 6:56

Alleluia, alleluia!

*All who eat my flesh and drink my blood
live in me and I in them, says the Lord.
Alleluia!*

Gospel Jn 6:51-58

My flesh is real food and my blood is real drink.

Jesus said to the crowd:

'I am the living bread which has come
down from heaven.
Anyone who eats this bread will live for
ever;
and the bread that I shall give
is my flesh, for the life of the world.'

Then the Jews started arguing with one
another: 'How can this man give us his flesh
to eat?' they said. Jesus replied:

'I tell you most solemnly,
if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of
Man
and drink his blood,
you will not have life in you.
Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink
my blood
has eternal life,
and I shall raise him up on the last day.
For my flesh is real food
and my blood is real drink.
He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood
lives in me
and I live in him.

As I, who am sent by the living Father,
myself draw life from the Father,
so whoever eats me will draw life from
me.
This is the bread come down from heaven;
not like the bread our ancestors ate:
they are dead,
but anyone who eats this bread will live
for ever.'



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

When I was a boy (is it so long ago?) it was still the rule at Mass that only the priest drank from the chalice. One of the great actions of the Church over the last fifty years has been the recovery of the ancient practice of offering Holy Communion under the appearance of both bread and wine.

The reception of both the consecrated bread and the consecrated wine is in perfect harmony with today's Gospel: 'Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood has eternal life.' Note the present tense: 'has' – right now! This is because, as St John Paul II put it: 'We digest, as it were, the secret of the Resurrection.'

Of course, Our Risen Lord is really present under the appearance of either the bread or the wine. For a Jew, (unlike the Greeks) the body was absolutely core to being the person one is. For a Jew, blood was identified as the life-force of any animal. So, for the Jewish Jesus, to say 'This is my body... this is my blood' was to gift us his core identity, his deepest vitality. Either the consecrated bread or consecrated wine gives us His whole life.

But to receive both the Heavenly Bread and the Spiritual Drink does enable us to more fully respond to Our Lord at the Last Supper: 'Take, eat ... take, drink'. Then the words of today's Gospel can more physically resonate in our own bodies: 'He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I in him.'

We could take a moment to pray in thanksgiving that we are able to join in the tradition starting with the Apostles at the Last Supper and, in doing so, to enter into Holy Communion with the only One who can embody in us the secret of His resurrection.

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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

- Fr: Filled with the Spirit, we give thanks always and for everything, trusting that God looks with favour upon all those who are in distress.
- R: We pray for our Pope and bishops. May they continue to call the Church to celebrate this “holy exchange of gifts, so that we may receive the gift of God’s life as we offer the Eucharistic sacrifice in Christ”.
- We pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.
- R: We pray for the Church everywhere. May we always celebrate Eucharist, giving thanks to God in the name of the Lord Jesus.
- We pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.
- R: We pray for the vital ministries of our Archdiocese of Melbourne. May they continue to flourish and thrive. May the 2024 Archbishop’s Campaign enjoy the generous support of the faithful. We pray for all seminarians and all retired priests; may they be filled with the light of your love, continuing to faithfully do your work and serve your people right across our Archdiocese.
- We pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.
- R: We pray for the children in our Parish Community who are preparing for their First Eucharist. May this be a time of grace for the children and their families as they prepare to come to the Lord’s table for the first time.
- We pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.
- R: We pray for the sick members of our parish, especially Sandra Taggart, and for those who care for them. We pray for the recently deceased, especially Leonie Brady and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially Roy Wilson, Marea Baynes, Alice McCarthy and Veronica Powell. As they became more like Christ on earth, may they now share his glory for ever.
- We pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.

All ST. MARY’S PARISH PRAYER

HAIL MARY

- Fr: Father you sent your Son into the world to draw all people to yourself.
Hear the prayers we make through Christ our Lord.

Collections last week	Presbytery \$213	Thanksgiving \$475
	1 st collection: Presbytery & Priest	2 nd collection: Thanksgiving (envelope)
Readings next week	Joshua 24:1-2,15-18	Ephesians 5:21-32 John 6:63,68

ST MARY’S PARISH PRAYER

*Loving Mother Mary, we pray that we may be a people who say “Yes” to life...
A people of faith, hope and love.
Strengthen our commitment to Christ your Son. May we respect the dignity of each person
and bring His love to all we meet.
May our Parish be a welcoming, supportive community, where all can feel at home.
Help us to follow your wonderful example of faithful love and service
by generously weaving our own gifts into the tapestry of our Parish life. AMEN.*

UPCOMING PARISH MASSES

Sun	Aug 18 th – 9am	Sunday Mass – Rom	Fr. John
		Baptism Presentation – Olivia	
Wed	Aug 21 st – 9:30am	Weekday Mass – LF	Fr. John
Thur	Aug 22 nd – 9:30am	Weekday Mass – Rom	Fr. John
Fri	Aug 23 rd – 10:15am	School Mass Yr 5&6 – LF	Fr. John
Sun	Aug 25 th – 9:00am	Sunday Mass – LF	Fr. John
Sun	Aug 25 th – 2:30pm	Baptism	Fr. Brian

St. Mary’s Church Romsey – 100 years Celebration

There will be a brief meeting in the church after Mass this Sunday to establish a working party to plan for the event. Everyone welcome.

WEEKLY MASS TIMES

St. Mary’s Parish
Sunday’s at 9:00am

18/08/24 – Romsey
25/08/24 – Lancefield
01/09/24 – Romsey
08/09/24 – Lancefield
15/09/24 – Romsey
22/09/24 – Lancefield

HEALING MASS

1st Saturday at 10:00am

07/09/24 – Romsey
05/10/24 – 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. 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

CATHOLIC VOCATIONS

Online Information Session on the Permanent Diaconate

The permanent diaconate is open to single and married men, aged between 30 and 60 years, who want to serve God and the Church as ordained ministers. The information session is open to everyone interested in knowing more about the permanent diaconate.

Online Diaconate information meeting - Tuesday, 24 September / 19:30 – 21:00 - via ZOOM

Attendance will be by invitation. Express your interest by emailing Deacon Kevin Pattison

Kevin.Pattison@cam.org.au

In the week before the session the ZOOM link will be sent to those who have expressed interest.

POSITIONS VACANT

Applications are invited from suitably qualified & experienced people for the positions of:

Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne

- Human Resources Partner, East Melbourne / Bendigo
- TWG- Change Management Lead (Expression of Interest)
- Deputy Director, Proclaim Office for Mission Renewal, East Melbourne

Parish Positions

- Parish Secretary, Sacred Heart Parish, Kew
- Administration Assistant, St Ignatius Parish & St James Parish, Richmond

Other Positions

- Groundsperson – Newman College, Parkville
- Safeguarding and Risk Officer - The Catholic Diocese of Sandhurst

Further details of the above positions can be found on the Archdiocese website at:

<https://melbournecatholic.org/job-vacancies>

Please forward this information to family or friends you may have living in the areas mentioned.



Wordsearch

Try to find these words:

arguing	crowd	flesh
blood	day	forever
bread	drink	last
certain	everyone	true

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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.

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