

MANSFIELD PARISH

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

9th/10th December 2023

2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR B



Land of the Taungurung

The Mansfield Catholic Parish is committed to the safety of children and vulnerable adults

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➤ **ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** (Used only when there is no Entrance Hymn)

O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 84: 9-14

R. Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

I will hear what the Lord God has to say, a voice that speaks of peace, peace for his people. His help is near for those who fear him and his glory will dwell in our land.

Mercy and faithfulness have met; justice and peace have embraced. Faithfulness shall spring from the earth and justice look down from heaven.

The Lord will make us prosper and our earth shall yield its fruit. Justice shall march before him and peace shall follow his steps.

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➤ **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia.

➤ **THE MYSTERY OF FAITH:**

When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your death, O Lord, until you come again.

➤ **COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** (Used only when there is no Communion Hymn)

Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God.

➤ **PARISH PRAYER:**

Heavenly Father, We the people of Mansfield Parish entrust you with our prayers, our needs and our hopes. We thank you for giving us your Son as our Saviour, our life and our inspiration. Help us to work as one in the Spirit building up the Body of Christ and bringing peace through forgiveness to the world. May our patrons: St Francis Xavier, St John the Apostle, St Patrick, St Joseph, St John and Mary Help of Christians, pray for us and guide us in the ways of Jesus. **AMEN.**

Solemnities, Feasts and Memorials

Wednesday: St Lucy

Thursday: St John of the Cross

Third Sunday of Advent Year B

1st Reading: Isaiah 61: 1-2, 10-11

Resp Psalm: Luke 1: 46-50, 53-54

2nd Reading: Thessalonians 5: 16-24

Gospel: John 1: 6-8, 19-28

Prayers for those who are sick: Terry Read, Natasha Gomes, Janelle Kuc, Nancy Haley, Rex Zebrst, Patricia Wilson, Amy, Yvonne Feliciouz, George D'Arcy, Logan, Lloyd, Enzo Robinson, Patricia Lawson, Bernie Carroll, David Arbuthnot, Margaret Ramma

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Mansfield Catholic Parish

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

12th - 15th December

Tuesday 8.45am Rosary followed by Communion Service
Wednesday 8.45am Rosary followed by Communion Service
Thursday 8.45am Rosary followed by Communion Service
Friday 8.45am Rosary followed by Communion Service

MASSES NEXT WEEKEND 16th/ 17th December

Saturday 6pm Mansfield
Sunday 9am Mansfield

First & Second Sundays of the month:

11am Liturgy of the Word & Communion Service at Jamieson.

ROSTERS for 16th/17th December

SATURDAY 16th December

Reader/ Prayers of the Faithful: Mark Henry

Special Minister: Rita Riley

SUNDAY 17th December:

Reader /Prayers of the Faithful: Griffin family

Special Minister: Zaldah Kirley

Communion to the Sick: Bridget Griffin

Counting: Nance & John Rutley

Church Cleaning: 11/12 – 23/12 Frances Golden

Flowers for December: Rita Riley

Maintenance:

11.12.23 – 23.12.23 Kevin Murphy Front of Church & Lawn at the back of the Church

11.12.23 – 23.12.23 Brendan Griffin Back of Church & back of Father George's residence

SACRAMENTS IN THE MANSFIELD PARISH

Please contact the Parish Office on 5775 2005 for further information on the following:

BAPTISMS: Saturdays & 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month at 11.00 am. 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month 1.00 pm. Contact the Parish Office and make an appointment to meet the Parish Priest.

FIRST RECONCILIATION: Wednesday 20th March 2024 at 6pm

FIRST EUCHARIST: Sunday 2nd June 2024 at 9am Mass

MARRIAGES: Please note 3 months' notice is required before a wedding. For further information, please check Mansfield Catholic Parish Website.

RECONCILIATION: 5.30 pm (Saturdays)
8.30am (Sundays)

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTIONS

Thanksgiving \$128.40, Loose \$205.55, Presbytery \$399.65

If you wish to contribute to either the Church or House account here are our bank details:

MANSFIELD CATHOLIC CHURCH ACCOUNT:

BSB 083 347 Acct No. 65793 1299

(If this is for thanksgiving, please include your thanksgiving number as a reference)

MANSFIELD PARISH HOUSE ACCOUNT:

BSB 083 347 Acct No. 65793 1280

You can also donate via our website:

<https://www.melbcatholic.org/s/mansfield>

Second Sunday of Advent - Peace

This second Sunday of Advent we hear the voice of John the Baptist crying out "Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight." (Mark 1:3). The first reading from the Prophet Isaiah, speaks to us during this time of advent preparation, to meditate on the 'Glory of the Lord which will be revealed' (Isaiah 40:5). There may be things, peoples, governments, organisations etc around us that, may seem glorious, especially during this time of doubt, confusion and wars our world is going through. But nothing or no one surpasses the GLORY OF GOD which is revealed in CHRIST. He is the only one who can save us and our world. The best way to prepare the way for the Lord is by meditating on and growing in awareness of God's awesomeness and Glory. In this weekend's second reading we are told to wait for the Lord by trying our best 'to live lives without spot or stain so that he will find you at peace' (II Peter 3:14). During this advent season, with unrest and war around our world, we wait for the Prince of Peace and we pray for peace.

Fr George

NEWS AROUND OUR PARISH

IF YOU ARE VISITING: We extend a very warm welcome to visitors to our Parish.

A VERY WARM WELCOME to Father Julian Langridge who is our celebrant this weekend. We hope you enjoy your time in Mansfield Father.

PIETY STALL: Columban Calendars - \$10 each and St Vinnies Christmas cards (\$5 a pack of 5) are now on sale.

ST VINNIES CHRISTMAS TREE: Please take a tag from the Christmas tree in the foyer of the Church and return the item mentioned on it by 17th December.

THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES for 2024 are available at the back of the Church this weekend. There is a letter for everyone who contributes to the Parish account either with envelopes or by bank deposit.

SCHOOL GRADUATION MASS on Monday 11th December at 6.00 pm in St Francis Xavier's Church. Congratulations to the year 6 students of St Mary's who are graduating. Happy holidays to all the students and the staff.

PARISH CHRISTMAS LUNCH: It was so good to see everyone at our lunch last Sunday. Thanks so much to those who helped to make the day such a success. Nance.

THE PARISH PRAYER GROUP meets Wednesdays after morning Communion Service. All welcome.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES IN OUR PARISH

CHRISTMAS EVE

5pm Bonnie Doon

6.30pm Mansfield

8pm Jamieson

CHRISTMAS DAY

9am Mansfield

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(Parish Vision and Mission Statement and Child safety policies are on the website)