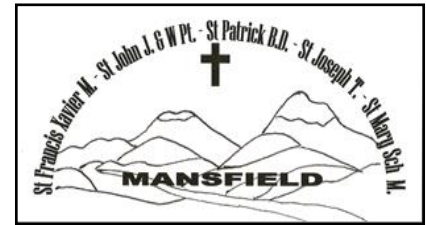


MANSFIELD CATHOLIC PARISH

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

21st/22nd February 2026

First Sunday of Lent



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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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: (Used only when there is no Entrance Hymn) When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness. In your compassion blot out my offence. O wash me more and more from my guilt and cleanse me from my sin.

My offences truly I know them; my sin is always before me. Against you, you alone, have I sinned; what is evil in your sight I have done.

A pure heart create for me, O God, put a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, nor deprive me of your holy spirit.

Give me again the joy of your help; with a spirit of fervour sustain me. O Lord, open my lips and my mouth shall declare your praise.

Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

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

Mon 23rd Feb: St Polycarp –
memorial

Second Sunday of Lent (1st March 2026)

1st Reading: Genesis 12:1-4

Psalm: Ps 32:4-5, 18-20, 22

2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 1: 8-10

Gospel: Matthew 17: 1-9

Prayers for those who are sick: Anna McKenzie, Josie Webber, Jane W, Tim Whitfield, Ed Griffin, Winston D'Cruz, Loretta Redfern, Marj Cameron, Ashleigh Chapman, Loretta Chivers, Anthony McHugh, Natasha Gomes, Rex Zebrst, Patricia Wilson, Amy, Enzo Robinson, Patricia Lawson, Bernie Carroll, Margaret Ramma, Ian, Logan, Jane O'Halloran, Julius D'Costa and Lucy.

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 February – 1st March
2026**

Wednesday: 8.45am Rosary/Chaplet 9.15am Mass
Thursday: : 8.45am Rosary/Chaplet 9.15am Mass
Friday: 5pm Rosary/Chaplet 5.30pm Stations of the Cross followed by Mass
Saturday: 6pm Mansfield
Reader/ Prayers of the Faithful: Fay Smith
Special Minister: Rita Riley
Sunday: 9am Mansfield
Reader /Prayers of the Faithful: Sandra O'Brien
Special Minister: Dennis Mahoney
Communion to the sick: Marie Daly
Counting: Nance & John Rutley
6pm Bonnie Doon

CLEANING & MAINTENANCE ROSTER (28/2 – 13/3)

Church Cleaning: Frances Golden
Maintenance: Ray Close (Front of Church & Hall)
Shane O'Brien (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: Saturday 9.45am & 5.30pm / Sunday 8.30am.

First Reconciliation: Preparation Evening on the Wednesday 25th February at 6pm at St Mary's School and First Reconciliation on Wednesday 18th March at 6pm at the church.

First Eucharist: Preparation will be on Wednesday 13th May at 6pm at St Mary's and First Eucharist Sunday 14th June 2026 at the 9am Mass.

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTIONS

Thanksgiving \$267.00 Loose \$219.20 Presbytery \$504.85

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.melbatholic.org/s/mansfield>

From a sermon of Saint Leo, the Great, pope

Dear friends, at every moment *the earth is full of the mercy of God*, and nature itself is a lesson for all the faithful in the worship of God. The heavens, the sea and all that is in them bear witness to the goodness and omnipotence of their Creator, and the marvellous beauty of the elements as they obey him demands from the intelligent creation a fitting expression of its gratitude.

But with the return of that season marked out in a special way by the mystery of our redemption, and of the days that lead up to the paschal feast, we are summoned more urgently to prepare ourselves by a purification of spirit.

The special note of the paschal feast is this: the whole Church rejoices in the forgiveness of sins. It rejoices in the forgiveness not only of those who are then reborn in holy baptism but also of those who are already numbered among God's adopted children.

Initially, men are made new by the rebirth of baptism. Yet there still is required a daily renewal to repair the shortcomings of our mortal nature, and whatever degree of progress has been made there is no one who should not be more advanced. All must therefore strive to ensure that on the day of redemption no one may be found in the sins of his former life.

NEWS AROUND OUR PARISH

WELCOME: A warm welcome to all who are visiting the parish.

CRAFT GROUP: 11am Tuesdays at St Mary's Hall.

CHAIR EXERCISES: 10am Wednesdays at St Mary's Hall.

THANKS, FROM TONY: Tony Riley thanks all parishioners for the lovely card and wishes on his 80th Birthday.

FIRST RECONCILIATION: Preparation Evening on Wednesday 25th February at 6pm at St Mary's School.

EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS: Sydney will host the 54th International Eucharistic Congress (IEC) in 2028. As a prelude, on March 1st every parish in Australia is invited to celebrate Eucharistic Adoration. We will join them by adoring the Eucharistic Lord after the 9am Mass.

LEADERSHIP TEAM: Meeting on Sunday 1st March after Mass and Adoration.

EASTER FAIR: On the 4th of April at St Mary's Hall.

We are planning to have a Cake Stall, Jams and Pickles & Raffle (tickets available) Please plan on baking cakes or biscuits. If you have any other ideas please contact Marie Daly. There will be Pastoral Council Meeting on Wednesday 11th of March at 5pm to finalise the arrangements.



