

ST. MARY'S PARISH

LANCEFIELD & ROMSEY

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

25th August, 2024

Lancefield Church
27 Chauncey Street
Lancefield



Romsey Church
85 Main Street
Romsey



EVERYONE WELCOME

Ministry Roster	25/08/24	01/09/24	07/09/24	08/09/24
Musician	Vol. required	Christine	-----	Rosalie
Reader	Joanne	Eileen	John	Joan
Collector	Ged	Tim	-----	Barry
Cleaner	Rosalie	Anthea	-----	Anne T
Location	Lancefield	Romsey	Romsey	Lancefield

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.

Fr. Terry Bergin, Fr. George O'Connor & Fr. Arnold Heredia have all confirmed their
attendance at what is building to be a wonderful day!

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.

Thank you to parishioners who have come onboard to the working party to plan the event
and to those who have offered help in other ways. The 1st meeting took place on Friday and
the excitement is building!

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

Please respond to the RSVP requests below so planning can begin.

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

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

2024 ARCHBISHOP'S CAMPAIGN

This is a final reminder to complete your pledges to the 2024 Archbishop's
Campaign and play your part in supporting of Melbourne. The campaign calls on
all the faithful to support our seminary, our retired priests, and important care and
evangelisation ministries of the Archdiocese.

More details about the campaign and how to make a gift are in the brochures in the
pews and foyer today. I know that times are challenging but encourage you to
consider giving generously to the extent you are able.

Thank you for your generosity.

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St Mary's Primary School

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School Website

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parish office.

Diocesan Policies available at
www.melbournecatholic.org

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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 Jos 24:1-2, 15-18

We will serve the Lord God, because he is our God.

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel together at Shechem; then he called the elders, leaders, judges and scribes of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. Then Joshua said to all the people: 'If you will not serve the Lord, choose today whom you wish to serve, whether the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are now living. As for me and my House, we will serve the Lord.'

The people answered, 'We have no intention of deserting the Lord and serving other gods! Was it not the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors out of the land of Egypt, the house of slavery, who worked those great wonders before our eyes and preserved us all along the way we travelled and among all the peoples through whom we journeyed. We too will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 33:2-3, 16-23. 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. The Lord turns his face against the wicked
to destroy their remembrance from
the earth.
The Lord turns his eyes to the just
and his ears to their appeal. *(R.)*
3. They call and the Lord hears
and rescues them in all their distress.
The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;
those whose spirit is crushed he will save. *(R.)*
4. Many are the trials of the just man
but from them all the Lord will rescue him.
He will keep guard over all his bones,
not one of his bones shall be broken. *(R.)*
5. Evil brings death to the wicked;
those who hate the good are doomed.
The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants.
Those who hide in him shall not be
condemned. *(R.)*

Second Reading Eph 5:21-32

This is the great mystery, it applies to Christ and the Church.

Give way to one another in obedience to Christ. Wives should regard their husbands as they regard the Lord, since as Christ is head of the Church and saves the whole body, so is a husband the head of his wife; and as the Church submits to Christ, so should wives to their husbands, in everything. Husbands should love their wives just as Christ loved the Church and

sacrificed himself for her to make her holy. He made her clean by washing her in water with a form of words, so that when he took her to himself she would be glorious, with no speck or wrinkle or anything like that, but holy and faultless. In the same way, husbands must love their wives as they love their own bodies; for a man to love his wife is for him to love himself. A man never hates his own body, but he feeds it and looks after it; and that is the way Christ treats the Church, because it is his body – and we are its living parts. For this reason, a man must leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one body. This mystery has many implications; but I am saying it applies to Christ and the Church.

Gospel Acclamation See Jn 6:63. 68

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Your words, Lord, are spirit and life:
you have the words of everlasting life.
Alleluia!*

Gospel Jn 6:60-69

Lord, whom shall we go to? You have the words of everlasting life.

After hearing his doctrine many of the followers of Jesus said, 'This is intolerable language. How could anyone accept it?' Jesus was aware that his followers were complaining about it and said, 'Does this upset you? What if you should see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before?'

'It is the spirit that gives life,
the flesh has nothing to offer.
The words I have spoken to you are spirit
and they are life.'

'But there are some of you who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the outset those who did not believe, and who it was that would betray him. He went on, 'This is why I told you that no one could come to me unless the Father allows him.' After this, many of his disciples left him and stopped going with him.

Then Jesus said to the Twelve, 'What about you, do you want to go away too?' Simon Peter answered, 'Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God.'



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

I remember seeing a James Bond film in which the Voodoo priest could summon the Living Dead – called Zombies – people hovering between life in the grave and life above ground level, but ultimately trapped as human beings living a grave-dominated existence.

There are billions of the Living Dead around the world. People, apparently like you and me, but in fact living with the belief that the grave will mark the extinction of their life.

But our ears are attuned to pick up words which sound the possibility of a different destiny, a different reality. We have heard a voice which speaks the truth, a voice which speaks of a more beautiful reality. That voice says that you and I, individually, personally, are star dust with a marvellous destiny: a destiny that will see our ensouled bodies transformed, transfigured, translucent with Divine Light and energy.

The voice is that of Our Lord Jesus Christ. We hear that voice from within the Church, which has transmitted the tradition of 'The Voice' for twenty centuries.

Heeding that Voice, I move from the company of the Living Dead to the companionship of the Conqueror of Death. I am no longer a 'Dead Man Walking' but a man alive with the reality of eternal life already within me.

