

MANSFIELD PARISH

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

30th/31st December 2023

HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH 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)

The shepherds went in haste and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in a manger.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 104: 1-6, 8-9

R. The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.

Give thanks to the Lord, tell his name, make known his deeds among the peoples. O sing to him, sing his praise; tell all his wonderful works!

Be proud of his holy name, let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice. Consider the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.

Remember the wonders he has done, his miracles, the judgements he spoke. O children of Abraham, his servant, O sons of the Jacob he chose.

He remembers his covenant for ever, his promise for a thousand generations, the covenant he made with Abraham, the oath he swore to Isaac.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! In the past God spoke to our fathers through the prophets; now he speaks to us through his Son. 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)

Our God has appeared on the earth and lived among us.

➤ **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

Monday Solemnity of Mary,
The Holy Mother of God
Tuesday Sts Basil and Gregory

The Epiphany of the Lord Year B

1st Reading: **Isaiah 60: 1-6** Resp Psalm: **Ps 71: 1-2, 7-8, 10-13**
2nd Reading: **Ephesians 3: 2-3, 5-6** Gospel: **Matthew 2: 1-12**

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
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Mansfield Catholic Parish

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

2nd – 5th January

Tuesday 8.45am Rosary followed by Communion Service
Wednesday 8.45am Rosary followed by Communion Service
Thursday 8.45am Rosary followed by Communion Service
Friday 8.45am Rosary followed by Communion Service

MASSES NEXT WEEKEND 6th/7th January

Saturday 6pm Mansfield
Sunday 9am Mansfield

2nd & 4th Sundays of the month:

11am Liturgy of the Word & Communion Service at Jamieson.

ROSTERS for 6th/7th January

SATURDAY 6th January

Reader/ Prayers of the Faithful: Mark Henry

Special Minister: Helen Mullins

SUNDAY 7th January:

Reader /Prayers of the Faithful: Griffin family

Special Minister: Zaldah Kirley

Communion to the Sick: Zaldah Kirley

Counting: Pat Gardiner & John Berry

Church Cleaning: 25/12 – 6/1/24 Mike O'Halloran

Flowers for December: 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 20th March 2024 at 6pm

FIRST EUCHARIST: Sunday 2nd June 2024 at 9am Mass

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

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>

The family is the basic and primary unit of society. Jesus was both God and Man. Though he was God, as a human being, Jesus responded to God in a human manner by being born into a human family and growing up as a normal human being. God chose Mary to be the mother of his only begotten Son Jesus and Joseph to be her spouse, in order that His only Son be born into a human family. It was the salvific plan of God and Joseph and Mary cooperated with it wholeheartedly. Joseph is described as a just man (Mt 1:19) and Mary is blessed among women and the one who has found favour with God (Lk 1: 28, 30). Both of them strive to do the will of God. Every child has a right to a home. A home where parents are well united through an exclusive and faithful wedlock. It is here that children find support, protection and training at the hands of their father and mother. Jesus did experience this from his family. Though little is known about Joseph, the foster father of Jesus, we find that he is man of obedience and faith and so is Mary, the mother of Jesus. Our Lord lived in a family and experienced the warmth of a mother, the love of a father and the presence of all the members of his family around him while he lived here on earth. While we celebrate the Solemnity of the Holy Family, we pray for families affected by wars and natural or man-made calamities. Let us also pray for all families in Mansfield and over the world that we may grow in the warmth of love, joy and peace.

✠ Fr George

NEWS AROUND OUR PARISH

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

WELCOME BACK to Father Brian Glasheen who is our celebrant this weekend.

THE 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)