

ST. MARY'S PARISH

LANCEFIELD & ROMSEY

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

1st September, 2024

Lancefield Church
27 Chauncey Street
Lancefield



Romsey Church
85 Main Street
Romsey



EVERYONE WELCOME

Ministry Roster	01/09/24	07/09/24	08/09/24	15/09/24
Musician	Christine	-----	Rosalie	Christine
Reader	Eileen	John	Joan	Betty
Collector	Tim	-----	Barry	Gerard
Cleaner	Anthea	-----	Anne T	Anne N
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.



Happy
Father's Day
Prayers and blessings
on this special day

Fathers come in many forms -

For fathers who are blessed with children of their own,
For step-fathers who have assumed that role with love and joy,
For adoptive fathers who have provided love for a child in need,
For men without a child of their own who have nurtured and cared for others in their community,
For fathers separated from their child,
For fathers who have lost,
For fathers who struggle,
For new fathers full of hope,
For older fathers full of wisdom,
For expectant fathers,
For fathers that have shaped our lives.....

**God our Father, in your wisdom and love you made all things.
Bless these men with health, happiness and strength.
We pray they feel our love and gratitude for all they do. Amen**

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CHILD PROTECTION

is **everyone's** responsibility

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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 Dt 4:1-2, 6-8

You may add nothing to the word which I speak to you – keep the commands of the Lord.

Moses said to the people: 'Now, Israel, take notice of the laws and customs that I teach you today, and observe them, that you may have life and may enter and take possession of the land that the Lord the God of your fathers is giving you. You must add nothing to what I command you, and take nothing from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God just as I lay them down for you. Keep them, observe them, and they will demonstrate to the peoples your wisdom and understanding. When they come to know of all these laws they will exclaim, "No other people is as wise and prudent as this great nation." And indeed, what great nation is there that has its gods so near as the Lord our God is to us whenever we call to him? And what great nation is there that has laws and customs to match this whole Law that I put before you today?'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 14:2-5. R. v.1

(R.) The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

1. Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain?
He who walks without fault;
he who acts with justice
and speaks the truth from his heart. *(R.)*
2. He who does no wrong to his brother,
who casts no slur on his neighbour,
who holds the godless in disdain,
but honours those who fear the Lord. *(R.)*
3. He who keeps his pledge, come what may;
who takes no interest on a loan
and accepts no bribes against the innocent.
Such a man will stand firm for ever. *(R.)*

Second Reading

Jas 1:17-18, 21-22, 27

Be doers of the word.

It is all that is good, everything that is perfect, which is given us from above; it comes down from the Father of all light; with him there is no such thing as alteration, no shadow of a change. By his own choice he made us his children by the message of the truth so that we should be a sort of first-fruits of all that he had created.

Accept and submit to the word which has been planted in you and can save your souls. But you must do what the word tells you, and not just listen to it and deceive yourselves.

Pure, unspoiled religion, in the eyes of God our Father is this: coming to the help of orphans and widows when they need it, and keeping oneself uncontaminated by the world.

Gospel Acclamation Jas 1:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

*The Father gave us birth by his message of truth,
that we might be as the first fruits of his creation.*

Alleluia!

Gospel Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

You forget the commandments of God and hold on to human tradition.

The Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered round Jesus, and they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with unclean hands, that is, without washing them. For the Pharisees, and the Jews in general, follow the tradition of the elders and never eat without washing their arms as far as the elbow; and on returning from the market place they never eat without first sprinkling themselves. There are also many other observances which have been handed down to them concerning the washing of cups and pots and bronze dishes. So these Pharisees and scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not respect the tradition of the elders but eat their food with unclean hands?' He answered, 'It was of you hypocrites that Isaiah so rightly prophesied in this passage of scripture:

*This people honours me only with lip-service,
while their hearts are far from me.*

*The worship they offer me is worthless,
the doctrines they teach are only human regulations.*

*You put aside the commandment of God to
cling to human traditions.'*

He called the people to him again and said, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that goes into a man from outside can make him unclean; it is the things that come out of a man that make him unclean. For it is from within, from men's hearts, that evil intentions emerge: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, malice, deceit, indecency, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within and make a man unclean.'



