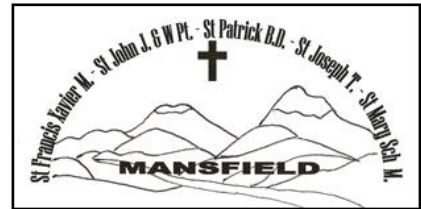


MANSFIELD PARISH

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

11th/12th January 2025

The Baptism of the Lord C



Land of the Taungurung

Our vision is to live, love and grow into the Body of Christ.

Our mission is to work as one in the Spirit building up the Body of Christ, to serve one another and the Mansfield Community.

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OFFICE HOURS: Wed - Fri: 10am to 2pm

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: (When there is no Entrance Hymn)

After the Lord was baptised, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps. 103:1-2,3-4,24-25,27-30

R. Oh, bless the Lord, my soul!

Lord God, how great you are, clothed in majesty and glory,
wrapped in light as in a robe! You stretch out the heavens like a tent.

Above the rains you build your dwelling, You make the clouds your chariot,
you walk on the wings of the wind, you make the winds your messengers and flashing fire your servants.

How many are your works, O Lord! In wisdom you have made them all. The earth is full of your riches.
There is the sea, vast and wide, with its moving swarms past counting, living things great and small.

All of these look to you to give them their food in due season.

You give it, they gather it up: you open your hand, they have their fill.

You take back your spirit, they die, returning to the dust from which they came. You send forth your spirit,
they are created; and you renew the face of the earth.

R. Oh, Bless the Lord, my soul.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia: John said: He who is to come is mightier than I; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. Alleluia

THE MYSTERY OF FAITH: We proclaim your death, O Lord, and profess your resurrection until you come again.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON Behold the One of whom John said: I have seen and testified that this is the Son of 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
Jan 17th St. Anthony Feast

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Isaiah 62:1-5

Ps 95:1-3,7-10

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:4-11 Gospel: John 2:1-11

Recently Deceased: Adrian Cherubin and Kevin Hannington

Prayers for those who are sick: Seamus Quinn, Paul Sladdin, Jane W, Tim Whitfield, Ed Griffin, John Nuttman, Winston D'Cruz, Loretto Redfern, Leveah Hames, Marj Cameron, Ashleigh Chapman, Loretta Chivers, Anthony McHugh, Natasha Gomes, Janelle Kuc, Nancy Haley, Rex Zebrst, Patricia Wilson, Amy, George D'Arcy, Enzo Robinson, Patricia Lawson, Bernie Carroll, Margaret Ramma, Ian, Logan and Terry Kirley

To book St Mary's Hall please call Greg Hogarth on ☎0408 618 135
St Vincent de Paul ☎ 5775 3156.

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

MASS TIMES & ROSTERS 15th – 19th JANUARY

Wednesday 8.45 am Rosary 9.15am Mass/Lauds
Thursday 8.45 am Rosary 9.15am Mass/Chaplet
Friday 8.45 am Rosary 9.15am Mass/Chaplet
Saturday 18th Jan: 6pm Mass Mansfield
Reader/ Prayers of the Faithful: Fay Smith
Special Minister: Helen Mullins
Sunday 19th Jan: 9am Mass Mansfield
Reader /Prayers of the Faithful: Mike O'Halloran
Special Minister: Dennis Mahoney
Communion to the Sick: Zaldah Kirley
Counting: Nance and John Rutley
Sunday 19th Jan: 6pm Mass Bonnie Doon

Sanctuary/Altar Flowers: Val Kirley

CLEANING & MAINTENANCE ROSTER

Church Cleaning: 19/1 – 26/1 – Frances Golden

Maintenance: 13th Jan – 26th Jan 2025

Chris Dunlop

Front of Church & Hall

Greg Hogarth

Back of Church, Hall & Presbytery

SACRAMENTS IN THE MANSFIELD PARISH

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

MARRIAGES: Three months' notice is required before a wedding. For further information, please check Mansfield Catholic Parish Website. Please make an appointment to meet the parish priest.

RECONCILIATION: Saturdays 9.45 am & 5.30pm / Sunday 8.30am.

FIRST RECONCILIATION: Family Evening at St Mary's School - Thursday 13th March 6pm. First Reconciliation - Wednesday 2nd April 6pm St Francis Xavier's.

FIRST EUCHARIST: Family Evening at St Mary's School - Thursday 29th May 6pm. First Eucharist Sunday 22nd June 9am Mass at St Francis Xavier's.

CONFIRMATION: Family Evening at St Mary's School - Thursday 28th August 6pm. Sacrament of Confirmation will be on Sunday 12th October 9am Mass at St Francis Xavier's.

FRIENDS OF ST JOSEPH AT ST MARY'S HALL

Delicious Jams, Relishes, Chutneys, Pickles etc. on sale.

Open on Friday's 1-4pm and after the 9am Sunday Mass.

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTIONS

Thanksgiving \$243.30 **Loose** \$328.30 **Presbytery** \$758.25

To donate Church Acct: BSB 083 347 Acc 65793 1299

House Acct: BSB 083 347 No. 65793 1280

or please scan the QR Code



Child safety policies are on the website
<https://www.melbeatholic.org/s/mansfield>

Excerpts of Pope Francis' '*Dilexit Nos*' (24/10/24)
Encyclical on the human and divine love of the Heart of Jesus (continued....)

All that we have said has implications for the spiritual life. For example, the theology underlying the Spiritual Exercises of Saint Ignatius Loyola is based on "affection" (affectus). The structure of the Exercises assumes a firm and heartfelt desire to "rearrange" one's life, a desire that in turn provides the strength and the wherewithal to achieve that goal. The rules and the compositions of place that Ignatius furnishes are in the service of something much more important, namely, the mystery of the human heart. Michel de Certeau shows how the "movements" of which Ignatius speaks are the "inbreaking" of God's desire and the desire of our own heart amid the orderly progression of the meditations. Something unexpected and hitherto unknown starts to speak in our heart, breaking through our superficial knowledge and calling it into question. This is the start of a new process of "setting our life in order", beginning with the heart. It is not about intellectual concepts that need to be put into practice in our daily lives, as if affectivity and practice were merely the effects of – and dependent upon – the data of knowledge

Where the thinking of the philosopher halts, there the heart of the believer presses on in love and adoration, in pleading for forgiveness and in willingness to serve in whatever place the Lord allows us to choose, in order to follow in his footsteps. At that point, we realize that in God's eyes we are a "Thou", and for that very reason we can be an "I". Indeed, only the Lord offers to treat each one of us as a "Thou", always and forever. Accepting his friendship is a matter of the heart; it is what constitutes us as persons in the fullest sense of that word.

(to be continued)

NEWS AROUND OUR PARISH

IF YOU ARE VISITING: A very warm welcome to you.

JUBILEE 2025: Mansfield Catholic Parish has been chosen as a place of local pilgrimage in our Archdiocese of Melbourne for the Jubilee year 2025. We look forward to welcoming people who make the pilgrimage to our parish in this beautiful part of Victoria known as God's Own Country.

AUSTRALIA DAY: Sunday 26th January Mass at Jamieson will be at 10.45am not 11am.

FAMILY LOOKING FOR A HOUSE TO RENT: There is a family looking for a place in Mansfield. Please contact Fr George if you could help them find a place.



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