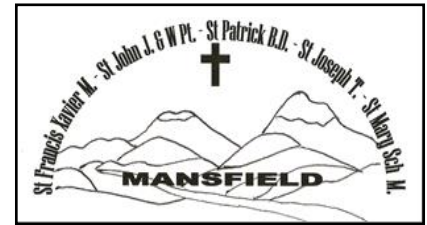


MANSFIELD CATHOLIC PARISH

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

December 13th/14th 2025
Third 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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OFFICE HOURS: Wed - Fri :10am to 2pm

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: (Used only when there is no Entrance Hymn) Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 145: 6-10

Lord, come and save us.

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free.

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down, the Lord, who protects the stranger and upholds the widow and orphan.

It is the Lord who loves the just but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age.

Lord, come and save us.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring the Good News to the poor. Alleluia.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: (Used only when there is no Communion Hymn) Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear. Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.

THE MYSTERY OF FAITH: We proclaim your death O Lord and profess your resurrection until you come again.

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

None

Fourth Sunday of Advent (21st December 2025)

1st Reading: Isaiah 7: 10-14

Psalm: Ps 23: 1-6

2nd Reading: Romans 1: 1-7

Gospel: Matthew 1: 18-24

Recently Deceased: John Nuttman (Tuesday 16th Dec 11am Funeral Mass at St Peter's Catholic Church, Shoreham followed by burial at Flinders Cemetery)

Prayers for those who are sick: Jane W, Tim Whitfield, Ed Griffin, 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

16th – 21st December

Tuesday: 9.15am St Mary's

School Year End Mass

Wednesday: 8.45am Rosary/Chaplet 9.15am Mass

Thursday: 8.45am Rosary/Chaplet 9.15am Mass

Friday: 8.45am Rosary/Chaplet 9.15am Mass

Saturday: 6pm Mansfield

Reader/ Prayers of the Faithful: Mark Henry

Special Minister: Rita Riley

Sunday: 9am Mansfield

Reader /Prayers of the Faithful: Joan Tehan

Special Minister: Zaldah Kirley

Communion to the sick: Marie Daly

Counting: Tammy Chrisp/Glenys Nixon

6pm bonnie Doon

While the Pharisees love to dress in broad phylacteries and long fringes, and take the place of honour at feasts and the best seats in the synagogues (Matthew 23:5 -6) John the Baptist was clad in camel's hair, and a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey (Matthew 3:4). Our Lord was not against the attire of the Pharisees but says that 'they do all this to be seen by men' (Matthew 23:5). What about John the Baptist? He was a crowd puller too (Matthew 3:5) but the difference was that John pointed his disciples to Christ as we see in this weekend's gospel (Matthew 11:2). He was the harbinger of Christ. A harbinger is one who initiates change or signals or announces the coming of another. Am I a harbinger of Christ to those whom I am meet or do I portray myself and my views instead of giving Christ to others?

✠ Fr George

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 \$436.10 \$Loose \$269.00 Presbytery \$433.40

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>

NEWS AROUND OUR PARISH

JUBILEE 2025: Welcome to all visitors and pilgrims. Jubilee Programme details are on the parish website.

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.

CONCLUSION OF JUBILEE AND CHRISTMAS

MASSES:

Monday 22nd December: 12.15pm Mass for Pilgrims

Tuesday 23rd December: 12.15pm Mass for Pilgrims

Wednesday 24th December Christmas Eve:

5pm Bonnie Doon

6.30 pm Mansfield

8pm Jamieson

Thursday 25th December Christmas Day:

9am Mansfield

Friday 26th December: 12.15pm Mass for Pilgrims

Saturday 27th December: 12.15pm Mass for Pilgrims

Sunday 28th December: Conclusion of Jubilee Year at St Francis Xavier's Mansfield - Fr George will celebrate the 9am Mass with blessing of the Jubilee Plaque in the church foyer followed by Eucharistic Adoration from 10am to 3.30pm concluding with Benediction.

Mansfield Catholic Parish

