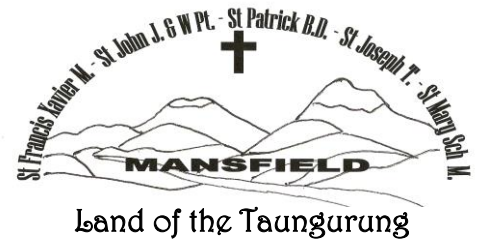


MANSFIELD PARISH

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

9th/10th March 2024

4th SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR B



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

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- **ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** (When there is no Entrance Hymn)
Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

- **RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 136**

R. Let my tongue be silenced if ever I forget you.

By the rivers of Babylon there we sat and wept, remembering Zion; on the poplars that grew there we hung up our harps.

For it was there that they asked us, our captors, for songs, our oppressors, for joy. "Sing to us," they said, "one of Zion's songs."

O how could we sing the song of the Lord on alien soil? If I forget you, Jerusalem, let my right hand wither!

O let my tongue cleave my mouth if I remember you not, if I prize not Jerusalem above all my joys!

R. Let my tongue be silenced if ever I forget you.

- **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life. 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:** (When there is no Communion Hymn)
Jerusalem is built as a city bonded as one together. It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, to praise the name of the Lord.
- **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

5th Sunday of Lent Year B
1st Reading: **Jeremiah 31: 31-34** Resp Psalm: **Ps 50: 3-4, 12-15**
2nd Reading: **Hebrews 5: 7-9** Gospel: **John 12: 20-33**

Anniversaries: Queenie Stewart and John Kirley

Prayers for those who are sick: Ashleigh Chapman, Anthony McHugh, Terry Read, Natasha Gomes, Janelle Kuc, Nancy Haley, Rex Zebrst, Josephine Assis, 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

12th – 15th 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 (concluding session)
Thursday	8.45 am Rosary, 9.15am Mass, Divine Chaplet
Friday	10am Mass at Buckland House Nursing Home 5.30 pm Stations of the Cross followed by Mass & Divine Chaplet

MASSES NEXT WEEKEND 16th & 17th March

Saturday	6pm Mansfield
Sunday	9am Mansfield 5pm Bonnie Doon

ROSTERS for 16th/17th March

SATURDAY 16th March:

Reader/ Prayers of the Faithful: Anna McKenzie

Special Minister: Hellen Mullins

SUNDAY 17th March:

Reader /Prayers of the Faithful: Val Kirley

Special Minister: Jan Berry

Communion to the Sick: Bridget Griffin

Counting: Tammy Chrisp & Glenys Nixon

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

Flowers for March: Rita Riley

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.

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTIONS

Thanksgiving \$491.80, **Loose** \$259.40, **Presbytery** \$648.90

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>

Fourth Sunday of Lent 10th March (Excerpts from Pope Francis' Lenten 2024 Message Continued...)

When our God reveals himself, his message is always one of freedom: "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery" (*Ex 20:2*). These are the first words of the Decalogue given to Moses on Mount Sinai. Those who heard them were quite familiar with the exodus of which God spoke: the experience of their bondage still weighed heavily upon them. In the desert, they received the "Ten Words" as a thoroughfare to freedom. We call them "commandments", in order to emphasize the strength of the love by which God shapes his people. The call to freedom is a demanding one. It is not answered straightaway; it has to mature as part of a journey. Just as Israel in the desert still clung to Egypt – often longing for the past and grumbling against the Lord and Moses – today too, God's people can cling to an oppressive bondage that it is called to leave behind. We realize how true this is at those moments when we feel hopeless, wandering through life like a desert and lacking a promised land as our destination. Lent is the season of grace in which the desert can become once more – in the words of the prophet Hosea – the place of our first love (cf. *Hos 2:16-17*). *God shapes his people, he enables us to leave our slavery behind* and experience a Passover from death to life. Like a bridegroom, the Lord draws us once more to himself, whispering words of love to our hearts.

NEWS AROUND OUR PARISH

IF YOU ARE VISITING: We extend a very warm welcome to you all.

PALM CROSSES: You are all welcome this Wednesday 13th March at 11am to St John's Anglican church hall to make palm crosses for Palm Sunday.

STS PATRICK'S & JOSEPH'S CELEBRATIONS:

St Pat's Day at Bonnie Doon on **Sunday 17th March 5pm 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.

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 Hihett 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.