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Many religious leaders have thought that some foods or some people are such a threat to the holiness of their followers that contact with 'unclean', 'defiling' foods or people must be avoided. Our Lord was totally opposed to the idea that holiness was something secured or gained by being quarantined or separated from anything or any person.

On the contrary, he could touch a leper or have a meal with a prostitute. Rather than defilement flowing from the leper or prostitute to Jesus, his life flowed into them repairing their broken humanity, healing them bodymindspirit, holistically, making them holy.

The fact is that God, embodied in Jesus Christ, is contagious. The contagion of Divine Life is meant to flow into the inner depths of personality, into the heart. When this occurs, the Divine Life in the human person causes 'holiness'.

We have to strive to put ourselves in the way of this contagion. We become holy when we allow ourselves to be touched by our Lord Jesus Christ. How do we do this?

By hearing of His life in the Gospel, by being nourished by His life in Holy Communion, by being touched by the plight of those in whom He is to be found. St James in the second reading describes some who are particularly vulnerable in a patriarchal society with no social security system: the widows and orphans. No doubt, we can identify equivalent groups in our own society and overseas.

We could take a moment to pray that we might be more conscious of the Holy Spirit germinating something in our hearts, making us holy from the inside out, that our holiness be authenticated by good works so that we may be holy as the Lord our God is holy.

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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:** James reminds us that every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of light. We ask God's light to shine in all the places of need in our world today
- R:** We pray with and for our Church leaders, the Pope and the Bishops. May they proclaim with Jesus the priority of the commandment of God as superior to human tradition.
We pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- R:** We pray for our community and with Christians everywhere. May we all live up to the standard of St. James that pure, unspoiled religion, is coming to the help of those who need it and not being contaminated by the world.
We pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- R:** We pray for our Fathers on this Father's Day. We thank them for their love, their support and their guidance throughout our lives. Bless them, that they may be strengthened as Christian fathers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honor them always with a spirit of profound respect.
We pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- R:** We pray for the children in our Parish Community who will receive the Blessed Eucharist this weekend. 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 and for those who care for them. We pray for the recently deceased, especially Aileen McCarthy and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time. they may share the rewards of their service with the least of God's people.
We pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- All BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY PRAYER** (see below)
- HAIL MARY**
- Fr:** There is no one so close to us as the Lord, our God, who has given us birth by the word of truth, Jesus Christ. May we continue to open our hearts in prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Collections last week Presbytery \$234 Thanksgiving \$693
1st collection: Presbytery & Priest 2nd collection: Thanksgiving (envelope)
Readings next week Isaiah 35:4-7 James 2:1-5 Mark 7:31-37

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Congratulations and special blessings to all those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries during the month of September. May your journey through life be filled with daily treasures, and may you always be open, willing and ready to share your blessings with others.



Birthdays: Rosalie McCarthy, Denis Collaco, Eileen French and a big shout out to **COLE NEWNHAM & SCARLETT McWHA.**
Anniversaries: None this month.

UPCOMING PARISH MASSES

Sat	Aug 31 st – 5pm	Holy Communion School Hall	Fr. John
Sun	Sept 1 – 9:00am	Sunday Mass - Rom	Fr. Brian
Wed	Sept 4 th – 9:30am	Weekday Mass – LF	Fr. John – Presb.
Thur	Sept 5 th – 9:30am	Weekday Mass – Rom	Fr. John
Fri	Sept 6 th – 10:15am	Whole School Mass – LF	Fr. Brian
Sat	Sept 7 th – 10am	Healing Mass – Rom	Fr. Brian
Sun	Sept 8 th – 9:00am	Sunday Mass – LF	Fr. Brian

WEEKLY MASS TIMES

St. Mary's Parish

Sunday's at 9:00am

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

06/10/24 – Romsey – 2PM

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

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. Excitement is definitely 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!