That is why when I hear the challenge: 'Do you also wish to go away?' I enter into that tradition and answer with St Peter, I answer in the company of billions of others over twenty centuries: 'Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.'

We could pause for a moment and pray that, living in the tradition of the Church, I may hear the Word in the Gospel and take that Word within myself in Holy Communion so that I might be no longer a 'Dead Man Walking', but a human being alive with the reality of eternal life already within me.

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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: Let us pray that the God of light and goodness might send the Holy Spirit upon us, and strengthen us in his service. May we commit ourselves anew to the protection of all God’s children, especially the most innocent and vulnerable.
- R: We pray for our leaders and our ministers. May they commit themselves anew to God and to the service of God’s holy people.
- We pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.
- R: We pray for migrants, refugees and international students. That we may work with them, attentive to their needs and promoting their innate dignity as children of God.
- We pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.
- R: We pray for those who have special needs in our community. Be they needs of a financial, physical, mental or spiritual kind, may they find the peace of God’s kingdom which the world cannot give.
- 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, and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially Tamara Scicchitano, Nell Connors and James & Catherine McCarthy. May their sharing in the Eucharist now lead them to be raised up to Christ’s eternal life.
- We pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.

All HAIL MARY

Fr: Heavenly Father, help us to see you in each other. May we always mirror your love and protection for our children and young people. May we all praise you with your Son, and the Holy Spirit, now and forever

Collections last week Presbytery \$251 Thanksgiving \$790
1st collection: Presbytery & Priest 2nd collection: Thanksgiving (envelope)
Readings next week Deut 4:1-2, 6-8 James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27 Mark 7:1-8, 14-15,21-23

Mass Roster

As we currently have two priests in the Parish Fr John has set up a Mass roster in which both he and Fr Brian share the Mass schedule across the two Parishes. As Romsey and Lancefield have alternating weekend Masses the Sunday Mass schedule will follow a two week rotation. For the weekday Masses each priest will have a week about in each Parish.

Visitation

Thank you to all those who have emailed or filled out a visitation form. Fr John has begun visiting and will be in contact over the next few weeks to arrange a visit. If you would like a visit please email john.healy@cam.org.au or fill in a form at the back of the Church.

UPCOMING PARISH MASSES

Sun	Aug 25 th – 9:00am	Sunday Mass – LF	Fr. John
Sun	Aug 25 th – 2:30pm	Baptism	Fr. Brian
Wed	Aug 28 th – 9:30am	Weekday Mass – LF	Fr. Brian – Presb.
Thur	Aug 29 th – 9:30am	Weekday Mass – Rom	Fr. Brian
Fri	Aug 30 th – 10:15am	School Mass Yr 5&6 – LF	Fr. Brian
Sat	Aug 31 st – 5pm	Holy Communion School Hall	Fr. John

Romsey Church 100th Anniversary RSVP’s for attendance and catering
Please respond by:
Friday 27th September, 2024

WEEKLY MASS TIMES

St. Mary’s Parish
Sunday’s at 9:00am

25/08/24 – Lancefield
01/09/24 – Romsey
08/09/24 – Lancefield
15/09/24 – Romsey
22/09/24 – Lancefield
29/09/24 – 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

Feast Days this Week

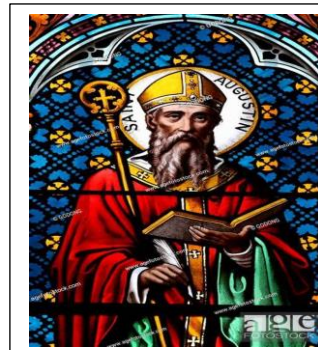
Tuesday 27th August Feast of St Monica

St. Monica (332-387 AD) was a Christian saint and the mother of St. Augustine of Hippo. One of her children was Augustine, who would later become one of the most renowned theologians in Christianity. Monica's relationship with Augustine was difficult at times, as he was a rebellious youth who lived a hedonistic lifestyle. Monica's persistence and prayers were finally answered when Augustine converted to Christianity. Monica's devotion to her son and her faith in God's ability to change him is a powerful testament to the power of prayer and the role of mothers in the spiritual lives of their children.



Wednesday 28th August St Augustine

A Christian at 33, a priest at 36, a bishop at 41: Many people are familiar with the biographical sketch of Augustine of Hippo, sinner turned saint. The tears of his mother, the instructions of Ambrose and, most of all, God himself speaking to him in the Scriptures, redirected Augustine's love of life to a life of love. One of St Augustine's famous quotes is: *You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our heart is restless until it rests in you.* It is also sometimes translated in the plural: *"our hearts are restless until they rest in you."*



Thursday August 29th Feast of the Beheading of John the Baptist

Now Herod had arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, the wife of his brother Philip, for John had said to him, "It is not lawful for you to have her." Although he wanted to kill him, he feared the people, for they regarded him as a prophet. But at a birthday celebration for Herod, the daughter of Herodias performed a dance before the guests and delighted Herod so much that he swore to give her whatever she might ask for. Prompted by her mother, she said, "Give me here on a platter the head of John the Baptist." The king was distressed, but because of his oaths and the guests who were present, he ordered that it be given, and he had John beheaded in the prison. His head was brought in on a platter and given to the girl, who took it to her mother. His disciples came and took away the corpse and buried him; and they went and told Jesus. ~

[Matthew 14:3-12](#)



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**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.