

MANSFIELD PARISH

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

2nd/3rd March 2024

3rd 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)

My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

➤ **RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 18: 8-11**

R. Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul. The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple.

The precepts of the Lord are right, they gladden the heart. The command of the Lord is clear, it gives light to the eyes.

The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever. The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just.

They are more to be desired than gold, than the purest of gold and sweeter are they than honey, than honey from the comb.

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➤ **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

➤ **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)

The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my king and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.

➤ **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

4th Sunday of Lent Year B

1st Reading: **Chronicles 36: 14-16, 19-23**

Resp Psalm: **Ps 136**

2nd Reading: **Ephesians 2: 4-10**

Gospel: **John 3: 14-21**

Recently Deceased: David Read

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

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

5th – 8th 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
Friday	5.30 pm Stations of the Cross followed by Mass & Divine Chaplet

MASSES NEXT WEEKEND 9th & 10th March

Saturday	6pm Mansfield
Sunday	9am Mansfield 11am Jamieson

ROSTERS for 9th/ 10th March

SATURDAY 9th March:

Reader/ Prayers of the Faithful: Mark Henry

Special Minister: Rita Riley

SUNDAY 10th March:

Reader /Prayers of the Faithful: Griffin family

Special Minister: Zaldah Kirley

Communion to the Sick: Bridget Griffin

Counting: Tammy Chrisp & Glenys Nixon

Church Cleaning: 4/3 – 16/3 Griffin Girls

Flowers for March: Rita Riley

Maintenance:

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 & 5pm, Sunday 8.30am

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTIONS

Thanksgiving \$277, **Loose** \$123, **Presbytery** \$427.40

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>

Third Sunday of Lent 3rd March (Excerpts from Pope Francis' Lenten 2024 Message Continued...)

In the Exodus account, there is a significant detail: it is God who sees, is moved and brings freedom; Israel does not ask for this. Pharaoh stifles dreams, blocks the view of heaven, makes it appear that this world, in which human dignity is trampled upon and authentic bonds are denied, can never change. He put everything in bondage to himself. Let us ask: Do I want a new world? Am I ready to leave behind my compromises with the old? The witness of many of my brother bishops and a great number of those who work for peace and justice has increasingly convinced me that we need to combat a deficit of hope that stifles dreams and the silent cry that reaches to heaven and moves the heart of God. This "deficit of hope" is not unlike the nostalgia for slavery that paralysed Israel in the desert and prevented it from moving forward. An exodus can be interrupted: how else can we explain the fact that humanity has arrived at the threshold of universal fraternity and at levels of scientific, technical, cultural, and juridical development capable of guaranteeing dignity to all, yet gropes about in the darkness of inequality and conflict.

NEWS AROUND OUR PARISH

IF YOU ARE VISITING: A very warm welcome to our Parish. Join us for our First Sunday Cuppa after 9am Mass.

STS PATRICK'S & ST JOSEPH'S CELEBRATIONS:

St Pat's Day at Bonnie Doon on Sunday 17th March 6pm Mass followed by shared dinner. St Joseph's Feast at Tolmie on Tuesday 19th March 11am Mass followed by BYO lunch.

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

FRIENDS OF ST JOSEPH'S: Thank you FSJ for your continued support and contribution to the parish.

CONGRATULATIONS - Luke and Rita Garvey who were married at St Francis Xavier's and the Stanger family on the baptism of their son Theodore this weekend.

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.

EASTER TRIDUUM

Holy Thursday: 6pm Mass of the Lord's Supper at Mansfield.

Good Friday: 11am Ecumenical Stations of the Cross at Hightt Street.

3pm Celebration of the Passion of the Lord at Mansfield and Jamieson.

Holy Saturday: 6pm Easter Vigil at Mansfield.

Easter Sunday Masses: 9am Mansfield, 11am Jamieson, 6pm Bonnie Doon.

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