

ST. MARY'S PARISH

LANCEFIELD & ROMSEY

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

17th November, 2024

Lancefield Church
27 Chauncey Street
Lancefield



Romsey Church
85 Main Street
Romsey



EVERYONE WELCOME

Ministry Roster	17/11/24	24/11/24	01/12/24	07/12/24
Musician	Eileen	Rosalie	Christine	-----
Reader	Joanne	Joan	Anne B	Leanne
Collector	Rob	Barry	Gerard	-----
Cleaner	Anne N	Anne T	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 & Vittoria Cafari.

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

Sat	Nov 16 th – 10am	Reconciliation – LF	Fr. John
Sun	Nov 17 th – 9am	Sunday Mass – Rom	Fr. Brian
Sun	Nov 17th – 3:30pm	Prayer Service Lancefield Cemetery	
Wed	Nov 20 th – 9:30am	Weekday Mass – LF	Fr. Brian
Thur	Nov 21 st – 9:30am	Weekday Mass – Rom	Fr. John
Fri	Nov 22 nd – 10:15am	School Weekday Mass Yr 1&2	Fr. Brian
Sun	Nov 24 th – 9am	Sunday Mass – LF	Fr. John

NOVEMBER: the MONTH OF ALL SOULS

As November is the month we remember our departed loved ones, parishioners are invited to bring along photos of those they wish to be remembered during our weekend liturgies and place them at the front of the altar.

Parishioners are 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.

SPECIAL COLLECTION - Prison Sunday

CatholicCare Victoria – Pastoral Care Appeal 2024

Thank you! Last weekend, we conducted CatholicCare Victoria's annual Pastoral Care Appeal in our parish. Thank you for enabling CatholicCare Victoria and their Catholic Prison Chaplains to continue being messengers of God's mercy, love and compassion. Thank you to those who have supported this Appeal.

If you still wish to donate or if you would like to learn more about the Chaplaincy Services, please visit www.catholiccarevic.org.au or call (03) 9967 2515.

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Secretary Hours

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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

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First Reading Dn 12:1-3

When that time comes your own people will be spared.

'At that time Michael will stand up, the great prince who mounts guard over your people. There is going to be a time of great distress, unparalleled since nations first came into existence. When that time comes, your own people will be spared, all those whose names are found written in the Book. Of those who lie sleeping in the dust of the earth many will awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting disgrace. The learned will shine as brightly as the vault of heaven, and those who have instructed many in virtue, as bright as stars for all eternity.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 15:5. 8-11. R.v.1

*(R.) Keep me safe, O God:
you are my hope.*

1. O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;
it is you yourself who are my prize.
I keep the Lord ever in my sight:
since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. *(R.)*
2. And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;
even my body shall rest in safety.
For you will not leave my soul among the dead,
nor let your beloved know decay. *(R.)*
3. You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence,
at your right hand happiness forever. *(R.)*

Second Reading Heb 10:11-14, 18

By a single offering he has achieved the eternal perfection of those who are sanctified.

All the priests stand at their duties every day, offering over and over again the same sacrifices which are quite incapable of taking sins away. Christ, on the other hand, has offered one single sacrifice for sins, and then taken his place for ever, at the right hand of God, where he is now waiting until his enemies are made into a footstool for him. By virtue of that one single offering, he has achieved the eternal perfection of

all whom he is sanctifying. When all sins have been forgiven, there can be no more sin offerings.

Gospel Acclamation Lk 21:36

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Be watchful, and pray constantly,
that you may be worthy to stand
before the Son of Man.*

Alleluia!

Gospel Mk 13:24-32

He shall gather his elect from the four winds.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'In those days, after the time of distress, the sun will be darkened, the moon will lose its brightness, the stars will come falling from heaven and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory; then too he will send the angels to gather his chosen from the four winds, from the ends of the world to the ends of heaven.'

'Take the fig tree as a parable: as soon as its twigs grow supple and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. So with you, when you see these things happening: know that he is near, at the very gates. I tell you solemnly, before this generation has passed away all these things will have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.'

'But as for that day or hour, nobody knows it, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son; no one but the Father.'



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Have you ever seen those pictures of angels? They are like babies with delicate gossamer wings. How sentimental, how pathetically trivial, how untrue. Angels are more like the light-swords wielded by Luke Skywalker in Star Wars. The good angels are lightning flashes of energy serving God's purpose in the battle against evil forces which can seem to dominate our worlds, private and social.

God loved us into existence in order to share in his life, but there are forces at work trying to frustrate that. There is a cosmic-scale battle going on. Who is on our side in that battle? The angels. Who are they?

They are non-bodily beings of great intelligence and power. Those are the angels, and those who have chosen to love and serve God are on our side.

Some are archangels with a cosmic-scale brief. We hear of one in the first reading: 'Michael, the great Prince who stands guard over your people'. Others are our individual Guardian Angels so that when powers of darkness seem to engulf us, we can turn to our Guardian Angel and say: 'Fight for me', and that light-sword of God will engage in battle because that is that sort of angel's way of serving God.