RSVP's for attendance and catering - please respond by: Friday 27th September, 2024

Mass Roster

As we currently have two priests in the Parish, Fr. John & Fr. Brian will 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

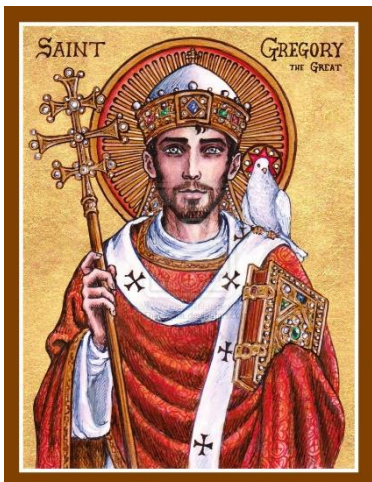
Thank you to all those who have emailed or filled out a visitation form. Fr John has begun visiting and will be in contact over the next few weeks to arrange a visit. If you would like a visit please email john.healy@cam.org.au or fill in a form at the back of the Church.



Congratulations to the children of our Parish Community who celebrated their First Eucharist this weekend.

Feast days this Week.

3rd September St Gregory the Great



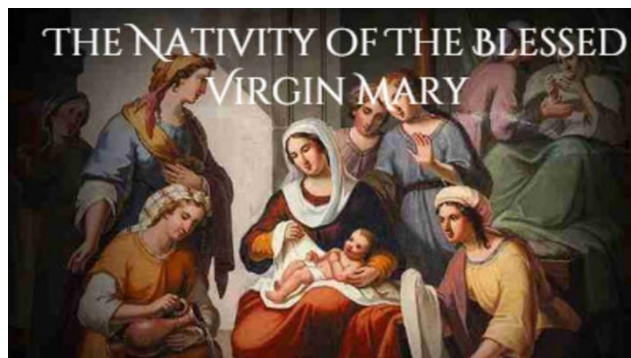
Ordained a priest, Gregory became one of the pope's seven deacons, and also served six years in the East as papal representative in Constantinople. He was recalled to become abbot, but at the age of 50 was elected pope by the clergy and people of Rome. Gregory was direct and firm. He was very concerned about the conversion of England, sending 40 monks from his own monastery. He is known for his reform of the liturgy, and for strengthening respect for doctrine. Whether he was largely responsible for the revision of "Gregorian" chant is disputed. Gregory lived in a time of perpetual strife with invading Lombards and difficult relations with the East. When Rome itself was under attack, he interviewed the Lombard king. Called "the Great," Gregory has been given a place with Augustine, Ambrose, and Jerome, as one of the four key doctors of the Western Church. An Anglican historian has written: "It is

impossible to conceive what would have been the confusion, the lawlessness, the chaotic state of the Middle Ages without the medieval papacy; and of the medieval papacy, the real father is Gregory the Great."

8th September:

Today the Church celebrates the **Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**.

The *Roman Martyrology* states Mary was "of the lineage of Abraham, born of the tribe of Judah and of the progeny of King David, from whom the Son of God was born, made man by the work of the Holy Spirit, to free humanity from the ancient bondage of sin."



Mary was born to be the mother of the Saviour of the world, the spiritual mother of all men, and the holiest of God's creatures. Because of her Son's infinite merits, she was conceived and born immaculate and full of grace. Through her, Queen of heaven and of earth, all grace is given to men. Through her, by the will of the Trinity, the unbelieving receive the gift of faith; the afflicted are tendered the works of mercy; and the members of Christ grow in likeness of their Head. In Mary all human nature is exalted. We rejoice in her birthday, as the Church has done from the earliest times. This is one of the three birthdays in the Church Calendar—the Birth of Jesus (December 25), the Birth of John the Baptist (June 24) and the Birthday of Mary. All three were born without original sin, although Mary and Jesus were conceived without sin, and St. John was cleansed of original sin while in the womb at the Visitation of Mary.

Additions to our celebration of the Sacraments

Tuesday Evening Mass: a trial of a Tuesday evening Mass at Woodend will begin on 3rd September at 6pm.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated on the following days, Second Saturday of the Month at Woodend 10am – 10.30am and the Third Saturday of the month at Lancefield. 9.30am – 10am



The Sacrament of

Reconciliation

2024 ARCHBISHOP'S CAMPAIGN

Please return all contributions to the 2024 Archbishop's Campaign via the envelopes provided this weekend.

Funds will be sent to the Archdiocese next week.

Thank you for your support.

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

Wordsearch

Try to find these words:



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NAB**

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Acct: 64150 3257

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