

# ST. MARY'S PARISH

LANCEFIELD & ROMSEY

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

8<sup>th</sup> September, 2024

Lancefield Church  
27 Chauncey Street  
Lancefield



Romsey Church  
85 Main Street  
Romsey



## EVERYONE WELCOME

| Ministry Roster  | 07/09/24      | 08/09/24          | 15/09/24      | 22/09/24          |
|------------------|---------------|-------------------|---------------|-------------------|
| <b>Musician</b>  | -----         | Rosalie           | Christine     | Agnes             |
| <b>Reader</b>    | John          | Joan              | Betty         | Leanne            |
| <b>Collector</b> | -----         | Barry             | Gerard        | Joe               |
| <b>Cleaner</b>   | -----         | Anne T            | Anne N        | Leanne            |
| <b>Location</b>  | <b>Romsey</b> | <b>Lancefield</b> | <b>Romsey</b> | <b>Lancefield</b> |

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 & Vittoria Cafari.

## St. Mary's Church Romsey - 100 years Celebration

Mass will celebrated by

**Archbishop Peter Comensoli**

on October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 2pm

and concelebrated by *Fr. Terry Bergin, Fr. George O'Connor & Fr. Arnold Heredia*  
*Bp. Peter Connors, Fr. Brian Muling & Fr. John Healy.*

Afternoon tea will follow Mass in the Church Hall.

We are looking for photos from Baptisms, First Communions, Confirmations, Weddings or any other special celebration that took place in the Romsey Church. 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.**

**A big item to arrange is catering. We would like to do it ourselves but need your help.**

To assist with afternoon tea we ask that those who can, please bring a plate.

RSVP: Attendance to Tam at [lancefield@cam.org.au](mailto:lancefield@cam.org.au) or 5429 2130

RSVP: Catering offering to Tam at [lancefield@cam.org.au](mailto:lancefield@cam.org.au) or 5429 2130

Please specify sweet/savoury so we don't have 500 sandwiches and no cake!

**RSVP's for attendance and catering - please respond by:**

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September, 2024**

## UPCOMING PARISH MASSES

|      |                                 |                                    |           |
|------|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------|
| Sat  | Sept 7 <sup>th</sup> – 10am     | Healing Mass – Rom                 | Fr. Brian |
| Sun  | Sept 8 <sup>th</sup> – 9am      | Sunday Mass – LF                   | Fr. Brian |
| Wed  | Sept 11 <sup>th</sup> – 9:30am  | Weekday Mass – LF                  | Fr. Brian |
| Thur | Sept 12 <sup>th</sup> – 9:30am  | Weekday Mass – Rom                 | Fr. Brian |
| Fri  | Sept 13 <sup>th</sup> – 10:15am | School Mass Yr 5&6 – LF            | Fr. John  |
| Sat  | Sept 14 <sup>th</sup> – 10am    | <b>Reconciliation – Woodend</b>    | Fr. John  |
| Sun  | Sept 15 <sup>th</sup> – 9am     | Sunday Mass – Rom                  | Fr. Brian |
| Sat  | Sept 21 <sup>st</sup> – 10am    | <b>Reconciliation – Lancefield</b> | Fr. Brian |

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## Secretary Hours

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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](http://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](http://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 Is 35:4-7

*Then the ears of the deaf shall be opened and the tongues of the dumb speak.*

Say to all faint hearts,  
'Courage! Do not be afraid.'

'Look, your God is coming,  
vengeance is coming,  
the retribution of God;  
he is coming to save you.'

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,  
the ears of the deaf unsealed,  
then the lame shall leap like a deer  
and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy;

for water gushes in the desert,  
streams in the wasteland,  
the scorched earth becomes a lake,  
the parched land springs of water.

## Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 145:7-10. R. v.1**

*(R.) Praise the Lord, my soul!*

*or:*

*(R.) Alleluia!*

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,  
who is just to those who are oppressed.  
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,  
the Lord, who sets prisoners free. *(R.)*
2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the  
blind,  
who raises up those who are  
bound down,  
the Lord who loves the just,  
the Lord, who protects the stranger. *(R.)*
3. The Lord upholds the widow and  
orphan,  
but thwarts the path of the wicked.  
The Lord will reign for ever,  
Zion's God, from age to age. *(R.)*

## Second Reading Jas 2:1-5

*Has not God chosen the poor of the world to inherit the kingdom?*

My brothers, do not try to combine faith in Jesus Christ, our glorified Lord, with the making of distinctions between classes of people. Now suppose a man comes into your synagogue, beautifully dressed and with a gold ring on, and at the same time a poor man comes in, in shabby clothes,

and you take notice of the well-dressed man, and say, 'Come this way to the best seats'; then you tell the poor man, 'Stand over there' or 'You can sit on the floor by my foot-rest.' Can't you see that you have used two different standards in your mind, and turned yourselves into judges, and corrupt judges at that?

Listen, my dear brothers: it was those who are poor according to the world that God chose, to be rich in faith and to be the heirs to the kingdom which he promised to those who love him.

## Gospel Acclamation Mt 4:23

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom*

*and healed all who were sick.*

*Alleluia!*

## Gospel Mk 7:31-37

*He makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.*

Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the sea of Galilee, right through the Decapolis region. And they brought him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they asked him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle. Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him, 'Ephphatha,' that is, 'Be opened.' And his ears were opened, and the ligament of his tongue was loosened and he spoke clearly. And Jesus ordered them to tell no one about it, but the more he insisted, the more widely they published it. Their admiration was unbounded. 'He has done all things well,' they said 'he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.'



## Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

As we began to welcome the Gospel, we made the sign of the Cross on our foreheads, on our lips and over our hearts. It is meant to be accompanied by the thought: 'May the Gospel be in my mind, on my lips, and in my heart.' It wouldn't be enough to mentally recite that little prayer. We have to do something physical.

Jesus could not have been more physical than in the story of today's Gospel. He stuck his fingers in the man's ears and touched the man's tongue with spittle, saying the Aramaic word 'Ephphatha', 'Be opened'.

Our Lord could have healed this man with a simple prayer. But he acknowledged the sheer physicality of the person to be cured. We are not angels, but ensouled bodies and that is how our Lord particularly related to this man in need of healing.

It is in the sacrament of Baptism that we imitate the Ephphatha incident in today's Gospel. At one stage, the priest lightly touches the ears and then lightly touches the mouth of the person being baptised. This brings the baptised person into a community formed by hearing and speaking the Word in faith.

We could take a moment to recall the Ephphatha dimension of our baptism. Take your thumb and lightly touch your ears (a parent could do this for an infant) making a prayer along the lines of our baptism: 'The Lord Jesus made the deaf hear and the mute speak. May He again touch my ears to receive His Word and my mouth to proclaim His faith to the glory and praise of God the Father. Amen.'

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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:** Isaiah reminds us that our God comes to save us. To those whose hearts are frightened, God says, "Be strong, fear not!" Encouraged by these prophetic words we place our prayers before our loving God.
- R:** We pray for the Pope and the Bishops who lead the Church. May their calls to the world continue to interpret how God's kingdom is revealed in our daily lives.
- We pray to the Lord.** **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- R:** We pray for all those who work with the disabled that their loving concern be a witness to how the kingdom of God is revealed to our world.
- We pray to the Lord.** **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- R:** We pray for those struggling with addiction will be freed from their slavery and find peace.
- We pray to the Lord.** **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- R:** We pray that people everywhere may be able to hear the word of God and respond to it in freedom.
- 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, and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially Barazel Salazar and Caden Jaireh Salazar. May they now share the eternal promise in Christ.
- We pray to the Lord.** **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- All HAIL MARY**
- Fr:** God of compassion, receive these prayers which we offer today.  
Secure justice for the oppressed, give food to the hungry, set captives free.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

**Collections last week**    Presbytery \$282    Thanksgiving \$655  
1<sup>st</sup> collection: Presbytery & Priest    2<sup>nd</sup> collection: Thanksgiving (envelope)

### GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.  
We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory,  
Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father, Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God,  
Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;  
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.  
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen

### APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ, his only Son,  
our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, (*all bow*) born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under  
Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; "he descended into hell";  
on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right  
hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of  
sins, the resurrection of the body and life everlasting. Amen

