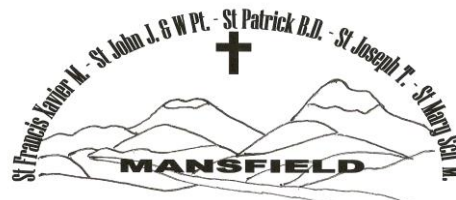


MANSFIELD PARISH

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

15th/16th July 2023

15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A



Land of the Taungurung

The Mansfield Catholic Parish is committed to the safety of children and vulnerable adults

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➤ **ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** (Used only when there is no Entrance Hymn)

As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 64: 10-14

R. The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

You care for the earth, give it water, you fill it with riches. Your river in heaven brims over to provide its grain.

And thus you provide for the earth; you drench its furrows, you level it, soften it with showers, you bless its growth.

You crown the year with your goodness. Abundance flows in your steps, in the pastures of the wilderness it flows.

The hills are girded with joy, the meadows covered with flocks, the valleys are decked with wheat, they shout for joy, yes, they sing.

R. The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

➤ **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Alleluia, alleluia! The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live for ever. Alleluia.

➤ **THE MYSTERY OF FAITH:**

When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your death, O Lord, until you come again.

➤ **COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** (Used only when there is no Communion Hymn)

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.

➤ **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.**

Readings for next Sunday: Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A		
1 st Reading:	Wisdom 12: 13, 16-19	Resp. Psalm: Ps 85: 5-6, 9-10, 15-16
2 nd Reading:	Romans 8: 26-27	Gospel: Matthew 13: 24-43

Anniversary prayers: Jack Kirley

Prayers for those who are sick: Natasha Gomes, Janelle Kuc, Carol Storer, Nancy Haley, Rex Zebrst, Patricia Wilson, Amy, Dennis Dooley, Leon Storer, George D'Arcy, Logan, Lloyd, Enzo Robinson, Patricia Lawson, Bernie Carroll, David Arbuthnot, Margaret Ramma, Bernard Read

To book St Mary's Hall please call Greg Hogarth on ☎0408 618 135

St Vincent de Paul (St Mary's Hall) Tuesday & Friday 1pm – 3pm ☎ 5775 3156

President: Rosemary Badrock ☎ 0467 925 614

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

17th – 21st July

Wednesday 9am Parish Prayer Group Rosary, followed by a Communion Service then prayers.

MASSES NEXT WEEKEND 22nd / 23rd July

Saturday 6pm Mansfield

6.30pm Our Lady of the Snows Mt Buller
(17th June – 30th September)

Sunday 9am Mansfield

11am Jamieson

1st & 3rd Sunday 5.00 pm Bonnie Doon 2nd & 4th

Sunday 11.00 am Jamieson 5th Sunday of the month
11am

ROSTERS for 22nd/23rd July

SATURDAY 22nd July:

Reader/Prayers of the Faithful: Tony Riley

Special Minister: ** Volunteer please **

SUNDAY 23rd July:

Reader: Griffin family

Prayers of the Faithful: Trish Ryan

Special Minister: Dennis Mahoney

Communion to the Sick: Marie Daly

Counting: Pat Gardiner & John Berry

Church Cleaning: 10/7 – 22/7 Frances Golden

Flowers for July: Val Kirley

Maintenance:

17.7.23 – 30.7.23 Shane O'Brien Front of Church

17.7.23 – 30.7.23 John Rutley Back of Church &
back of Father George's residence

SACRAMENTS IN THE MANSFIELD PARISH

Please contact the Parish Office on 5775 2005 for further information on the following:

BAPTISMS: On Saturdays or 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month.

MARRIAGES: Please note 3 months' notice is required before a wedding. For further information, please check Mansfield Catholic Parish Website.

RECONCILIATION: 9.45am & 5.30pm

CONFIRMATION: Friday 8th September at 6pm

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTIONS

Thanksgiving \$ 416.60, Loose \$106.90

Presbytery \$489.20

If you wish to contribute to either the Church or House account here are our bank details:

MANSFIELD CATHOLIC CHURCH ACCOUNT:

BSB 083 347 Acct No. 65793 1299

(If this is for thanksgiving, please include your thanksgiving number as a reference)

MANSFIELD PARISH HOUSE ACCOUNT:

BSB 083 347 Acct No. 65793 1280

You can also donate via our website:

<https://www.melbcatholic.org/s/mansfield>

This weekend's readings draw our attention to the word of God. Through the prophet Isaiah, the first reading, God says, 'As the rain and snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth...so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.' (Isaiah 55:10-11) Jesus speaks about the seed that falls on the rich soil and produced crop (cf Matthew 13:9). The seed is the word of God and we yield/possess the 'first fruits' of the Spirit (Romans 8:23). Through the first fruits offered to God (Leviticus 23:15-21) the whole harvest was consecrated. The 'first fruits' were often used as a pledge or guarantee of what was to come i.e. the kingdom of God which is righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit (Romans 14:17).

We are called to thirst for God's word, to be filled with the Spirit and bear fruits of the kingdom. Saint Jerome (C 347/48-420 AD), the foremost Scripture scholar among the Church Fathers, who translated the whole Scripture from Hebrew, Aramaic and Greek into Latin, asserted that 'to be ignorant of Scripture is to be ignorant of Christ'. He also went on to say, 'love the holy Scriptures, and wisdom will love you. Love wisdom, and she will keep you safe. Honour wisdom, and she will embrace you.' Dear friends in Jesus, let us open our hearts to the word of God and to the working of the Holy Spirit that we may bear fruits of the Kingdom of God (Galatians 5:22-23) first in our hearts, our homes and in our own parish.

✠ Fr George

NEWS AROUND OUR PARISH

IF YOU ARE VISITING: We extend a very warm welcome to visitors to our Parish.

GOODBYE AND THANKS Father Brian for celebrating Masses here in Mansfield for the past 4 weekends. We hope you have enjoyed your time here and look forward to seeing you again sometime in the future.

CONFIRMATION: Confirmations will be held on Friday 8th September at 6pm. A Confirmation Information Evening for families and those intending to be confirmed will be held on Wednesday 9th August at 6pm at St Mary's School

THE PARISH PRAYER GROUP meets each Wednesday at 9am starting with the Rosary followed by a Communion Service then prayers. Please enter via the sacristy.

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(Parish Vision and Mission Statement and Child safety policies are on the website)



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