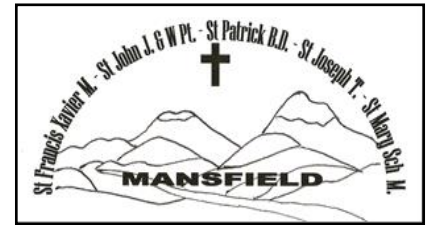


# MANSFIELD CATHOLIC PARISH

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

December 20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> 2025  
Fourth 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) Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just One; let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

**Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory**

The Lord's is the earth and its fullness, the world and all its peoples. It is he who set it on the seas; on the waters he made it firm.

Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord? Who shall stand in his holy place? The man with clean hands and pure heart, who desires not worthless things.

He shall receive blessings from the Lord and reward from the God who saves him. Such are the men who seek him, seek the face of the God of Jacob.

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**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia, alleluia! A virgin will give birth to a son; his name will be Emmanuel: God-is-with you. Alleluia

**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

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> Dec: the Nativity of the Lord - Solemnity

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> December: St. Stephen, the First Martyr - Feast

### The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph (28th December 2025)

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Sirach 3: 2-6, 12-14

Psalm: Ps 127: 1-5

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Colossians 3: 12-21

Gospel: Matthew 2: 13-15, 19-23

### Recently Deceased:

**Anniversaries and Memorials :** Jennifer McKenna

**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 22nd– 28<sup>th</sup> December****Monday 22nd** : 12.15pm Mass for Pilgrims**Tuesday 23rd**: 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 26<sup>th</sup>** : 12.15pm Mass for Pilgrims**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup>**: 12.15pm Mass for Pilgrims

6pm Mansfield

Reader/ Prayers of the Faithful: Fay Smith

Special Minister: Rita Riley

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> December:** 9am Mansfield

Reader /Prayers of the Faithful: Sandra O'Brien

Special Minister: Jan Berry

10.00am to 3.30pm Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction

Communion to the sick: Zaldah Kirley

Counting: Nance &amp; John Rutley

6pm Bonnie Doon

Flowers for December: Rita Riley

As a quiet summer evening was settling, and as the festival lights of Hanukkah were being lit, darkness enveloped our Jewish brothers and sisters in a targeted attack against them. Our nation is in shock, and a community of our nation has been devastated, by the violence that unfolded on Bondi Beach. We begin to name clearly the horror of what has occurred. This evil act of violence against our Jewish friends has deeply wounded our common humanity...In the face of calculated hatred and terrifying violence, we must reject knowing silence and calculated indifference. We must choose to be present, to pray, and to stand in solidarity. Together, we pray in grief and lament for those who have lost their lives. We pray for strength and healing for those who have been injured and traumatised. We pray for all who carry the heavy burden of dread in the wake of this violence. We hear their cry, we see their fear, we share in their grief. We entrust our Jewish friends – our neighbours and fellow Australians – to the embrace of God. Yet even in devastating darkness, there is light. Hanukkah proclaims that light cannot be extinguished by darkness. Our faith, too, calls us to be a light for the world — to resist despair, to name evil truthfully, and to move together from desolation toward hope. (*Excerpts from Archbishop Comensoli's statement on the Bondi tragedy*)

**CLEANING & MAINTENANCE ROSTER ( 22 Dec – 3 Jan)**

Church Cleaning: Genevieve Albers

Maintenance: Dale Daly (Front of Church &amp; Hall)

Mick Kelleher (Back of Church, Hall &amp; Presbytery)

**SACRAMENTS IN THE MANSFIELD PARISH**

**BAPTISMS:** Saturdays & 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month at 11.00 am. 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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 \$900 \$Loose \$323.65 Presbytery \$702.35

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.melbatholic.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.

**SUMMER BREAK:** We wish the St Mary's School Students, Staff and their families Merry Christmas and a relaxing summer break.

**CONGRATULATIONS:** Mrs Mary Dunstan has been appointed Principal of St Mary's School.

**SYNOD 2026:** On Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December Archbishop Comensoli made the announcement that preparations for a Synod to be held in the Archdiocese of Melbourne in 2026 are underway. The first step in the journey toward the Synod will be the establishment of a Synod Commission, to help explore the three foundational themes Young Discipleship, Missionary Leadership, Formation and Participation and prepare for the journey ahead.

**CONCLUSION OF JUBILEE:**

**Sunday 28th December:** Conclusion of Jubilee Year at St Francis Xavier's Mansfield - Fr George Feliciouz 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.

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