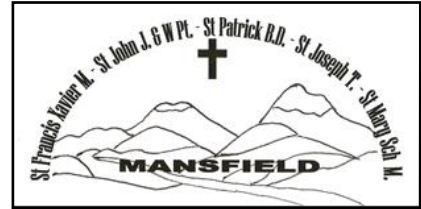


MANSFIELD PARISH

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

16th/17th August 2025

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time 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: Wed- Fri :10am to 2pm

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: (When there is no Entrance Hymn) Turn your eyes, O God, our shield; and look on the face of your anointed one; one day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Lord, come to my aid!

I waited, I waited for the Lord and he stooped down to me; he heard my cry.

He drew me from the deadly pit, from the miry clay. He set my feet upon the rock and made my footsteps firm.

He put a new song into my mouth, praise of our God. Many shall see and fear and shall trust in the Lord.

As for me, wretched and poor, the Lord thinks of me. You are my rescuer, my help, O God, do not delay

Lord, come to my aid!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. 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) With the Lord there is mercy; in him is plentiful redemption

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.**

Memorials and Feasts
Wed 20th: St Bernard – Memorial
Thu 21st: St Pius X – Memorial
Fri 22nd: The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Memorial

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time (24th August))

1st Reading: Isaiah 66: 18-21

Psalm: Ps 116

2nd Reading: Hebrews 12: 5-7, 11-13

Gospel: Luke 13: 22-30

Prayers for those who are sick: Helen Mullins, Bob Nixon, Jane W, Tim Whitfield, Ed Griffin, John Nuttman, Winston D'Cruz, Loretto Redfern, Marj Cameron, Ashleigh Chapman, Loretta Chivers, Anthony McHugh, Natasha Gomes, Janelle Kuc, Rex Zerbst, Patricia Wilson, Amy, Enzo Robinson, Patricia Lawson, Bernie Carroll, Margaret Ramma, Ian, Logan, Jane O'Halloran, Julius D'Costa, Alex Harmes

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 20th - 24th August

No weekday masses

Saturday: 6pm Mass Mansfield

Reader/ Prayers of the Faithful: Fay Smith

Special Minister: Rita Riley

Mt Buller 6.30pm

Sunday: 9am Mass Mansfield

Reader /Prayers of the Faithful: Joan Tehan

Special Minister: Dennis Mahoney

Communion to the sick: Zaldah Kirley

Counting: Nance & John Rutley

11am Jamieson

4.30pm Mansfield (Pilgrims attending)

Flowers in August: Kath Bock

CLEANING & MAINTENANCE ROSTER

Church Cleaning: Nijo/Praveen families

Maintenance: Chris Dunlop (Front of Church & Hall)

John Rutley (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.

CONFIRMATION: Auxiliary Bishop Thinh Nguyen Visiting on Thursday 28th August 2pm to meet Confirmands at St Francis Xavier's Church. 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 \$414.20 \$Loose \$139.90 \$ Presbytery \$533.40

To donate - Mansfield Catholic Church Acct: BSB 083 347 Acc 65793 1299
Mansfield Parish 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>

REFLECTION ON CELEBRATING MANSFIELD PARISH WOMEN LEADERSHIP ON SUNDAY 7th SEPTEMBER 2025

In the literature of the Patristic era (roughly end of 1st century - 8th century CE), different titles were ascribed to women who exercised specific services in the church. They are *diacona* (deaconess) *vidua* (widow), and *virgo canonica* (consecrated virgin). In Romans 16:1 Paul refers to Phoebe as deaconess and in his First Letter to Timothy 3:8-13 where the qualities of a deacon are given. Here one phrase refers to the 'women' (3:11). The nature of Phoebe's diaconate and the identification of the 'women' continue to be matters of debate for exegetes, historians and theologians. What is certain is that 'deaconesses' did exist in the early church.

The term 'deaconess' could be understood in three different ways, although scholars remain divided on the matter. The first is the deaconess' responsibility was equal to those of a male deacon covering areas of charity, liturgy and proclaiming the Word of God. The second is that deaconess was a title given to any women who fulfilled an assigned function in the church. The third understanding is that a deaconess was the wife of a deacon.

(to be continued...)

✠ Fr George

NEWS AROUND OUR PARISH

JUBILEE 2025: Welcome to all visitors and pilgrims to the parish. Jubilee Programme details are on the parish website.

ART & CRAFT: Tuesday 11am at St Mary's Hall.

CHAIR EXERCISES: Wednesday 10am at St Mary's Hall. Gold coin donation.

IMPORTANT DATES IN AUGUST:

Leadership Team Meeting this Sunday 17th August 10am.

Special Mass for Pilgrims Sunday 24th August 4.30pm.

Finance Committee Meeting Wednesday 27th August 5pm.

ARCHBISHOP'S CAMPAIGN 2025: The 2025 Archbishop's campaign is now underway, and we ask everyone to consider a one time or monthly pledge to support the vital ministries of our Archdiocese. Brochures with more information can be found around the church. Donations can be made via the QR code, via the supplied campaign envelopes to be placed on the collection plate or through the Parish website.

Your generous gift supports
ministries across the Archdiocese
—bringing the Good News to life
not only in word, but in action.

Thank you.



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