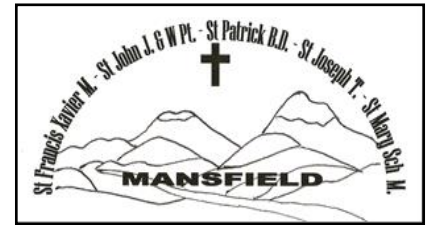


MANSFIELD CATHOLIC PARISH

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Nov 29th/30th 2025
First Sunday of Advent - Year A



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: (When there is no Entrance Hymn) To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord

I rejoiced when I heard them say: "Let us go to God's house." And now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.

It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord. For Israel's law it is, there to praise the Lord's name. There were set the thrones of judgement of the house of David.

For the peace of Jerusalem pray: "Peace be to your homes! May peace reign in your walls, in your palaces, peace!"

For love of my brethren and friends, I say: "Peace upon you!" For love of the house of the Lord I will ask for your good.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation. 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) The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.

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

Wednesday 3rd December: St Francis
Xavier - Memorial

Second Sunday of Advent (7th December 2025)

1st Reading: Isaiah 11: 1-10

Psalm: Ps 71: 1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17

2nd Reading: Romans 15: 4-9

Gospel: Matthew 3: 1-12

Recently Deceased: Helen Mullins

Anniversaries and Memorials: Marg Mahoney, Bill Mahoney

Prayers for those who are sick: Jane W, Tim Whitfield, Ed Griffin, John Nuttman, Winston D'Cruz, Loretto 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, 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 3rd -7th December

First Wednesday: 11.30am Reconciliation

11.45am Rosary/Chaplet 12.15pm Mass

Thursday: 8.45am Rosary/Chaplet 9.15am Mass

Friday: 11.30am Funeral Mass for Helen Mullins

First Saturday: 10.30am Ecumenical Prayer at Uniting Church, 11.30am Reconciliation

11.45am Rosary/Chaplet 12.15pm Mass

6pm Mass Mansfield

Reader/ Prayers of the Faithful: Fay Smith

Special Minister: Rita Riley

Sunday: 11am Mass & Christmas Lunch at Mansfield

Reader /Prayers of the Faithful: Mike O'Halloran

Special Minister: Jan Berry

Communion to the sick: Sandra O'Brien

Counting: Debbie Eve/Joan Carey

No Mass at Bonnie Doon.

Flowers for December: Rita Riley

CLEANING & MAINTENANCE ROSTER (6 Dec – 20 Dec)

Church Cleaning: Kevin Murphy

Maintenance: David Bock (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: Saturday 9.45am & 5.30pm / Sunday 8.30am.

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 \$391.00 \$Loose \$133.50 Presbytery \$580.50

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.melbeartholic.org/mansfield>

In Latin *adventus* "coming; arrival", translated from Greek *parousia*, is the term used for the Second Coming of Christ. Advent is a season of the liturgical year of waiting and preparation for the threefold coming of Christ. The celebration of the Nativity of Christ at Christmas, the reception of Christ as he comes to us, in the 'present', in the sacraments, the word of God and those around us and of Christ's Second Coming.

Every time we celebrate the Eucharist, we proclaim the Mystery of Faith that Christ will come again. We are exhorted by Jesus that he will surely come again and not to grow tired waiting for Him but also to be aware that He come to us every day in everyone, in his Word and the Sacraments. We await our Lord's *parousia* in hope.

✠ Fr George

NEWS AROUND OUR PARISH

JUBILEE 2025: Welcome to all visitors and pilgrims. 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.

2026 CALENDARS: Columban Art calendars available for sale in the piety store. Cost \$ 10 each.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY: There is a letter for all parishioners. Please collect your letter with relevant information. Envelopes for the coming year, commencing 7th December are also available at the main church entrance. Please note that some of your numbers may have changed and the boxes of envelopes are displayed in alphabetical order.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU: To Shane and Sandra O'Brien for their generous donation of gravel for both sides of the church.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL: Welfare and Assistance Centre food drive box at the front of the church. Your donation of non-perishable foodstuff would be appreciated.

Important Dates in the Parish

Sunday 7th December: Parish Christmas Celebration and Thank you to Trish Etccl - 11am Mass at Mansfield followed by Christmas Lunch at the Hall. Please bring a plate to share. BYO Drinks.

Thursday 11th December: 6pm St Mary's School Graduation Mass.

Friday 12th December: 6pm Ecumenical Christmas Carols & Celebration at Alexandra Catholic Church.

Sunday 14th December: 12.00 noon Christmas Carols & 12.15pm Mass at Woods Point followed by BYO Lunch.

Christmas Eve 24th December:

5.00 pm Mass at Bonnie Doon

6.30 pm Mass at Mansfield

8.00 pm Mass at Jamieson

Christmas Day 25th December:

9.00 am Mass at Mansfield

Sunday 28th of December: Conclusion of Jubilee Year with Eucharistic Adoration from 10am to 3.30pm and Benediction. Please fill in the times you could spend adoring the Lord in the roster sheet.

Mansfield Catholic Parish

