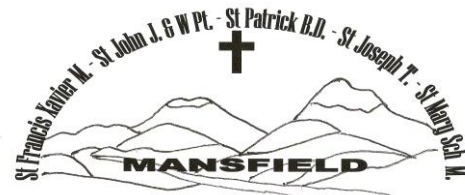


MANSFIELD PARISH

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

20th/21st January 2024

3rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 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:** (Used only when there is no Entrance Hymn)

O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in his holy place.

➤ **RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Ps 24: 4-9

R. Teach me your ways, O Lord.

Lord, make me know your ways. Lord, teach me your paths. Make me walk in your truth and teach me: for you are God my saviour.

Remember your mercy, Lord, and the love you have shown from of old. In your love remember me, because of your goodness, O Lord.

The Lord is good and upright. He shows the path to those who stray, he guides the humble in the right path; he teaches his way to the poor.

R. Teach me your ways, O Lord.

➤ **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Alleluia, alleluia! The kingdom of God is near; believe the Good News. Alleluia.

➤ **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)

Look to the Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.

➤ **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

Wednesday	St Francis de Sales
Thursday	The Conversion of St Paul
Friday	Australia Day

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

1 st Reading: Deuteronomy 18: 15-20	Resp Psalm: Ps 94: 1-2, 6-9
2 nd Reading: Corinthians 7: 32- 35	Gospel: Mark 1: 21-28

Prayers for those who are sick: 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

23rd – 26th January

Tuesday 8.45am Rosary followed by Communion Service
Wednesday 8.45am Rosary followed by Communion Service
Thursday 8.45am Rosary followed by 9.15am Mass
Friday 11am Mass followed by shared lunch

MASSES NEXT WEEKEND 27th/28th January

Saturday 6pm Mansfield
Sunday 9am Mansfield
11am Jamieson

ROSTERS for 27th/ 28th January

SATURDAY 27th January

Reader/ Prayers of the Faithful: Mark Henry

Special Minister: Rita Riley

SUNDAY 28th January:

Reader /Prayers of the Faithful: Griffin family

Special Minister: Zaldah Kirley

Communion to the Sick: Marie Daly

Counting: David Bock & Ray Close

Church Cleaning: 22/1 – 3/2 Kevin Murphy

Flowers for January: Val Kirley

Maintenance:

22/1 – 3/2 Mark Henry Front of Church & Lawn at the back of the Church

22/1 – 3/2 Chris Dunlop Back of Church & back of Father George's residence

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 20th March 2024 at 6pm

Reconciliation Information Evening: Tuesday 20th February 6pm at St Mary's School.

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: NO Reconciliation on Saturdays until further notice

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTIONS

Thanksgiving \$281.60, **Loose** \$221.45, **Presbytery** \$497.90

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>

Renounce and Repent, Believe and Follow – These are words that stand out in this weekend's readings. To renounce or reform our behaviour that is contrary to love of God and love of neighbour (sin) and have change of mind or repent and turn toward love of God and neighbour. The gospel this weekend speaks also about the need to renounce, not just behaviour, but even some material possessions and human relationships (Father and men, boats and nets) in order to follow Christ.

The Danish Christian philosopher Soren Kierkegaard writes in his work *Provocations: Spiritual Writings of Kierkegaard* of how Christ came into the world with the purpose of saving, not just instructing and at same time to be the *pattern*, to leave footprints for those who would join him, who would become a follower. Kierkegaard makes a distinction between the admirer and the follower. He says that the admirer never really makes any true sacrifices and plays it safe. He writes, 'Though in words, phrases, songs, the admirer is inexhaustible about how highly she/he prizes Christ, the admirer renounces nothing, will not reconstruct his/her life, and will not let his/her life express what it is he/she supposedly admires. Not so for the follower. No, no. The follower aspires with all his strength to be what he admires.' As disciples of Christ, we are called to repent, make sacrifice of renunciation, to believe in the Good News of salvation in Christ and follow him leaving all behind.

✠ Fr George

NEWS AROUND OUR PARISH

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

AUSTRALIA DAY CELEBRATIONS: There will be an 11am Mass on Australia Day, this coming Friday 26th January, at St Francis Xavier's followed by lunch. Please bring a plate of food to share.

THANK YOU: Robyn Yamaguchi, who spoke after Mass last Sunday, said she was touched by the welcome and generosity she received from our Parish.

PARISH PRAYER GROUP meets Wednesdays after morning Communion Service. All welcome.

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