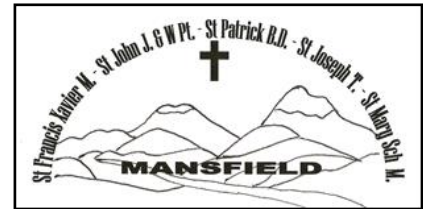


MANSFIELD PARISH

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

30th November/1st December 2024
1st Sunday of Advent 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: Tue - Fri 10am to 3pm

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: (When there is no Entrance Hymn)

To you, I lift 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 none who hope in you be put to shame.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 24:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14

R. To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

Lord, make me know your ways. Lord, teach me your paths. Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: for you are God my Saviour.

The Lord is good and upright. He shows the path to those who stray, he guides the humble in the right path; he teaches his way to the poor.

His ways are faithfulness and love for those who keep his covenant and will. The Lord's friendship is for those who revere him; to them he reveals his covenant.

R. To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

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.**

Solemnities, Feasts and Memorials

Tuesday, 3rd St Francis Xavier

Wednesday, 4th St John Damascene

Friday, 5th St Nicholas

2nd Sunday of Advent Year C

1st Reading: **Baruch 5:1-9** Resp Psalm: **Ps 125**

2nd Reading: **Letter of St Paul to the Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11**

Gospel: **Luke 3:1-6**

Recently Deceased: Katherina Muller

Prayers for those who are sick: Seamus Quinn, Jane O' Halloran, Paul Sladdin, Jane W, Tim Whitfield, Ed Griffin, Pam Zierk-Mahoney, John Nuttman, Winston D'Cruz, Loretto Redfern, Leveah Hames, Marj Cameron, Ashleigh Chapman, Loretta Chivers, Anthony McHugh, Natasha Gomes, Janelle Kuc, Nancy Haley, Rex Zebrst, Patricia Wilson, Amy, George D'Arcy, Logan, Lloyd, Enzo Robinson, Patricia Lawson, Bernie Carroll, Margaret Ramma.

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.

EUCCHARIST & LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

2nd - 8th December

Monday	No Mass
Tuesday	8.45am Rosary 9.15 am Mass/Chaplet
Wednesday	8.45am Rosary 9.15 am Mass/Lauds
Thursday	8.45am Rosary 9.15 am Mass/Chaplet
Friday	8.45am Rosary 9.15 am Mass/Chaplet
Saturday	10.30am Ecumenical Prayer (Anglican Church) 6pm Mansfield
Sunday	12.15 pm Woods Point

ROSTERS for 2nd – 8th December

SATURDAY 7th December:

Reader/ Prayers of the Faithful: Fay Smith

Special Minister: Helen Mullins

SUNDAY 8th December:

Reader /Prayers of the Faithful: Mike O'Halloran

Special Minister: Dennis Mahoney

Communion to the Sick: Marie Daly

Counting: Pat Gardiner & John Berry

Church Cleaning: 9/12 – 21/12 Mike O'Halloran

Flowers for December: Rita Riley

Maintenance:

1/12 – 14/12 David Bock
Front of Church & Hall

1/12 – 14/12 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.

FIRST RECONCILIATION: Family Evening at St Mary's School - Thursday 13th March 6pm. 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 in October St Francis Xavier's. Date TBC.

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTIONS

Thanksgiving \$269 Loose \$195 Presbytery \$310.10

If you wish to donate please scan the QR Code



Pope Francis' '*Dilexit Nos*' recent (24/10/24) Encyclical on the human and divine love of the Heart of Jesus (continued....)

RETURNING TO THE HEART

In this "liquid" world of ours, we need to start speaking once more about the heart and thinking about this place where every person, of every class and condition, creates a synthesis, where they encounter the radical source of their strengths, convictions, passions and decisions. Yet, we find ourselves immersed in societies of serial consumers who live from day to day, dominated by the hectic pace and bombarded by technology, lacking in the patience needed to engage in the processes that an interior life by its very nature requires. In contemporary society, people "risk losing their centre, the centre of their very selves". "Indeed, the men and women of our time often find themselves confused and torn apart, almost bereft of an inner principle that can create unity and harmony in their lives and actions. Models of behaviour that, sadly, are now widespread exaggerate our rational-technological dimension or, on the contrary, that of our instincts". No room is left for the heart. (to continue....)

NEWS AROUND OUR PARISH

IF YOU ARE VISITING: A very warm welcome to you.

PARISH CHRISTMAS LUNCH & THANKS TO NANCE: After 11am Mass this Sunday at the Hall. We thank Nance for her service to the parish and wish her a happy retirement.

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR BAPTISM: Prayerful wishes to the Battistella family as their sons Reuben and Oscar are baptised this weekend.

FR GLASHEEN: Welcome to our Parish Christmas celebrations.

JESSE TREE AT THE CHURCH - PREPARED BY ST MARY'S

SCHOOL STUDENTS: The tradition of the Jesse Tree is based on the passage in Isaiah 11:1: "A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots." Jesse was the father of David, Israel's greatest king. Jesus is descended from the line of David. Jesus is the branch God promised would grow from Jesse's family tree and as we journey through Advent the Jesse Tree could help us meditate on Jesus's family tree.

GENTLE CHAIR EXERCISE: Will resume in March 2025.

CRAFT & ACTIVITY GROUP: Next Tuesday 10th December at 11am.

COLUMBAN CALENDARS are now on sale \$10 each.

RCIA: 18th December 5.30 pm at the Parish Office.

ECUMENICAL CHRISTMAS CAROLS: At St Mary's Catholic Church Alexandra on Friday 6th Dec at 6pm.

WOODS POINT MASS: Sunday 8th December 12 noon Christmas Carols and 12.15 pm Mass. BYO Lunch.

ST MARY'S GRADUATION MASS: Thursday 12th December 6pm.

END OF YEAR SCHOOL MASS & CAROLS: Monday 16th December 10.15am & 5pm Carols by Maria Ford & Nativity Play by the students at the School.

BUCKLAND MASS: Friday 20th December 11am.

MASS AT TOLMIE: Sunday 29th December 11am & BYO Lunch.

<https://www.melbatholic.org/s/mansfield>
Child safety policies are on the website.



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