

MANSFIELD PARISH

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

2nd/3rd September 2023

TWENTY - SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A



Land of the Taungurung

The Mansfield Catholic Parish is committed to the safety of children and vulnerable adults

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(Nance is working Wednesday & Friday this week)

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➤ **ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** (Used only when there is no Entrance Hymn)

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 62: 2-6, 8-9

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

O God, you are my God, for you I Long; for you my soul is thirsting. My body pines for you like a dry, weary land without water.

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary to see your strength and your glory. For your love is better than life, my lips will speak your praise.

So I will bless you all my life, in your name I will lift up my hands. My soul shall be filled as with a banquet, my mouth shall praise you with joy.

For you have been my help; in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. My soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast.

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➤ **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart, that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called. 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)

How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep for those who fear you.

➤ **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.**

Feasts & Memorials this week
Friday : The Nativity of the
Blessed Virgin Mary

Readings for next Sunday:

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1st Reading: Ezekiel 33: 7-9

Resp. Psalm: Ps 94: 1-2, 6-9

2nd Reading: Romans 13: 8-10

Gospel: Matthew 18: 15-20

Recently deceased: Peter Arbuthnot

Anniversaries: Norm Christopher

Prayers for those who are sick: Natasha Gomes, Janelle Kuc, 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

To book St Mary's Hall please call Greg Hogarth on ☎0408 618 135
St Vincent de Paul ☎ 5775 3156. President: Rosemary Badrock ☎ 0467 925 614

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

5th – 8th September

Tuesday 8.45 am Rosary 9.15 am Mass
1pm Funeral Mass for Peter Arbuthnot at St
Patrick's Bonnie Doon
Wednesday 8.45 am Rosary 9.15 am Mass
Thursday 8.45 am Rosary 9.15 am Mass
Friday 8.45 am Rosary 9.15 am Mass
6pm Confirmation Mass

MASSES NEXT WEEKEND 9th/10th September

Saturday 6pm Mansfield
6.30pm Our Lady of the Snows Mt Buller
(17th June – 30th September)
Sunday 9am Mansfield
11am Jamieson
1st & 3rd Sunday 5.00 pm Bonnie Doon 2nd & 4th
Sunday 11.00 am Jamieson 5th Sunday 11am Tolmie

ROSTERS for 9th/10th September

SATURDAY 9th September:

Reader/ Prayers of the Faithful: Mark Henry

Special Minister: Helen Mullins

SUNDAY 10th September:

Reader /Prayers of the Faithful: Val Kirley

Special Minister: Dennis Mahoney

Communion to the Sick: Sandra O'Brien

Counting: David Bock & Ray Close

Church Cleaning: 4/9 – 16/9 Mike O'Halloran

Flowers for September: Rita Riley

Maintenance:

28.8.23 – 9.9.23 Brendan Griffin Front of Church

28.8.23 – 9.9.23 Greg Hogarth Back of Church & back of

Father George's residence

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.

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

RECONCILIATION: 9.45am & 5.30 pm
8.30am (Sundays) and also by appointment

CONFIRMATION: Friday 8th September at 6pm

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTIONS

Thanksgiving \$268.45, Loose \$168.35, Presbytery \$516.35

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>

This weekend's second reading from Paul's letter to the Romans speaks about offering up our 'living bodies as a holy sacrifice truly pleasing to God.' Human beings are made in the "image" of God (Gen. 1:26), created in the image of the Trinity. So, we are called to live in communion with one another, not in isolation, in self-giving love. In Genesis 2:18 we read "It is not good for man to be alone", so we experience the fullness of our humanity when we live selflessly with and for others, or for someone, as in family life. Can we imagine being in relationships where there is complete trust and no selfishness? In the account of creation Adam and Eve were naked but they were not ashamed. They saw one another just as God saw them as the 'image of God' and not as an object of gratification. They could bare themselves, body and soul, to each other fearlessly. There was trust, confidence, security and selfless love in their relationship. But the fall brought a change in their perception of each other and their relationship. Selfishness, distrust, blame, shame and fear (sinfulness) crept into their relationship (Gen 3:3-14) and they no longer could perceive the 'image of God' in each other. Their relationship with God and one another was broken. Jesus took all our sinfulness and brokenness and has reconciled us to God and one another. In Christ we are called to go back to the garden of Eden, to that original purpose God created us. As Paul says to offer our 'living bodies as a holy sacrifice truly pleasing to God', which is to live in relationship with God and one another in complete trust, confidence, security and selfless love.

✠ Fr George

NEWS AROUND OUR PARISH

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

FATHER'S DAY LEAVING COLLECTION: This weekend there will be a leaving collection at all Masses for the Priests Retirement Foundation who cares for our Retired Priests of the Archdiocese of Melbourne.

CONFIRMATIONS ON 8th SEPTEMBER: We welcome Very Reverend Father Tony Kerin, Episcopal Vicar for the Eastern Region, who will be the Celebrant. There will be light refreshments and a cuppa in the Hall after the Confirmation Mass.

BIBLICAL STUDY ON:

First Corinthians: The Church and the Christian Community: The eleven-part series will run on Wednesday evenings from 6.00pm starting Sep 20th, Oct 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th, Nov 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th, Dec 6th & 13th.

Presenter Tim Gray examines Paul's advice for living an authentic Christian life, the nature of grace, the Church as the body of Christ, and the most powerful gift of all — the Eucharist.

THE PARISH PRAYER GROUP meets Wednesdays after morning Mass. All welcome.

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(Parish Vision and Mission Statement and Child safety policies are on the website)



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