We could pause a moment to pray, thanking God for the Archangels who guard our church community and for our personal Guardian Angels, and asking our Lord Jesus Christ to command those angels to gather us as his chosen to share His glory.

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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 words of Jesus calling us to be ready and prepared for the hour of judgement, whenever it is. Let us pray in faith, not fear.
- R:** Jesus proclaimed that the Son of Man will come in glory. Let us pray that our lives prepare us to be ready, whenever is the time.
- We pray to the Lord.** **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- R:** Jesus assures us no one knows the day nor the hour. Let us pray that people trust the Scriptures and not be led astray by cult leaders and false teachings.
- We pray to the Lord.** **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- R:** We pray for Bishops Elect Thinh Nguyen and Rene Ramirez as they prepare for their ministry in the Archdiocese of Melbourne. May Jesus the Good Shepherd inspire their ministry.
- We pray to the Lord.** **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- R:** We pray for the community of Riddells Creek as they come to terms with those affected by the recent tragic accident. May the community and families involved be held gently in the palm of the Lord.
- 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 *Eleanor Bryant* and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially *Alfred Harder, Caden Salazar, Chris Johnston & Nick Johnston* that they share eternal light in God's peace.
- We pray to the Lord.** **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- All HAIL MARY**
- Fr:** God of mercy, your love and justice is everlasting. When we are anxious or afraid, calm our hearts with the memory of your promise that we may wait in joyful hope for the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ, who is Lord forever and ever. Amen.

Collections last week	Presbytery \$204	Thanksgiving \$600
	1 st collection: Presbytery & Priest	2 nd collection: Thanksgiving (envelope)
Readings next week	Daniel 7:13-14	Apocalypse 1:5-8 John 18:33-37

Two New Auxiliary Bishops Appointed for Melbourne



Pope Francis appoints two new Auxiliary Bishops for Melbourne –

Reverend Fr. Thinh Nguyen & Reverend Fr. Rene Ramirez RCJ.

Most Rev Peter A Comensoli, Archbishop of Melbourne said; "I am deeply grateful to the Holy Father for this gift and blessing to our Archdiocese." "The Melbourne Archdiocese is the largest in Oceania, and we have waited a long time to have our full complement of Auxiliary Bishops to assist in ministering to God's people. "Both Fr Nguyen and Fr Ramirez are men who have a heart for the Gospel and a missionary energy for God's people," said the Archbishop. One of the Bishop Elect will replace Bishop Terry Curtin who will retire. The Episcopal Ordination for the Bishops-elect is to take place in the morning of 1 February 2025 at St Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne.

WEEKLY MASS TIMES

St. Mary's Parish

Sunday's at 9:00am

17/11/24 – Romsey
24/11/24 – Lancefield
01/12/24 – Romsey
08/12/24 – Lancefield
15/12/24 – Romsey
22/12/24 – Lancefield

HEALING MASS

1st Saturday at 10:00am

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

NEW SATURDAY EVENING MASS TIMES

When the parish of Woodend and Lancefield/Romsey came under the administration of one priest a change was made to Masses in both communities. The Parish of Lancefield/Romsey went from three weekend Masses to one weekend Mass. A request was made to have a second weekend Mass for Lancefield. The only option was an additional Saturday Evening Mass. Recently both communities were asked to put forward their preferred option for Mass times. After collating the responses put forward, the following are the new times:



5pm
Woodend
6.30pm
Lancefield

I know this may not suit everyone. Change can sometimes be difficult. I ask that we embrace these new Mass times as the best way to serve both communities. At the moment we have two priests, the reality is that sometime in the new year we will have only one priest. This change has been made in preparation for when one priest will minister in both Parishes.

These new mass times will begin on the First Sunday of Advent, November 30th.

READERS REQUIRED FOR SATURDAY NIGHT MASS

A reader will be needed on each of the dates listed below.

Please advise your availability during this time by return email or by calling 5429 2130

Saturday November 30th – 6:30pm

Saturday December 7th – 6:30pm

Saturday December 14th – 6:30pm

Saturday December 21st – 6:30pm

Saturday December 28th – 6:30pm

Saturday night Masses will be held in Lancefield.

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.

COLUMBAN Christmas Cards & Calendars

Packets of 8 cards for \$3.50

Calendars - \$8.00

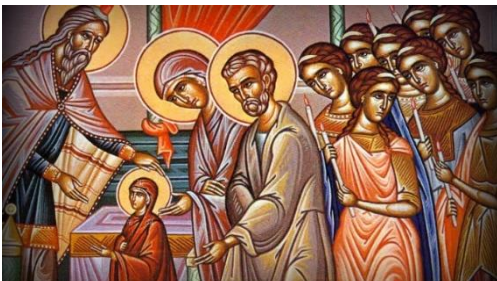
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Feast Days this week.

November 21st –

Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary



Commemorates the presentation of the Blessed Virgin as a child by her parents in the Temple in Jerusalem. Before Mary's birth, her parents received a heavenly message that they would bear a child. In thanksgiving for the God's gift of Mary's birth, they brought her to the Temple to consecrate their only daughter to The Lord.

