

ST. MARY'S PARISH

LANCEFIELD & ROMSEY

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

3rd November, 2024

Lancefield Church
27 Chauncey Street
Lancefield



Romsey Church
85 Main Street
Romsey



EVERYONE WELCOME

Ministry Roster	02/11/24	03/11/24	10/11/24	17/11/24
Musician	-----	Eileen	Rosalie	Eileen
Reader	Eileen	John H	Judith	Joanne
Collector	-----	Gerard	Ged	Rob
Cleaner	-----	Loretta	Rosalie	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 & Vittoria Cafari.

St. Mary's Church Romsey - 100 years Celebration



NOVEMBER: the MONTH OF ALL SOULS

Saturday 2nd November is the Feast of All Souls.

Mass will be celebrated in Woodend at 9.30am and

in Romsey at 10:30am as part of the monthly Healing Mass.

Beginning on the weekend of 2nd & 3rd November you will be invited to write the names of your loved ones on a cross that will be provided, so that we can remember them as a community.

Prayer Service to celebrate our loved ones who are buried locally.

On 17th November a short prayer service will be held in our local cemeteries:
Woodend at 2pm and Lancefield at 3.30pm.

We will gather as a community to pray for those who have been laid to rest in each cemetery and you will be invited to take a flower and privately visit those family members and friends buried in those cemeteries.

UPCOMING PARISH MASSES

Sat	Nov 2nd – 10:30am	All Souls Day Healing Mass – Rom	Fr. John
Sun	Nov 3rd – 9am	Sunday Mass – Rom	Fr. John
Wed	Nov 6th – 9:30am	Weekday Mass – LF	Fr. Brian
		<i>Followed by Fellowship in the Presbytery – morning tea</i>	
Thur	Nov 7th – 9:30am	NO Weekday Mass	
Fri	Nov 8th – 10:15am	Weekday School Mass Yr 3&4	Fr. Brian

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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 Dalgleish
Michael Mooney
Monica Tomlinson

The Living Word

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

3 November 2024

First Reading Dt 6:2-6

Hear Israel, you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart.

Moses said to the people: 'If you fear the Lord your God all the days of your life and if you keep all his laws and commandments which I lay on you, you will have a long life, you and your son and your grandson. Listen then, Israel, keep and observe what will make you prosper and give you great increase, as the Lord God of your fathers has promised you, giving you a land where milk and honey flow.

'Listen, Israel: The Lord our God is the one Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength. Let these words I urge on you today be written on your heart.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 17:2-4, 47, 51. R.v.2

(R.) I love you Lord, my strength.

1. I love you, Lord, my strength,
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.
My God is the rock where I take refuge;
my shield, my mighty help, my
stronghold.
The Lord is worthy of all praise:
when I call I am saved from my foes.
(R)
2. Long life to the Lord, my rock!
Praised be to the God that saves me.
He has given great victories to his king
and shown love for his anointed. (R)

Second Reading Heb 7:23-28

This one, because he remains for ever, has an eternal priesthood.

There used to be a great number of priests under the former covenant, because death put an end to each one of them; but this one, Christ, because he remains for ever, can never lose his priesthood. It follows, then, that his power to save is utterly certain, since he is living for ever to intercede for all who come to God through him.

To suit us, the ideal high priest would have to be holy, innocent and uncontaminated, beyond the influence of sinners, and raised up above the heavens; one who would not need to offer sacrifices every day, as the

other high priests do for their own sins and then for those of the people, because he has done this once and for all by offering himself. The Law appoints high priests who are men subject to weakness; but the promise on oath, which came after the Law, appointed the Son who is made perfect for ever.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

*All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will
come to them.*

Alleluia!

Gospel Mk 12:28-34

This is the first commandment, and the second is similar to it.

One of the scribes came up to Jesus and put a question to him, 'Which is the first of all the commandments?' Jesus replied, 'This is the first: Listen, Israel, the Lord our God is the one Lord, and you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: You must love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.' The scribe said to him, 'Well spoken, Master; what you have said is true: that he is one and there is no other. To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and strength, and to love your neighbour as yourself, this is far more important than any holocaust or sacrifice.' Jesus, seeing how wisely he had spoken, said, 'You are not far from the kingdom of God.' And after that no one dared to question him any more.



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Jesus does not command us to love 'God' in the abstract. Teaching Jew to Jew he says: 'You shall love the Lord your God' – the Lord who had rescued the Jewish people from slavery. So, commanding a love which responds to an initiative of Divine Love.

Why wouldn't one respond 'heart, mind, strength, soul' in gratitude for the gift of life itself, for some particular person or incident, for the beauty and grandeur of nature, for rescue from some situation which seemed to engulf us? And if the Lord God loved you in such a way, why wouldn't you love yourself?

Then you can properly 'Love your neighbour as yourself'. There is nothing sentimental in his teaching from Leviticus 19:18 and the preceding verses. Jesus was pointing to the system of social justice which looked after the poor and which did not exploit workers. It is up to us as global citizens of the 21st century to recognise as 'neighbours' those beyond our borders and to love them in the practical 'Levitical' way.

