

MANSFIELD PARISH

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

10th/11th February 2024

6th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B



Land of the Taungurung

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)

Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

➤ **RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Ps 31: 1-2, 5, 11

R. I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

Happy the man whose offence is forgiven, whose sin is remitted. O happy the man to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, in whose spirit is no guile.

But now I have acknowledged my sins; my guilt I did not hide. I said: "I will confess my offence to the Lord." And you, Lord, have forgiven the guilt of my sin.

Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord, exult, you just! O come, ring out your joy, all you upright of heart.

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➤ **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Alleluia, alleluia! A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people. 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)

They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved.

➤ **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

Wednesday: Ash Wednesday

1st Sunday of Lent Year B

1st Reading: **Genesis 9: 8-15**

Resp Psalm: **Ps 24: 4-9**

2nd Reading: **Peter 3: 18-22**

Gospel: **Mark 1: 12-**

Recently deceased: Carmel Borg & Bernardette Read

Prayers for those who are sick: Ashleigh Chapman, Anthony McHugh, Terry Read, Natasha Gomes, Janelle Kuc, Nancy Haley, Rex Zebrst, Patricia Wilson, Amy, Yvonne Feliciouz, 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



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EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

13th – 16th February

Tuesday 8.45 am Rosary followed by 9.15 am Mass.

Ash Wednesday 9.45 am Rosary 10.15 am Mass (School Attending)

and 5.30 pm Mass

Thursday 7.30 am Mass.

Friday 5.30 pm Stations of the Cross followed by Mass

MASSES NEXT WEEKEND 17th/18th February

Saturday 6pm Mansfield

Sunday 9am Mansfield

6pm Bonnie Doon

ROSTERS for 17th / 18th February

SATURDAY 17th February:

Reader/ Prayers of the Faithful: Mark Henry

Special Minister: Helen Mullins

SUNDAY 18th February:

Reader /Prayers of the Faithful: Griffin Family

Special Minister: Zaldah Kirley

Communion to the Sick: Sandra O'Brien

Counting: Tammy Chrisp & Glenys Nixon

Church Cleaning: 19/2 – 2/3 Mike O'Halloran

Flowers for February: Kath Bock

Maintenance:

12/2 – 24/2 Peter Hood Front of Church & Lawn at the back of the Church

12/2 – 24/2 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.

FIRST RECONCILIATION: Wednesday 27th March 2024 at 6pm

Reconciliation Information Evening: Tuesday 20th February 6pm at St Mary's School.

FIRST EUCHARIST: Sunday 2nd June 2024 at 9am Mass

Eucharist information Evening: Wednesday 1st May 6pm at St Mary's School.

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

RECONCILIATION: Saturdays 9.45 am (starting 10th February)

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTIONS

Thanksgiving \$297.05, **Loose** \$229.30, **Presbytery** \$515.30

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>

EXCERPT FROM POPE FRANCIS 2024 LENTEN MESSAGE

It is time to act, and in Lent, *to act also means to pause*. To pause *in prayer*, in order to receive the word of God, to pause like the Samaritan *in the presence of a wounded brother or sister*. Love of God and love of neighbour are one love. Not to have other gods is to pause in the presence of God beside the flesh of our neighbour. For this reason, prayer, almsgiving and fasting are not three unrelated acts, but a single movement of openness and self-emptying, in which we cast out the idols that weigh us down, the attachments that imprison us. Then the atrophied and isolated heart will revive. Slow down, then, and pause! The contemplative dimension of life that Lent helps us to rediscover will release new energies. In the presence of God, we become brothers and sisters, more sensitive to one another: in place of threats and enemies, we discover companions and fellow travellers.

Lenten Programme 2024

February 14th Ash Wednesday: Masses at 10.15 am (St Mary's School attending) and 5.30 pm.

Starting February 16th: Fridays of Lent at 5.30 pm Stations of the Cross followed by Mass.

Wednesdays February 14th to March 13th: 6pm Biblical Study on First Corinthians: The Church and the Christian Community.

Friday 22nd March: Sacrament of Reconciliation at 5.00pm, 5.30pm Stations of the Cross followed by Mass.

Saturday/Sunday 23rd / 24th March: Beginning of Holy Week/Palm Sunday.

✠ Fr George

NEWS AROUND OUR PARISH

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

CHANGE OF DATE: First Reconciliation will be held on 27th March instead of 20th March as previously advised. First Reconciliation evening will be held on 20th February at 6pm at St Mary's School. Call to Reconciliation Masses will be from the weekends 24th/25th February to 23rd / 24th March.

PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES are available at the back of the Church. You can also make a donation by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion - or phoning 1800 024 413

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY: After weekday Masses

PARISH PRAYER GROUP meets each Wednesday after Mass. All welcome.

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