### Safeguarding Sunday - September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024

*Safeguarding Sunday seeks to acknowledge the immense damage caused by the sexual abuse of children and adults at risk, including by priests, religious and lay people within Catholic contexts. It makes a commitment to practices and protocols that create and maintain safe environments for all people.*

*It invites people to pray for those harmed by abuse directly and indirectly. Safeguarding Sunday also invites us to thank God and the people responsible for the enormous work that has been done to ensure that children are safe in church settings.*

*We need to keep working to ensure that they continue to do so.*

## WEEKLY MASS TIMES

### St. Mary's Parish

#### Sunday's at 9:00am

08/09/24 – Lancefield

15/09/24 – Romsey

22/09/24 – Lancefield

29/09/24 – Lancefield

**06/10/24 – Romsey – 2PM**

13/10/24 – Lancefield

## HEALING MASS

### 1<sup>st</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

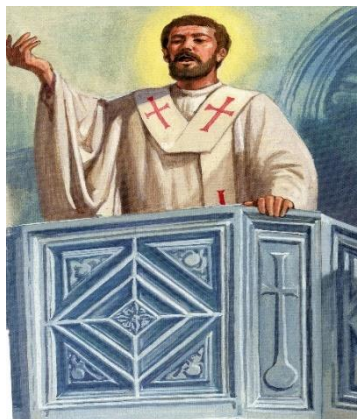
## Help is always welcome!

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

## FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

### September 13<sup>th</sup> St. John Chrysostom

Bishop and Doctor of the Church (ca. 350–407)



St. John was considered the greatest preacher of his time.

Renowned for the sweetness of his speech, upon his death he received an honorific surname: Chrysostom, or “Golden Mouth.”

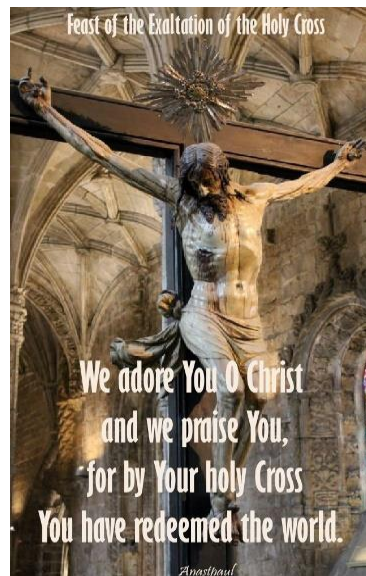
Born in Antioch in Syria, John spent several years as a hermit before receiving ordination to the priesthood and serving as deputy to the bishop.

His service to the poor made him a beloved figure—so much so that, when the emperor Arcadius nominated him to serve as archbishop of Constantinople, it was necessary to smuggle him out of Antioch to avoid a riot among the bereft admirers he left behind. In his new office he instituted numerous reforms. But he soon found enemies, not least among them the empress Eudoxia, whom he apparently called a Jezebel on account of her ostentatious vanity. A council of bishops called him to judgment on a list of trumped-up charges, and he was sent into exile.

### September 14<sup>th</sup> Exaltation of the Cross

When we honour, or exalt, the Cross, Christians are primarily acknowledging Christ Himself (2nd Council of Nicaea). The Catechism of the Catholic Church states, The Council of Trent emphasizes the unique character of Christ's sacrifice as "the source of eternal salvation" and teaches that "his most holy Passion on the wood of the cross merited justification for us." And the Church venerates his cross as she sings: "Hail, O Cross, our only hope" (CCC 617)

As well as celebrating the sacrifice of Jesus on the Cross, the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross commemorates two historical events. The first is the discovery in 320 AD of the True Cross, of Calvary and of the tomb of Christ by St. Helena, the mother of Emperor Constantine, which the Romans had buried under a Temple to Venus. The second is the dedication of a church on the site in 335 AD. Today this church, in continuous existence since then, is known as the Basilica of the Holy Sepulcher, and houses Calvary, the Tomb of Jesus and the cistern in which St. Helena found the instruments of the Passion, including the Cross.



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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.