Fulfilling the Dual Command, we guard against the extremes of religious piety or social activism and become Christian humanists loving God and neighbour.

We might pause a moment to pray in responsive gratitude to the Lord God, and to commit ourselves to loving our neighbour, hoping to hear the words of Jesus Christ: 'You are not far from the Kingdom of God.'

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MYSTERY OF FAITH

We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
and profess your Resurrection
until you come again.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

- Fr:** We have heard the answer of Jesus to what is the greatest commandment.
Let us make our prayers an expression of our love of God and our neighbour.
- R:** We pray that this Eucharist truly be an act of praise and thanksgiving with
all our heart and mind and strength.
We pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- R:** We pray that all Christians who seek to love God and neighbour as
themselves will experience what it is to be not far from the kingdom of God.
We pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- R:** We pray for the deceased of our parish, particularly in this month of November,
that the Eucharist be for us and for them the pledge and fulfilment of eternal
life.
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, especially Nilo Hernandez and for those
whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially James McCarthy,
Ken Francis, Jack Smith & Eily Parks. May they receive the eternal promise
given to all who believe.
We pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- All HAIL MARY**
- Fr:** Gracious God, your son Jesus showed us to love you with our whole being
by loving and serving one another. Strengthen us in your Spirit that we may
seek to follow his example, for he is Christ the Lord. Amen.

Collections last week Presbytery \$221 Thanksgiving \$1170
1st collection: Presbytery & Priest 2nd collection: Thanksgiving (envelope)

Readings next week 1 Kings 17:10-16 Hebrews 9:24-28 Mark 12:38-44

SPECIAL COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

CatholicCare Victoria – Pastoral Care Appeal 2024

Prison Sunday 10 November 2024

Next weekend is CatholicCare Victoria's annual Pastoral Care Appeal in the
Archdiocese of Melbourne.

Each year a special collection is conducted in all parishes, so that the vital work of the
Catholic Chaplains can continue. The Catholic Chaplains support thousands of
Victorians every year in prisons, to help them journey towards a brighter future.

Your gift can help people find comfort and hope as they go through some of their
darkest times of their life. Please give generously. You can donate using the
envelopes available or online at www.catholiccarevic.org.au or call (03) 9967 2515.

Feast Days this week.

November 4th –

St. Charles Borromeo



The name of Charles Borromeo is associated with reform. He lived during the time of the Protestant Reformation, and had a hand in the reform of the whole Church during the final years of the Council of Trent. The reform needed in every phase of Catholic life among both clergy and laity was initiated at a provincial council of all the bishops under him. Charles took the initiative in giving a good example. He allotted most of his income to charity, forbade himself all luxury, and imposed severe penances upon himself. Whereas the civil authorities fled at the height of the plague, he stayed in the city, where he ministered to the sick and the dying, helping those in want. Work and the heavy burdens of his high office began to affect Archbishop Borromeo's health, leading to his death at the age of 46.

WEEKLY MASS TIMES

St. Mary's Parish

Sunday's at 9:00am

03/11/24 – Romsey
10/11/24 – Lancefield
17/11/24 – Romsey
24/11/24 – Lancefield
01/12/24 – Romsey
08/12/24 – Lancefield

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

November 9th – Dedication of the Lateran Basilica



Basilica of St. John in Lateran (San Giovanni in Laterano) is the oldest of the four main basilicas of the Eternal City. It is the cathedral of the Diocese of Rome and the official ecclesiastical seat of the Pope. Built in the 4th century AD.

COLUMBAN Christmas Cards & Calendars

Packets of 8 cards for \$3.50 Calendars - \$8.00
Now available in our churches Please place money in the SVDP box.

Fr. JOHN – ANNUAL LEAVE

Fr. John will be on annual leave from 04/11/24 to 15/11/24

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.

VOLUNTEER ROSTERS

Rosters for all ministries will shortly be started for 2025.

Could all volunteers please advise by return email, a quick phone call or a note in the collection bag if you are able to re-commit to service in 2025.

If you would like to come onboard as a volunteer with the parish, we would love to hear from you. All volunteers need a current Working with Children Check and are required to undertake training in line with our Safeguarding Policy. Please contact the office for details.

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING - WOODEND

In line with our Safeguarding policy, all parish volunteers must complete Safeguarding Training and sign a Code of Conduct every 3 years. St. Ambrose have kindly extended an invitation to all St. Mary's volunteers to attend their next training session. An on-line training session is available but for those who would rather attend with others, please register your interest with Tam so your documents will be ready for you on the day. Details to right of this notice.

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Director – Tim McCarthy
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SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

November 9th, 2024

9:30am to 11:00am

St. Ambrose Church

16 Templeton Street, Woodend

Please register your attendance with Tam at the office.

If you would prefer to do your training on line please contact the office for direction.

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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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