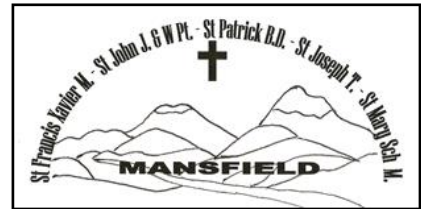


MANSFIELD PARISH

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

28th/29th December 2024

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph Year C



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: 3rd Jan Friday 10am-1pm

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: (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: Psalm 83:2-3, 5-6,9-10

R. How happy they who dwell in your house, O Lord.

How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord, God of hosts.

My soul is longing and yearning is yearning for the courts of the Lord.

My heart and my soul ring out their joy to God, the living God.

They are happy who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.

They are happy, whose strength is in you; they walk with ever growing strength.

O Lord, God of hosts, hear my prayer, give ear, O God of Jacob.

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield, look on the face of your anointed.

R. How happy they who dwell in your house, O Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Open our hearts O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son. Alleluia!

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: 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

Wed – Mary, the Holy Mother of God (Solemnity)

Thurs - St. Basil the Great & St. Gregory

Fri – The Most Holy Name of Jesus

The Epiphany of the Lord:

1st Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6, 2nd Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

Anniversaries: Greg Mahoney

Prayers for those who are sick: Seamus Quinn, Paul Sladdin, Jane W, Tim Whitfield, Ed Griffin, John Nuttman, Winston D'Cruz, Loretta 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.

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.

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS 1st – 5th Jan

Wednesday 8.45 am Rosary 9.15 am Mass/Lauds

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First Friday 8.45 am Exposition /Adoration/Chaplet
9.15 am Mass

Saturday 10.30am Ecumenical Prayer (St Francis')
6pm Mansfield

Sunday 9am Mansfield
5pm Bonnie Doon

ROSTERS

SATURDAY 4th Jan 25

Reader/ Prayers of the Faithful: Mark Henry

Special Minister: Helen Mullins

SUNDAY 5th Jan 25:

Reader /Prayers of the Faithful: Griffin Family

Special Minister: Zaldah Kirley

Communion to the Sick: Bridget Griffin

Counting: Pat Gardiner & John Berry

Church Cleaning: 6th – 18th Jan 25

Flowers for January: Val Kirley

Maintenance: 29th Dec 24 – Jan 12th 25

Mark Henry

Front of Church & Hall

Mick Kelleher

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.

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTIONS

Thanksgiving \$ 411.45 **Loose** \$120.00 **Presbytery** \$540.50

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.melbatholic.org/s/mansfield>

Pope Francis' 'Dilexit Nos' (24/10/24) Encyclical on the human and divine love of the Heart of Jesus (continued....)

RETURNING TO THE HEART

This unique power of the heart also helps us to understand why, when we grasp a reality with our heart, we know it better and more fully. This inevitably leads us to the love of which the heart is capable, for "the inmost core of reality is love". For Heidegger, as interpreted by one contemporary thinker, philosophy does not begin with a simple concept or certainty, but with a shock: "Thought must be provoked before it begins to work with concepts or while it works with them. Without deep emotion, thought cannot begin. The first mental image would thus be goose bumps. What first stirs one to think and question is deep emotion. Philosophy always takes place in a basic mood (Stimmung)". That is where the heart comes in, since it "houses the states of mind and functions as a 'keeper of the state of mind' The 'heart' listens in a non-metaphoric way to 'the silent voice' of being, allowing itself to be tempered and determined by it".

(to be continued)



IF YOU ARE VISITING: A very warm welcome to you.

ECUMENICAL PRAYER: Saturday 4th Jan 2025 10.30am at St Francis Xavier's Mansfield.

CARITAS VANUATU EARTHQUAKE APPEAL:

Vanuatu has experienced two earthquakes within 24 hours impacting over 116,000 people and causing significant damage to buildings and infrastructure. This appeal will provide support to our on the ground partners who are ready to respond to the humanitarian requirements. Please donate via the link: <http://www.caritas.org.au/vanuatu>

JUBILEE 2025: Mansfield Catholic Parish has been chosen as a place of local pilgrimage in our Archdiocese of Melbourne for the Jubilee year 2025. We look forward to welcoming people who make the pilgrimage to our parish in this beautiful part of Victoria known as God's Own Country.

JESSE TREE - PREPARED BY STUDENTS: As we journey through Christmastide the Jesse Tree could help us meditate on Jesus's family tree.

FAMILY LOOKING FOR A HOUSE TO RENT: There is a family looking for a place in Mansfield. Please contact Fr George if you could help them find a place.



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