November 22nd – St. Cecilia

The Catholic Church holds Saint Cecilia in high esteem, both as a martyr and as the patroness of music. Churches around the world, including the Basilica di Santa Cecilia in Rome, are dedicated to her and serve as places of worship, music, and remembrance.

Saint Cecilia serves as an important figure for the Catholic Church in its dialogue with the arts. Her patronage of music underscores the value the Church places on this art form as a means of worship and spiritual expression. In this way, Saint Cecilia helps to bridge the worlds of faith and art within the Catholic tradition.



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.

OFFERTORY PROCESSION



As of Sunday December 1st, the Offertory Procession will be re-introduced at all our weekend Masses.

What is the Offertory procession?

The Procession with the Gifts symbolises the assembly's participation in the Eucharist and in the social mission of the Church. It is an expression of the humble and contrite heart, a giving of self in readiness for making the true offering which the Lord Jesus invites his people to make with him. The Procession with the Gifts expresses also our willingness to enter into a holy exchange with God: by offering to God what he has given to us we may merit to receive Christ's very self.

What should be brought in this procession?

Only those elements of bread and wine to be used in the celebration of the Eucharist or money to be given to relieve the needs of the Church and the poor. In other words, the only things to be brought in this procession are: • Bread • Wine • Any collection of money or other things taken for Church and the poor (before or during the Mass). This procession is to focus on the very heart of the Liturgy and on the very heart of the life of the Church, ie her living in charity. Other things used at the altar, eg water, chalices, purificators and towel belong on the Credence table. They should never be brought in procession. They do not have symbolic importance comparable to the bread, wine, and offerings. Only three things belong in this procession.

ARCHDIOCESAN CELEBRATION

Let's come together and celebrate all that God is doing in our Archdiocese as we begin our journey towards the Year of Jubilee 2025 and the Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF) to be held in Melbourne in December 2025.

Join us at St Patrick's Cathedral

on the feast of Christ the King for a day of worship, thanksgiving and hope-filled celebration.

- 11am: Solemn Mass
- 12–2pm: Festival in the Cathedral grounds as we launch 'one year to go' until ACYF.

Event Date: Sunday 24 Nov 2024

11.00am–2.00pm

Venue

1 Cathedral Place - East Melbourne

God's Word 2025 Daily Reflections

Books have arrived for those who placed an order.

If I have not yet made contact with you, I don't have your details so please contact me at the office or by email to arrange payment and collection.

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

St. Mary's volunteers in all ministries are now due to complete the CAM Safeguarding Training in order to comply with our Safeguarding Policy.

Thank you to the parishioners who completed this training at Woodend in person recently.

There are two further options for you to complete this training:

Online at <https://safeguarding.melbournecatholic.org/>

Or by attending a group session in the parish office with Tam.

Upcoming session times: Friday 22/11/24 – 11am

Wednesday 27/11/24 – 2pm

Friday 29/11/24 – 11am

Please RSVP by return email or call 5429 2130 to register your attendance.

An email will be sent to all volunteers with further details.

St. Mary's Food Drive - CatholicCare Victoria

St. Mary's Food Drive will run from November 17th to December 29th.

As the Catholic Church's mission in action, CatholicCare Victoria delivers programs and services to support families, children, young people and individuals to help everyone reach their full potential. The services include counselling and mental health services, specialised support for children and teens, refugee and asylum seeker help, pastoral care, support for separating families, social housing and homelessness support. Donations from our parish community help CatholicCare Victoria support the most vulnerable individuals and families in our community and empower everyone to live life to the full.

Below is the list of items they would appreciate as donations for a food drive for their Asylum Seeker clients.

- All forms of dry packets of pasta (eg spaghetti, shells, penne etc)
- *Basmati rice – small or large packets (5kg packets are excellent)* *Plain flour packet-not self-raising*
- 2 minute noodles Tinned tomatoes Long grain rice Tinned corn
- *Tinned peas* *Dried chick peas* *Savoury biscuits (eg savoy's)*
- Dried red lentils (not canned) Dried yellow lentils (not canned) Sweet biscuits (treat for children)

For OH&S reasons when I deliver the items, please do not include any glass containers.
Collection baskets will be placed at the entry of each church during the collection period.
Thank you for your support.

St. Mary's Coat Drive - just giving notice 😊

St. Mary's Parish will be running a coat drive leading into Winter 2025.

If you are like me, you may be having a clean out of your wardrobe as each new season hits. Many winter items may now be being put in the charity bins, a plastic tub in the garage or being thrown out.

If you were about to remove any coats from your wardrobes for no longer being used –

PLEASE SAVE THEM FOR US!!

Sadly the number of homeless people and families in this area is growing. Many of them find the winter months extremely hard to bear and could use some practical items that we no longer need to help get them through.

If you need them out of your house now, feel free to drop them at the Presbytery for storage until they are required.

Please contact Tam at the office if you have any queries.

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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

ROMSEY | 5429 5254 | 99 Main St

RIDDELLS CREEK | 5428 7591 | 9 Station St