

MANSFIELD PARISH

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

15th/16th April 2023

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY YEAR A



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)

Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 117: 2-4, 13-15, 22-24

R. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

The sons of Israel say: "His love has no end." Let the sons of Aaron say: "His love has no end." Let those who fear the Lord say: "His love has no end."

I was thrust, thrust down and falling but the Lord was my helper. The Lord is my strength and my song; he was my saviour. There are shouts of joy and victory in the tents of the just.

The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad.

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➤ **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Alleluia, alleluia! You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe! Alleluia.

➤ **THE MYSTERY OF FAITH:**

We proclaim your death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection, until you come again.

➤ **COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** (Used only when there is no Communion Hymn)

Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

➤ **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.**

Readings for next Sunday: Third Sunday of Easter Year A

1st Reading: **Acts 2: 14, 22-33**

Resp. Psalm: **Ps 15: 1-2, 5, 7-11**

2nd Reading: **Peter 1: 17-21**

Gospel: **Luke 24: 13-35**

Prayers for those who are sick: Janelle Kuc, Azalia Brega, Carol Storer, Nancy Haley, Rex Zebrst, Patricia Wilson, Amy, Dennis Dooley, Leon Storer, George D'Arcy, Logan, Lloyd, Enzo Robinson, Patricia Lawson, Bernie Carroll, David Arbuthnot, Margaret Ramma, Bernard Read

To book St Mary's Hall please call Greg Hogarth on ☎0408 618 135
St Vincent de Paul (St Mary's Hall) Tuesday & Friday 1pm – 3pm ☎ 5775 3156
President: Rosemary Badrock ☎ 0467 925 614

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

17th – 20th April

Monday 8.45 am Rosary 9.15 am Mass
Tuesday 8.45 am Rosary 9.15 am Mass
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Thursday 8.45 am Rosary 9.15 am Mass

MASSES NEXT WEEKEND 22nd/23rd April

Saturday 6pm Mansfield

Sunday 9am Mass at Mansfield

11am Jamieson

1st & 3rd Sunday 5.00 pm Bonnie 2nd & 4th Sunday

11.00 am Jamieson 5th Sunday of the month 11am

Tolmie (Please note: NO Mass 30th April)

ROSTERS for 22nd/23rd April

SATURDAY 22nd April:

Reader/Prayers of the Faithful: Mark Henry

Special Minister: Helen Mullins

SUNDAY 23rd April:

Reader/Prayers of the Faithful: Mike O'Halloran

Special Minister: Helen Mullins

Communion to the Sick: Bridget Griffin

Counters: David Bock & Ray Close

Church Cleaning: 17/4 – 29/4 Kevin Murphy

Flowers for April: Val Kirley

SACRAMENTS IN THE MANSFIELD PARISH

Please contact the Parish Office on 5775 2005 for further information on the following:

BAPTISMS: Baptisms are usually held on Saturdays.

MARRIAGES: Please note 3 months' notice is required before a wedding. For further information, please check Mansfield Catholic Parish Website.

RECONCILIATION: 9.45am & 5.30pm this week

FIRST EUCHARIST: Sunday 18th June at 9am

CONFIRMATION: Friday 8th September at 6pm

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

Thanksgiving \$622, Loose Money \$848.65, Presbytery \$911.60

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTION!!

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>

Mansfield Catholic Parish



This Sunday of the Octave of Easter the first reading from Acts of the Apostles speaks of life among the first believers of Jesus and how the 'whole community remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles,...the breaking of bread and prayers.' (Acts 2:42) If we look at the way we celebrate the Eucharist we very much follow the same order. We have the Readings followed by the homily or teaching (Liturgy of the word), the Breaking of Bread or Liturgy of the Eucharist and all the prayers we make. This is very much the life of the community of believers after the Pentecost which is contrasted in the Gospel of John when 'the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews.' (John 20:19)

After the death and resurrection of Jesus, the disciples were filled with fear and doubt. This weekend's Gospel of John speaks about Thomas doubting and the Lord clearing his doubt. If we read Matthew, Mark and Luke we find that it is not just Thomas but many of the disciples doubted. We read in Matthew that when the eleven disciples went to Galilee and saw the risen Jesus 'they worshipped him but some doubted.' (Matthew 28:17). In Mark we find the risen Jesus appears to the eleven while they sat at table and 'upbraided them for their unbelief...' (Mark 16:14) for not believing those who had seen him. Luke also speaks about the unbelief of the apostles when the women who saw the risen Lord told them about it, 'these words seemed to them an idle tale and they did not believe them.' (Luke 24:11) But somehow, we nail all the doubts on Thomas. We too, go through moments of unbelief, fear, doubts and perplexities. During these times of self-isolation our future may look bleak but there is always hope. The risen Jesus when he appeared to his disciples always wished them 'peace'. We receive this hope and peace from our risen Lord Jesus. Emeritus Pope Benedict in his second encyclical as Pope, *Spe salvi* ('saved in hope') writes, 'one who hopes lives differently'. Dear friends, we are called, especially during these times, to be that difference in our homes, families and societies. To be people who live in hope dispersing peace around us.

This Sunday is also celebrated as Sunday of Divine Mercy since 2000, instituted by Pope St John Paul II, when the church meditates and prays the chaplet of Divine Mercy of Sr Faustina. Hope, Mercy and Peace we receive in and through the Eucharist. Just as we find Jesus in the Eucharist let us pray that we will find him in those around us as well and become the source of God's hope, mercy and peace to them.

✠ Fr George

NEWS AROUND OUR PARISH

WELCOME!! We extend a very warm welcome to visitors to our Parish.

MANY THANKS to all who helped to make our Easter Market so successful. We raised \$2890.85, a great effort!

VISION AND MISSION FOR OUR PARISH: Your brief, anonymous input is invited to formulate a vision and mission statement for our parish. This is part of the process for furthering the development of the surplus Parish land and buildings.

CHECK OUR NEW WEBSITE:

<https://www.melbcatholic.org/s/mansfield>

(Child safety policies are in the forms and documents)

MEETING: A combined meeting of the Pastoral, Finance and Maintenance committees will be held in the Parish Office on 26th April 2023 at 5pm.