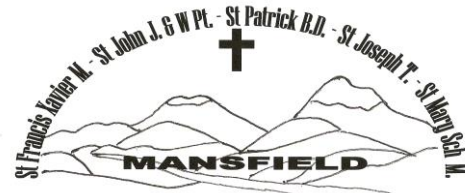


MANSFIELD PARISH

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

16th/17th December 2023

3rd 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)

Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I say rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Luke 1: 46-50, 53-54

R. My soul rejoices in my God.

My soul glorifies the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God, my Saviour. He looks on his servant in her nothingness; henceforth all ages will call me blessed.

The Almighty works marvels for me. Holy his name! His mercy is from age to age, on those who fear him.

He fills the starving with good things, sends the rich away empty. He protects Israel, his servant, remembering his mercy.

R. My soul rejoices in my God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor. 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)

Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear. Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.

➤ **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
NONE

Fourth Sunday of Advent Year B

1st Reading: **Samuel 7: 1-5, 8-12, 14, 16** Resp Psalm: **Ps 88: 2-5, 27, 29**
2nd Reading: **Romans 16: 25-27** Gospel: **Luke 1: 26-38**

Recently Deceased: John Comerford

Anniversary Prayers: Tim & Mick Mahoney

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

To book St Mary's Hall please call Greg Hogarth on ☎0408 618 135
St Vincent de Paul ☎ 5775 3156. President: Rosemary Badrock ☎ 0467 925 614



Mansfield Catholic Parish

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

19th – 22nd 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 23rd/24th December

Saturday 6pm Mansfield

Sunday 9am Mansfield

CHRISTMAS MASSES & RECONCILIATION

23rd DECEMBER (Saturday): Reconciliation 9.45am

CHRISTMAS EVE: 5pm Bonnie Doon, 6.30pm Mansfield,
8pm Jamieson

CHRISTMAS DAY: 9am Mansfield

ROSTERS for 23rd / 24th December

SATURDAY 23rd December

Reader/ Prayers of the Faithful: Anna McKenzie

Special Minister: Helen Mullins

SUNDAY 24th December:

Reader /Prayers of the Faithful: Val Kirley

Special Minister: Jan Berry

Communion to the Sick: Sandra O'Brien

Counting: Tammy Chrisp & Glenys Nixon

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: 9.45am Saturday (23rd December)

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTIONS

Thanksgiving \$313.45, Loose \$207.55, Presbytery \$534.10

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>

The third Sunday of Advent is Gaudete Sunday, from the Latin word *Gaudete* ("Rejoice"), the first word of the introit or entrance antiphon of this weekend's Mass, from Philippians 4:4. The readings and the lighting of the pink candle in the Advent wreath this weekend reflects this joy. The text of the Annunciation in Luke 1:28 *'chaire kecharitome'* which is 'Hail' or 'Rejoice, full of grace' is the name Mary possesses in God's sight. 'For the messenger greets Mary as "full of grace"; he calls her thus as if it were her real name.

In this weekend's gospel from John chapter one we hear John the Baptist, 'the voice crying out to make a straight way for the Lord.' If we continue to chapter three, we hear the Baptist further saying, 'I am not the Christ, but I have been sent before him. He who has the bride is the bridegroom; the friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly at the bridegroom's voice; therefore, this joy of mine is now full. He must increase, but I must decrease' (Jn 3:28-30). John rejoices at the voice of Christ the bridegroom. The bridegroom is Christ, the bride is we, the Church. The joy of marriage and the joy of childbirth are occasions for rejoicing in families. Today we rejoice as God's family together with Mary, the Mother of our Lord and our Mother, with Joseph and John the Baptist. Let us especially remember and pray for those who are in sorrow or in sad situations around our world and in our communities.

✠ Fr George

NEWS AROUND OUR PARISH

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

WELCOME BACK to Father Brian Glasheen who is our celebrant this weekend.

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

ST VINNIES CHRISTMAS TREE: Thanks to all who took a tag from the Christmas tree in the foyer of the Church.

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.

ARCHBISHOP'S ADVENT APPEAL FOR UKRAINE

In response to the continued conflict in Ukraine, Archbishop Peter A Comensoli has launched a special Advent appeal, the proceeds of which will go towards providing aid and practical assistance to those who have been displaced and are without basic supplies, especially as winter approaches. 'There are no winners in war, only families torn apart. Sadly, this is the painful reality facing so many at this time,' Archbishop Comensoli reflected. 'I'm inviting the faithful of Melbourne to offer whatever they can at this time. And I pray that, together, we can be a sign of God's nearness to those who need it most.' For more information please visit <https://melbournecatholic.org/adventappeal> or you can donate using the envelopes provided at the back of the Church.

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

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

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