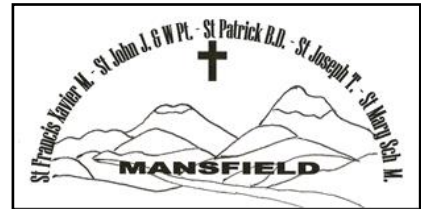


MANSFIELD PARISH

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



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) When I prove my holiness among you, I will gather you from all the foreign lands; and I will pour clean water upon you and cleanse you from all your impurities, and I will give you a new spirit, says the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

The Lord is kind and merciful.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my being, bless his holy name.

My soul give thanks to the Lord, and never forget all his blessings.

It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills,

who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion.

The Lord does deeds of justice, gives judgment for all who are oppressed.

He made known his ways to Moses and his deeds to Israel's sons.

The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy.

For as the heavens are high above the earth so strong is his love for those who fear him.

The Lord is kind and merciful.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! Repent, says the Lord; the kingdom of heaven is at hand. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ.

THE MYSTERY OF FAITH: Save us, Saviour of the world for by your cross and resurrection you have set us free.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: (When there is no Communion Hymn) For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord, the water I shall give will become in him a spring welling up to eternal life.

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

**March 25th – The Annunciation of the
(Solemnity) Lord.**

Fourth Sunday in Lent (Next Weekend)

1st Reading: Joshua 5:9-12

Psalm 33: 2-7

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 5: 17-21

Gospel: Luke: 15: 1-3, 11-32

Memoriam & Anniversaries: Claire Mahoney, Jack O'Halloran, Gregory and Cecilia Ambrose.

Prayers for those who are sick: 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, Nancy Haley, Rex Zebrst, Patricia Wilson, Amy, Enzo Robinson, Patricia Lawson, Bernie Carroll, Margaret Ramma, Ian, Logan, Jane O'Halloran & Julius D'Costa.

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 25th – 30th March

Wednesday 11.30am Reconciliation

11.45 am Rosary/Chaplet 12.15pm Mass

Thursday 8.45am Rosary/Chaplet 9.15am Mass

Friday 5pm Rosary / Chaplet 5.30pm Stations of the Cross followed by Mass of the Annunciation.

Saturday 29th March Vigil Mass: 6pm Mass Mansfield

Reader/ Prayers of the Faithful: Tony Riley

Special Minister: Rita Riley

Sunday 30th March : 9am Mass Mansfield

Reader /Prayers of the Faithful: Val Kirley

Special Minister: Jan Berry

Communion to the Sick: Sandra O'Brien

Counting: Pat Gardiner, John Berry

11am Tolmie

Sanctuary/Altar Flowers for March: No Flowers in Lent

CLEANING & MAINTENANCE ROSTER 16th - 29th March

Church Cleaning: Nijo/Praveen families

Maintenance: Dale Daly (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.

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

CONFIRMATION: Sacrament Preparation 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 \$325.00 Loose \$286.40 Presbytery \$451.60

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/mansfield>

MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR LENT 2025

Let us journey together in hope...continued

Second, to journey *together*. The Church is called to walk together, to be synodal. Christians are called to walk at the side of others, and never as lone travellers. The Holy Spirit impels us not to remain self-absorbed, but to leave ourselves behind and keep walking towards God and our brothers and sisters. Journeying together means consolidating the unity grounded in our common dignity as children of God (cf. Gal 3:26-28). It means walking side-by-side, without shoving or stepping on others, without envy or hypocrisy, without letting anyone be left behind or excluded. Let us all walk in the same direction, tending towards the same goal, attentive to one another in love and patience.

This Lent, God is asking us to examine whether in our lives, in our families, in the places where we work and spend our time, we are capable of walking together with others, listening to them, resisting the temptation to become self-absorbed and to think only of our own needs. Let us ask ourselves in the presence of the Lord whether, as bishops, priests, consecrated persons and laity in the service of the Kingdom of God, we cooperate with others. Whether we show ourselves welcoming, with concrete gestures, to those both near and far. Whether we make others feel a part of the community or keep them at a distance. This, then, is a second call to conversion: a summons to synodality.

(to be continued)

NEWS AROUND OUR PARISH

JUBILEE 2025: We welcome all visitors and pilgrims to the parish. Programme details on the parish website.

CENSUS CARDS: The last date to return your completed census card is Thursday 3rd of April 2025.

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

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

FIRST RECONCILIATION: On Wednesday 2nd April 6pm at St Francis Xavier's.

MASS AT TOLMIE: Sunday March 30th 11am followed by BYO Lunch

BAPTISM: Welcome to the Agius family as they prepare for the baptism of their children Nixon and Willow.

PALM SUNDAY & EASTER TRIDUUM 2025:

12th/13th April Palm Sunday Weekend Masses: Saturday 6pm Mansfield. Sunday 9am Mansfield and 11am Jamieson.

17th April Holy Thursday 6pm Mass of the Lord's Supper at Mansfield.

18th April Good Friday: 11am Ecumenical Stations of the Cross at Hightett Street. 3pm Celebration of the Passion of the Lord at Mansfield and Jamieson.

19th April Holy Saturday: 6pm Easter Vigil at Mansfield.

20th April Easter Sunday Masses: 9am Mansfield, 11am Jamieson and 5pm Bonnie Doon.

PROJECT COMPASSION: Please donate online. Link below.

<https://www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion>.

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