

ST. MARY'S PARISH

LANCEFIELD & ROMSEY

First Sunday of Advent - Year C

1st December, 2024

Lancefield Church
27 Chauncey Street
Lancefield



Romsey Church
85 Main Street
Romsey



EVERYONE WELCOME

Ministry	30/11/24	01/12/24	07/12/24	07/12/24	08/12/24
Musician	-----	Christine	-----	-----	Agnes
Reader	Joanne	Anne B	Leanne	Vol. Req	Eloise
Collector	Vol. Req	Gerard	-----	Vol. Req	Joe
Cleaner	-----	Anthea	-----	-----	Leanne
Location	LF	Rom	Rom	LF	LF

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, Kath Ireland, Gwen DeCarolis,
Brendan Coburn & Vittoria Cafari.

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

Sat	Nov 30 th - 6:30pm	Sat. Vigil Mass - LF
Sun	Dec 1 st - 9am	Sunday Mass - Rom
Wed	Dec 4 th - 9:30am	Weekday Mass - LF
Thur	Dec 5 th - 9:30am	Weekday Mass - Rom
Fri	Dec 6 th - 10:15am	Advent Liturgy Yr 3-6
Sat	Dec 7 th - 10am	Healing Mass - Rom
Sat	Dec 7 th - 6:30pm	Sat. Vigil Mass - LF
Sun	Dec 8 th - 9am	Sunday Mass - LF

ROSARY - Dec 7th

The Rosary will be prayed prior to the Healing Mass in Romsey. If you would like to participate, please be in the church by 9:30am to begin.
All Welcome.

NEW SATURDAY EVENING MASS TIMES



Mass 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. **Fr. John**

These new mass times will begin on the 1st Sunday of Advent, November 30th.

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
Now available in our churches - Please place money in the SVDP box.

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Assistant Priest

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C/- Presbytery
27 Chauncey Street
Lancefield Vic 3435
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Parish Secretary

Tammie Dalglish
C/- Presbytery
27 Chauncey Street
Lancefield Vic 3435
Ph: 5429 2130

Secretary Hours

Wednesday & Friday
8:00am - 5:00pm

Parish Email

lancefield@cam.org.au

Parish Website

www.melbatholic.org/s/lancefield

St Mary's Primary School

T: 5429 1359
office@smlancefield.catholic.edu.au

School Website

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

All children leaving the church during Mass must be accompanied by a parent.

Child Safety Committee

Fr. John Healy
Tammie Dalglish
Michael Mooney
Monica Tomlinson

The Living Word

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First Reading Jer 33:14-16

I will cause a good seed to spring forth from David.

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I am going to fulfil the promise I made to the House of Israel and the House of Judah:

'In those days and at that time,
I will make a virtuous Branch grow
for David,
who shall practise honesty and
integrity in the land.
In those days Judah shall be saved
and Israel shall dwell in confidence.
And this is the name the city will be
called:
The Lord-our-integrity.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 24:4-5. 8-9. 10. 14. R. v.1

(R.) To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

1. Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and
teach me:
for you are God my saviour. *(R.)*
2. The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who
stray,
he guides the humble in the right
path;
he teaches his way to the poor. *(R.)*
3. His ways are faithfulness and love
for those who keep his covenant
and will.
The Lord's friendship is for those
who revere him;
to them he reveals his covenant. *(R.)*

Second Reading 1 Thes 3:12-4:2

When Christ comes may he strengthen your hearts in holiness.

May the Lord be generous in increasing your love and make you love one another and the whole human race as much as we love you. And may he so confirm your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless in the sight of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus Christ comes with all his saints.

Finally, brothers, we urge you and appeal to you in the Lord Jesus to make more and more progress in the kind of life that you are meant to live: the life that God wants, as you learnt from us, and as you are already living it. You have not forgotten the instructions we gave you on the authority of the Lord Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation Ps 84:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.*

Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

Your redemption is near at hand.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars; on earth nations in agony, bewildered by the clamour of the ocean and its waves; men dying of fear as they await what menaces the world, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand erect, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand.

'Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened with debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life, and that day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap. For it will come down on every living man on the face of the earth. Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen, and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.'



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Sometimes our own lives, the life of the Church, the life of societies and nations cry out for Our Lord Jesus Christ to come again right now and rescue us right now.

In some instances we can become conscious of Jesus' saving, transforming power in a particular situation. But, for the whole of humanity across the millennia, we do not know the day or the hour when death and all its warriors such as disease and violence, will be absolutely vanquished by Christ in glory.

This can lead to a type of pain which finds solace in all those things which dull the spirit. Our Lord gives examples: debauchery, drunkenness. Today he might have added 'living in the virtual world'. Rather, Our Lord wants us to live in the real world on high alert.

In the meantime each one of us can be a signal of what is to come. Each time we exhaust ourselves heroically loving someone whom others might abandon, each time we take a risk because we cry out against injustice, and in a myriad other ways, we signal that the Kingdom is already being established on earth.

