

MANSFIELD PARISH

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

24th/25th February 2024

2nd SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR B



Land of the Taungurung

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

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(10am-3pm)

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

Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.

➤ **RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 115: 10, 15-19**

R. I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.

I trusted, even when I said: "I am sorely afflicted." O precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his faithful.

Your servant, Lord, your servant am I; you have loosened my bonds. A thanksgiving sacrifice I make: I will call on the Lord's name.

My vows to the Lord I will fulfil before all his people, in the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst, O Jerusalem.

R. I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.

➤ **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

➤ **THE MYSTERY OF FAITH:**

Save us Saviour of the world, for by your cross and resurrection, you have set us free.

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

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

➤ **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

3rd Sunday of Lent Year B

1 st Reading: Exodus 20: 1-17

Resp Psalm: Ps 18: 8-11

2 nd Reading: Corinthians 1: 22-25
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Gospel: Mark 2: 13-25

Recently Deceased: Terry Read

Prayers for those who are sick: Ashleigh Chapman, Anthony McHugh, 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

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

27th February – 1st March

Tuesday	8.45 am Rosary, 9.15am Mass, Divine Chaplet.
Wednesday	8.45 am Rosary, 9.15am Mass, Prayer Group 5.30pm Bible Study
Thursday	8.45 am Rosary, 9.15am Mass, Divine Chaplet
First Friday	5pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 5.30 pm Stations of the Cross followed by Mass & Divine Chaplet

MASSES NEXT WEEKEND 2nd/ 3rd March

Saturday	6pm Mansfield
Sunday	9am Mansfield 6pm Bonnie Doon

ROSTERS for 2nd/3rd March

SATURDAY 2nd March:

Reader/ Prayers of the Faithful: Fay Smith

Special Minister: Helen Mullins

SUNDAY 3rd March:

Reader /Prayers of the Faithful: Mike O'Halloran

Special Minister: Dennis Mahoney

Communion to the Sick: Zaldah Kirley

Counting: Pat Gardiner & John Berry

Church Cleaning: 19/2 – 2/3 Mike O'Halloran

Flowers for March: Rita Riley

Second Sunday of Lent 25th February (Excerpts from Pope Francis' Lenten 2024 Message Continued...)

The exodus from slavery to freedom is no abstract journey. If our celebration of Lent is to be concrete, the first step is to desire to *open our eyes to reality*. When the Lord calls out to Moses from the burning bush, he immediately shows that he is a God who sees and, above all, hears: "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey" (*Ex 3:7-8*). Today too, the cry of so many of our oppressed brothers and sisters rises to heaven. Let us ask ourselves: Do we hear that cry? Does it trouble us? Does it move us? All too many things keep us apart from each other, denying the fraternity that, from the beginning, binds us to one another.

During my visit to Lampedusa, as a way of countering the globalization of indifference, I asked two questions, which have become more and more pressing: "Where are you?" (*Gen 3:9*) and "Where is your brother?" (*Gen 4:9*). Our Lenten journey will be concrete if, by listening once more to those two questions, we realize that even today we remain under the rule of Pharaoh. A rule that makes us weary and indifferent. A model of growth that divides and robs us of a future. Earth, air and water are polluted, but so are our souls. True, Baptism has begun our process of liberation, yet there remains in us an inexplicable longing for slavery. A kind of attraction to the security of familiar things, to the detriment of our freedom.

NEWS AROUND OUR PARISH

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

ST PAT'S DAY CELEBRATION BONNIE DOON: Sunday 17th March 6pm Mass followed by dinner.

MERCY MELBOURNE: An initiative of Archbishop Comensoli, for Lent 2024, inviting parishes to highlight the importance of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. At Mansfield, on Tuesday 19th March, we shall join in this endeavour with a reflection on the Sacrament of Reconciliation by Maria Ford at 6.30pm followed by Exposition, Confessions (for those who would like to) and Reposing of the Blessed Sacrament at 8pm.

WANTED: Friends of St Joseph need SMALL jam jars. Please leave these on the presbytery verandah.

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY: Our Easter Fair is in the Parish grounds on Saturday 30th March. We plan to have stalls for Jams & Pickles, Cakes, Plants, Books and Trash and Treasure).

If you have any items for the Trash and Treasure stall, please drop them off at the Presbytery or ring Marie Daly on 0474 970 111 to arrange pick up.

We also need donations of plants, jams and pickles with ingredients (NOT the recipe) put on these items please.

PROJECT COMPASSION: To donate online go to caritas.org.au/project-compassion - or ring 1800 024 413

<https://www.melbcatholic.org/s/mansfield>
(Parish Vision and Mission Statement and Child safety policies are on the website)

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 27th March 2024 at 6pm

CALL TO RECONCILIATION: Weekend Masses from 24th/25th February to 23rd / 24th March.

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

Eucharist information Evening: Wednesday 1st May 6pm at St Mary's School.

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

RECONCILIATION: Saturdays 9.45 am & Sunday 8.30am

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTIONS

Thanksgiving \$491.55 **Loose** \$109.90 **Presbytery** \$591.40

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>