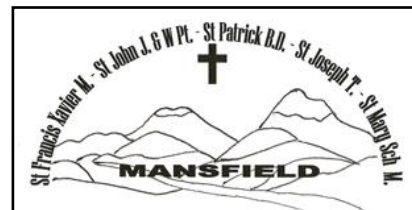


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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

6th/7th September 2025

Twenty Third 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) You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

You turn men back into dust and say: 'Go back, sons of men.' To your eyes a thousand years are like yesterday, come and gone, no more than a watch in the night.

You sweep men away like a dream, like grass which springs up in the morning. In the morning it springs up and flowers: by evening it withers and fades.

Make us know the shortness of our life that we may gain wisdom of heart. Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever? Show pity to your servants.

In the morning, fill us with your love; we shall exult and rejoice all our days. Let the favour of the Lord be upon us: give success to the work of our hands.

In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Let your face shine on your servant, and teach me your laws. 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) Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living 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 8th Sep: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary – Feast
Sat 13th Sep: St John Chrysostom - Memorial

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross (14th September)

1st Reading: Numbers 21:4-9
Psalm: Ps 77:1-2, 34-38
2nd Reading: Phillipians 2: 6-11
Gospel: John 3: 13-17

Memorials and Anniversaries: Neil Gardiner

Prayers for those who are sick: Helen Mullins, Bob Nixon, Jane W, Tim Whitfield, Ed Griffin, John Nuttman, Winston D'Cruz, Loretta Redfern, Marj Cameron, Ashleigh Chapman, Loretta Chivers, Anthony McHugh, Natasha Gomes, Janelle Kuc, Rex Zebrst, 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 10th – 14th September

Wednesday: 8.45am Rosary/Chaplet 9.15pm Mass

Thursday: 8.45am Rosary/Chaplet 9.15am Mass

Friday: 8.45 Rosary/Chaplet 9.15am Mass

Saturday: 6pm Mass Mansfield

Reader/ Prayers of the Faithful: Tony Riley

Special Minister: Rita Riley

Mt Buller 6.30pm

Sunday: 9am Mass Mansfield

Reader /Prayers of the Faithful: Jane Morrissey

Special Minister: Dennis Mahoney

Communion to the sick: Zaldah Kirley

Counting: Pat Gardiner/John Berry

11am Jamieson

Flowers in September: Rita Riley

CLEANING & MAINTENANCE ROSTER

Church Cleaning: Frances Golden

Maintenance: Mark Henry (Front of Church & Hall)

Greg Hogarth (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: 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 \$615.00 \$Loose 283.25 Presbytery \$336.25

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>

CELEBRATING WOMEN LEADERSHIP AT OUR PARISH THIS SUNDAY 7th SEPTEMBER 2025

The past three weekends we have been reflecting on women leaders in the Bible, especially the Old Testament. **Mary Magdalene**, **Joanna** the wife of Chuza, manager of Herod's household; **Susanna**; and **many other women** were helping to support the Twelve and Jesus out of their means (Luke 8:1-3). Jesus sent Mary Magdalene to tell the other apostles the good news of his resurrection. The Gospel of John therefore portrays Mary Magdalene as the first apostle; the apostle sent to the apostles. In Greek, *ἀπόστολος* (*apostolos*) means "one who is sent" or "messenger," and in that sense Mary Magdalene is the first messenger of the resurrection. The New Testament does make a clear distinction between the Twelve and the other apostles (Luke 8:1-3).

We also find in the New Testament **Anna** the prophetess and **four virgin daughters of Philip** who prophesied (Acts 21:8-9). In Paul's Letter to the Romans 16:1 he mentions the name of **Phoebe**, a *diaconon* (*διάκονον*) of the church at Cenchreae. *Diaconon* (*διάκονον*) means servant or minister. In 16:7 Paul also mentions of the name Andronicus and **Junias** who were reputed among the apostles. They seem to be a married couple - Andronicus and Junias his wife. So, we do find that women leadership in both the Old and New Testament.

September 8th is the Nativity of the **Blessed Virgin Mary**, the foremost among all women in the Bible. The canon of scripture does not record Mary's birth. The earliest known account of Mary's birth is found in the Protoevangelium of James or Gospel of James (5:2), an apocryphal text from the second century, assumed to have been in circulation c.150 AD, with her parents known as Saint Anne and Saint Joachim. When we look at the Bible, Mary is the fourth-most mentioned in the New Testament after Jesus, Peter, and Paul. And she consistently points others to her Son. After the resurrection of Jesus all the disciples 'with one accord devoted themselves to prayer together with **the women and Mary** the mother of Jesus and his brethren.' (Acts 1:14)

The nature of Phoebe's diaconate, the identification of Junias as an apostle and the role of the 'women' continue to be matters of debate for exegetes, historians and theologians. What is certain is that women's leadership is evident in the nascent church and this leadership continues to this day through the leaders of our parish and school. We thank God for their leadership of service.

✠ 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.

FATHER'S DAY CUPPA: Happy Father's Day to all fathers. There is a Cuppa after the 9am Mass this Sunday.



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