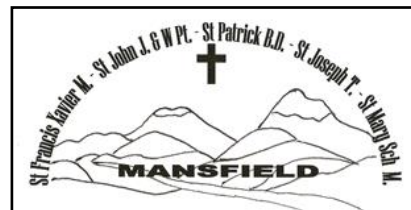


MANSFIELD PARISH

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

15th/16th March 2025

Second Sunday of Lent 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) Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

The Lord is my light and my help; whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life; before whom shall I shrink?

O Lord, hear my voice when I call; have mercy and answer.

Of you my heart has spoken: 'Seek his face'.

It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face.

Dismiss not your servant in anger; you have been my help.

I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living.

Hope in him, hold firm and take heart. Hope in the Lord.

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him. Glory and praise to you, 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) This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

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 17th St Patrick

March 18th St Cyril of Jerusalem

March 19th St Joseph

Third Sunday in Lent (Next Weekend)

1st Reading: Exodus 3:1-8,13-15

Psalm 102:1-4,6-8, 11

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:1-6,10-12

Gospel: Luke: 13:1-9

Memoriam & Anniversaries: Queenie Stewart, John Kirley, Lorraine Ring, Annie Menaud, Denver Thomas

Prayers for those who are sick: 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, 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 19th – 23rd March

Wednesday 11.30am Reconciliation 11.45 am
Rosary/Chaplet 12.15pm Mass - Solemnity of St Joseph
(St Mary's School Attending)

Thursday 11am Funeral Mass for George D'Arcy

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

Saturday 22nd March Vigil Mass: 6pm Mass Mansfield

Reader/ Prayers of the Faithful: Anna McKenzie

Special Minister: Helen Mullins

Sunday 23rd March : 9am Mass Mansfield

Reader /Prayers of the Faithful: Joan Carey

Special Minister: Zaldah Kirley

Communion to the Sick: Joan Carey

Counting: David Bock, Ray Close

11am Jamieson

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

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

CONFIRMATION: Family 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 \$331.90 Loose \$275.25 Presbytery \$591.55

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/s/mansfield>

MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR LENT 2025

Let us journey together in hope...continued

First of all, *to journey*. The Jubilee motto, "Pilgrims of Hope", evokes the lengthy journey of the people of Israel to the Promised Land, as recounted in the Book of Exodus. This arduous path from slavery to freedom was willed and guided by the Lord, who loves his people and remains ever faithful to them. It is hard to think of the biblical exodus without also thinking of those of our brothers and sisters who in our own day are fleeing situations of misery and violence in search of a better life for themselves and their loved ones. A first call to conversion thus comes from the realization that all of us are pilgrims in this life; each of us is invited to stop and ask how our lives reflect this fact. Am I really on a journey, or am I standing still, not moving, either immobilized by fear and hopelessness or reluctant to move out of my comfort zone? Am I seeking ways to leave behind the occasions of sin and situations that degrade my dignity? It would be a good Lenten exercise for us to compare our daily life with that of some migrant or foreigner, to learn how to sympathize with their experiences and in this way discover what God is asking of us so that we can better advance on our journey to the house of the Father. This would be a good "examination of conscience" for all of us wayfarers.

(to be continued)

NEWS AROUND OUR PARISH

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

CONGRATULATIONS: To the Martin and Demasi families on the Baptism of their children Elsie & Oliver.

ST PATRICK'S DAY MASS: St Pat's Day celebration at Bonnie Doon this Sunday 16th March 6pm Mass followed by shared dinner.

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.

SUNDAY CUPPA AFTER MASS & FAREWELL TO THE GRIFFINS: The Griffins have been a significant part of our parish family and have contributed to our parish life in many ways. We thank them for their contribution and wish them all the best. Our prayers go with them for this new chapter in their lives.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE: Prayer Day at Our Lady's Church, Wangaratta on Wednesday 19th March, Feast of St Joseph.

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

PROJECT COMPASSION 2025: Donation boxes are available. You could also donate online this Lent through the link <https://www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion>.

Mansfield Catholic Parish

