

MANSFIELD PARISH

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

16th /17th March 2024

5th 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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➤ **ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** (When there is no Entrance Hymn)

Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.

➤ **RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Ps 50: 3-4, 12-15

R. Create a clean heart in me, O God.

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness. In your compassion blot out my offence. O wash me more and more from my guilt and cleanse me from my sin.

A pure heart create for me, O God, put a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, nor deprive me of your holy spirit.

Give me again the joy of your help; with a spirit of fervour sustain me, that I may teach transgressors your ways and sinners may return to you.

R. Create a clean heart in me, O God.

- **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord; and where I am, my servant will also be. Glory to you, Word of God, 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)
Amen, Amen I say to you: Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains a single grain. But if it dies, it bears much fruit.
- **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 Tuesday: St Joseph	Palm Sunday Year B 1 st Reading: Isaiah 50: 4-7 Resp Psalm: Ps 21: 8-9, 17-20, 23-24 2 nd Reading: Philippians 2: 6-11 Gospel: Mark 15: 1-39
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Recently Deceased: Michael Saliba

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



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EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

19th – 22nd March

Tuesday 11am St Joseph's Feast Mass at Tolmie
6.30pm Sacrament of Reconciliation Reflection
and prayer.
Wednesday No Mass at the parish (**10.30 am Chrism Mass
at St Patrick's Cathedral Melbourne All welcome to attend**)
Thursday 8.45am Rosary, 9.15am Mass and Divine Mercy
chapel
Friday 5.30 pm Stations of the Cross followed by Mass
and Divine Mercy

PALM SUNDAY MASSES NEXT WEEKEND 23rd/ 24th March

Saturday 6pm Mansfield
Sunday 9am Mansfield
11am Jamieson

ROSTERS for 23rd /24th March

SATURDAY 23rd March:

Reader/ Prayers of the Faithful: Fay Smith

Special Minister: Rita Riley

SUNDAY 24th March:

Reader /Prayers of the Faithful: Mike O'Halloran

Special Minister: Dennis Mahoney

Communion to the Sick: Marie Daly

Counting: David Bock & Ray Close

Church Cleaning: 18/3 – 30/3 Kevin Murphy

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: Thursday 2nd 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 \$331.80, **Loose** \$180.45, **Presbytery** \$560.70

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>

Fifth Sunday of Lent 17th March (Excerpts from Pope Francis' Lenten 2024 Message Continued...)

The Church's synodal form, which in these years we are rediscovering and cultivating, suggests that Lent is also a *time of communitarian decisions*, of decisions, small and large, that are counter current. Decisions capable of altering the daily lives of individuals and entire neighbourhoods, such as the ways we acquire goods, care for creation, and strive to include those who go unseen or are looked down upon. I invite every Christian community to do just this: to offer its members moments set aside to rethink their lifestyles, times to examine their presence in society and the contribution they make to its betterment. Woe to us if our Christian penance were to resemble the kind of penance that so dismayed Jesus. To us too, he says: "Whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting" (*Mt 6:16*). Instead, let others see joyful faces, catch the scent of freedom and experience the love that makes all things new, beginning with the smallest and those nearest to us. This can happen in every one of our Christian communities.

NEWS AROUND OUR PARISH

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

ST PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATIONS at Bonnie Doon this **Sunday 17th March** 5pm Mass followed by a shared dinner.

ST JOSEPH'S CELEBRATIONS:

St Joseph's Feast at Tolmie this coming **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 this coming 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.