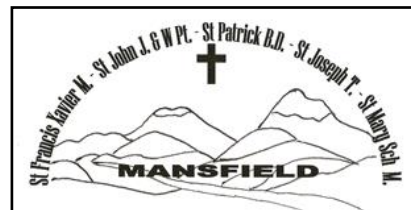


MANSFIELD PARISH

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

15th/16th February 2025

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Land of the Taungurung

Our vision is to Live, Love and Grow into the Body of Christ.

Our mission is to work as one in the Spirit building up the Body of Christ, to serve one another and the Mansfield Community.

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OFFICE HOURS: Wed – Fri : 10am to 2pm

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: (When there is no Entrance Hymn) Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 1:1-4

R: Happy are they who hope in the Lord!

Happy indeed is the man who follows not the counsel of the wicked; nor lingers in the way of sinners nor sits in the company of scorners, but whose delight is the law of the Lord and who ponders his law day and night.

He is like a tree that is planted beside the flowing waters, that yields its fruit in due season and whose leaves shall never fade; and all that he does shall prosper.

Not so are the wicked, not so! For they like winnowed chaff shall be driven away by the wind. For the Lord guards the way of the just but the way of the wicked leads to doom.

R: Happy are they who hope in the Lord

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Rejoice and be glad, your reward is great in heaven. Alleluia!

THE MYSTERY OF FAITH: We proclaim your death, O Lord, and profess your resurrection until you come again.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: (When there is no Communion Hymn) They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them, they were not disappointed in what they craved.

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
21st St Peter Damian

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: 1 Samuel 26:2,7-9,12-13,22-23

Psalms 102:1-4,8,10,12-13

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:45-49

Gospel: Luke 6:27-38

Prayers for those who are sick: Jane W, Tim Whitfield, Ed Griffin, John Nuttman, Winston D'Cruz, Loretto Redfern, Leveah Hames, Marj Cameron, Ashleigh Chapman, Loretta Chivers, Anthony McHugh, Natasha Gomes, Janelle Kuc, Nancy Haley, Rex Zebrst, Patricia Wilson, Amy, George D'Arcy, Enzo Robinson, Patricia Lawson, Bernie Carroll, Margaret Ramma, Ian, Logan, Jane O'Halloran.

To book St Mary's Hall please call Greg Hogarth on ☎0408 618 135

St Vincent de Paul ☎ 5775 3156.

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

MASS TIMES & ROSTERS 19th – 23rd FEBRUARY

Wednesday 11am Reconciliation 11.30 am Rosary/Chaplet
12noon Mass followed by Midday Prayer

Thursday 8.45 am Rosary 9.15am Mass/Chaplet

First Friday 8.45 am Adoration 9.15am Mass/Chaplet

Saturday 22nd Feb: 11am Reconciliation 11.30am
Rosary/Chaplet 12noon Mass followed by Midday Prayer
6pm Mass Mansfield

Reader/ Prayers of the Faithful: Anna McKenzie

Special Minister: Rita Riley

Sunday 23rd Feb: 9am Mass Mansfield

Reader /Prayers of the Faithful: Val Kirley

Special Minister: Jan Berry

Communion to the Sick: Bridget Griffin

Counting: David Bock, Ray Close

11am Mass Jamieson

Sanctuary/Altar Flowers for Feb: Kath Bock

CLEANING & MAINTENANCE ROSTER

Church Cleaning: 10th Feb – 23rd Feb Kevin Murphy

Maintenance: 10th Feb – 23rd Feb 2025

Shane O'Brien (Front of Church & Hall)

Ray Close (Back of Church, Hall & Presbytery)

SACRAMENTS IN THE MANSFIELD PARISH

BAPTISMS: Saturdays & 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month at 11.00 am. 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month 1.00 pm. Please make an appointment to meet the parish priest.

MARRIAGES: Three months' notice is required before a wedding. For further information, please check Mansfield Catholic Parish Website. Please make an appointment to meet the parish priest.

RECONCILIATION: Saturdays 9.45 am & 5.30pm / Sunday 8.30am.

FIRST RECONCILIATION: Family Evening at St Mary's School - Thursday 13th March 6pm. First Reconciliation - Wednesday 2nd April 6pm St Francis Xavier's.

FIRST EUCHARIST: Family Evening at St Mary's School - Thursday 29th May 6pm. First Eucharist Sunday 22nd June 9am Mass at St Francis Xavier's.

CONFIRMATION: Family Evening at St Mary's School - Thursday 28th August 6pm. Sacrament of Confirmation will be on Sunday 12th October 9am Mass at St Francis Xavier's.

FRIENDS OF ST JOSEPH AT ST MARY'S HALL

Delicious Jams, Relishes, Chutneys, Pickles etc. on sale.

Open on Friday's 1-4pm and after the 9am Sunday Mass.

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTIONS

Thanksgiving \$596.6 **Loose** \$131.3 **Presbytery** \$493.2

To donate Church Acct: BSB 083 347 Acc 65793 1299

House Acct: BSB 083 347 No. 65793 1280

or please scan the QR Code



Child safety policies are on the website
<https://www.melbcatholic.org/s/mansfield>

In Greek mythology, Pandora was the first woman created by Hephaestus on the instructions of Zeus. Curiosity led her to open a container left in the care of her husband, Epimetheus. Out of the container flew out a host of ills and curses upon humankind before the lid could be secured again. Only Hope was left within and did not, did not fly out before Pandora replaced the lid of the container...Pandora's Box.

In this weekend's gospel from Luke, we hear Jesus say "How happy are the poor/the hungry/those who weep now/to who are hated by people/driven out/abused/denounced as criminals... These categories of people mentioned by Jesus seem to be those caught up by the ills and curses that flew out of Pandora's Box. The only thing left for them is hope.... 'hope in the Lord' as we hear in the responsorial Psalm. The First reading from prophet Jeremiah also says, 'blessing on the man who puts his trust in God.' To hope in God is to trust and surrender completely to his will

What is Christian hope? Paul writing to the Corinthians says that 'If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied.' (I Corinthians 15:19.) Our hope is to live forever and eternally with Christ our Lord.

✠ Fr George

NEWS AROUND OUR PARISH

PARISH CENSUS: We invite members of our parish to participate in our census process. By completing the census forms which will be available from this weekend, we can register the number of our parishioners and better understand the needs of our community. Data collected will also enable the parish to strategically plan for important events, ministries, and other future endeavours. Your privacy is essential, and all information will be treated with confidentiality.

JUBILEE 2025: We welcome all visitors and pilgrims to the parish. Programme for pilgrims start on Wednesday 19th February: Wednesdays and Saturdays 11am Sacrament of Reconciliation, 11.30am Rosary, 12noon Mass followed by None (Afternoon Prayer). First Saturdays of the month Ecumenical gatherings at 10.30am which alternate between the churches. For further details, please check the parish website or Facebook page. Sunday 16th February there will be a special Mass at 11am for Pilgrims at St Francis Xavier's.

RCIA : This Wednesday 26th February at 5pm.

MULTICULTURAL DINNER: Sunday 16th Feb 7pm at St Mary's Hall. Bring a plate to share



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