We could pause for a moment to pray for the strength to be on high alert for the opportunities to translate the legacy of Jesus into our own time and place, thus giving reasons to each other for our faith and hope that Christ has come, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

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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 – RESPONSE: *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 **Isabella Fleming & Glenys O'Dea** and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially **James & Agnes Barry, Jack & Nell Grealy, Maurice Barry, Aileen Fleming, Lyndell McLaughlin, Peter Linehan and Bernard Murphy.**
May they be comforted in the words of Jesus to be in paradise with him.
We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

All HAIL MARY

Collections last week Presbytery \$361 Thanksgiving \$765
1st collection: Presbytery & Priest 2nd collection: Thanksgiving (envelope)

Readings next week Baruch 5:1-9 Philippians 1:3-6, 8-11 Luke 3:1-6

HOLY HOUR

Friday 6th December 7pm-8pm
St Ambrose Woodend

A time to gather, prayer evening prayer, a time of quiet prayer before the
Blessed Sacrament, concluding with Benediction.

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MONDAY 9th December – 9:30am

Feast of the Immaculate Conception will be celebrated at Romsey Church on
9th December at 9.30am. An invitation to go out for coffee afterwards is extended
to all. Please write your name on the clip board at the back of the church if you
would like to come, that way we can book seats.

READERS REQUIRED FOR SATURDAY NIGHT MASS in LANCEFIELD at 6:30pm

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

Dec 7th Dec 14th Dec 21st Dec 28th

Please advise your availability by return email or by calling 5429 2130

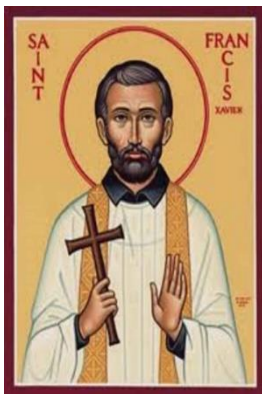
OFFERTORY PROCESSION

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

Fr. John & Fr. Brian will call upon parishioners to participate.

Feast Days this week.

December 3rd – St. Francis Xavier



Francis Xavier, 24 at the time, and living and teaching in Paris, did not heed these words at once. They came from a good friend, Ignatius of Loyola, whose tireless persuasion finally won the young man to Christ. Francis then made the spiritual exercises under the direction of Ignatius, and in 1534, joined his little community, the infant Society of Jesus. He was ordained a priest in 1537, Xavier went on to Lisbon and from there sailed to the East Indies, landing at Goa, on the west coast of India. For the next 10 years he laboured to bring the faith to such widely scattered peoples as the Hindus, the Malayans, and the Japanese. Wherever he went, Xavier lived with the poorest people, sharing their food and rough accommodations. He spent countless hours ministering to the sick and the poor, particularly to lepers. From Japan he had dreams of going to China, but this plan was never realized. Before reaching the mainland, he died. His remains are enshrined in the Church of Good Jesus in Goa.

WEEKLY MASS TIMES

St. Mary's Parish

Sunday's at 9:00am

Saturday's at 6:30pm

30/11/24 – Lancefield

01/12/24 – Romsey

07/12/24 – Lancefield

08/12/24 – Lancefield

14/12/24 – Lancefield

15/12/24 – Romsey

21/12/24 – 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

December 7th – St. Ambrose

Saint Ambrose of Milan was one of the Fathers and Doctors of the Early Church. Born around 340 AD in modern-day Germany to an affluent Christian family, Ambrose was educated in Rome, where he studied law. After his father's death, he returned to Germany and entered public service. He helped shape the Church's doctrine, and he played a significant role in the Christianisation of the Roman Empire. Later known as the "Honey-Tongued Doctor," he is remembered as a wise and compassionate leader who used his gift of divine preaching to serve God and His people. Once, he moderated a heated conflict between Arians and Catholics, and the people immediately chose him for their bishop, even though he hadn't yet been baptized. Ambrose was finally baptized and just eight days later was ordained the bishop of Milan.



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. 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)

Collection baskets will be placed at the entry of each church during the collection period – please do not include any glass items. Thank you for your support.

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*First Sunday
of Advent*

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.

Prayer of the Faithful: Jesus, in his Word, encourages us to look with hope to the future. So, with confidence we seek God's guidance and justice through the intentions entrusted to our care.

1. Jesus prayed for all of us that we might lead others to faith. May we be confident in God's love and strengthened to grow in integrity, justice and peace.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

2. Jesus told us to prepare for his coming in glory. As we prepare in Advent for the coming of Jesus, let us be, for all those we meet, people full of the love of the Lord shining through every action and word.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

3. Jesus assures us that he brings us 'life to the full'. Let us pray for St. Mary's Parish and for all who have been associated with it. May God's blessing continue to nourish all of us as we endeavour to proclaim his Kingdom.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

4. We pray for those suffering throughout the world from hunger, war, conflict, epidemics, drought and other natural disasters. May they be strengthened and sustained by our prayers and the love of God.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

5. We pray for ourselves and the needs of all in our parish community. We pray for those who are sick – especially those on our parish prayer list – and for all who care for them. For the faithful departed: for those who have died recently, especially, ***Isabella Fleming & Glenys O'Dea*** and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially ***James & Agnes Barry, Jack & Nell Grealy, Maurice Barry, Aileen Fleming, Lyndell McLaughlin, Peter Linehan and Bernard Murphy.***

May they be comforted in the words of Jesus to be in paradise with him.

(pause) We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

Hail Mary

Celebrant: O Lord, strengthen our hearts in holiness, and increase our love for one another and for all.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.