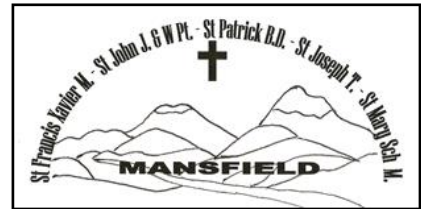


MANSFIELD PARISH

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

14th/15th December 2024

3rd Sunday of Advent Year C – Gaudete (Rejoice) Sunday



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)

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed the Lord is near.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Isaiah 12:2-6

R. Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.

Truly, God is my salvation, I trust, I shall not fear.

For the Lord is my strength, my song, he became my saviour.

With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

Give thanks to the Lord, give praise to his name! Make his mighty deeds known to the peoples!
Declare the greatness of his name.

Sing a psalm to the Lord for he has done glorious deeds, make them known to all the earth!
People of Zion, sing and shout for joy for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

R. Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.

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

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear. Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.

PARISH PRAYER: Heavenly Father, We the people of Mansfield 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
None.

4th Sunday of Advent Year C

1st Reading: Micah 5:1-4 2nd Reading: Hebrews 10:5-10

Gospel: Luke 1:57-66

Anniversaries: Anthony Mahoney.

Prayers for those who are sick: Seamus Quinn, Paul Sladdin, Jane W, Tim Whitfield, Ed Griffin, John Nuttman, Winston D'Cruz, Loretta 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, Lloyd, Enzo Robinson, Patricia Lawson, Bernie Carroll, Margaret Ramma, Ian, Logan.

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

16th – 22nd December

Monday	10:15am End of Year School Mass
Tuesday	8.45am Rosary 9.15am Mass/Chaplet
Wednesday	8.45am Rosary 9.15am Mass/Lauds
Thursday	8.45am Rosary 9.15am Mass/Chaplet
Friday	8.45am Rosary 9.15am Mass/Chaplet
Saturday	6pm Mansfield
Sunday	9am Mansfield 11am Jamieson

ROSTERS for 16th – 22nd December

SATURDAY 21st December

Reader/ Prayers of the Faithful: Anna McKenzie

Special Minister: Helen Mullins

SUNDAY 22nd December:

Reader /Prayers of the Faithful: Val Kirley

Special Minister: Jan Berry

Communion to the Sick: Sandra O'Brien

Counting: Nance & John Rutley

Church Cleaning: 23/12 – 4/1/25 Kevin Murphy

Flowers for December: Rita Riley

Maintenance:

15/12 – 28/12 Dale Daly
Front of Church & Hall

15/12 – 28/12 John Rutley
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 \$317 Loose \$247.30 Presbytery \$643.35

If you wish to donate please scan the QR Code



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

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

RETURNING TO THE HEART

If we devalue the heart, we also devalue what it means to speak from the heart, to act with the heart, to cultivate and heal the heart. If we fail to appreciate the specificity of the heart, we miss the messages that the mind alone cannot communicate; we miss out on the richness of our encounters with others; we miss out on poetry. We also lose track of history and our own past, since our real personal history is built with the heart. At the end of our lives, that alone will matter.

It must be said, then, that we have a heart, a heart that coexists with other hearts that help to make it a "Thou". Since we cannot develop this theme at length, we will take a character from one of Dostoevsky's novels, Nikolai Stavrogin. Romano Guardini argues that Stavrogin is the very embodiment of evil, because his chief trait is his heartlessness: "Stavrogin has no heart, hence his mind is cold and empty and his body sunken in bestial sloth and sensuality. He has no heart, hence he can draw close to no one, and no one can ever truly draw close to him. For only the heart creates intimacy, true closeness between two persons. Only the heart is able to welcome and offer hospitality. Intimacy is the proper activity and the domain of the heart. Stavrogin is always infinitely distant, even from himself, because a man can enter into himself only with the heart, not with the mind. It is not in a man's power to enter into his own interiority with the mind. Hence, if the heart is not alive, man remains a stranger to himself". (to be continued)

NEWS AROUND OUR PARISH

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

JUBILEE 2025: Mansfield Catholic Parish has been chosen as a place of local pilgrimage in our Archdiocese of Melbourne for the Jubilee year 2025. We look forward to welcoming people who make the pilgrimage to our parish in this beautiful part of Victoria known as God's Own Country.

ST MARY'S SCHOOL: Congratulations to all our Year 6 students on their graduation. We wish them every blessing as they step into their new phase of life. We wish all the students, staff and their families a Merry Christmas break. See you in all in the New Year.

VINNIES GIVING TREE: The tree is in the foyer. Last date to donate nonperishable food of your choice is 20th Dec.

JESSE TREE - PREPARED BY STUDENTS: As we journey through Advent the Jesse Tree could help us meditate on Jesus's family tree.

CRAFT & ACTIVITY GROUP: Tuesday 17th Dec 11am will be the last for this year. Will resume on Tuesday 11th Feb 2025.

ON SALE: Columban calendars \$10. Pack of Chrissie cards \$5.

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

DECEMBER MASSES – ST MARY'S SCHOOL: Monday 16th Dec 10.15am End of year School Mass & 5pm Carols. (Flyers in church with details of 5pm Carols at the School.)

BUCKLAND: Friday 20th Dec 11am Mass.

CHRISTMAS EVE/DAY: 24th Dec 5pm Bonnie Doon
6.30pm Mansfield (Nativity Play)
8pm Jamieson.

25th Dec 9am Mansfield.

TOLMIE MASS: Sunday 29th Dec 11am Mass & BYO Lunch.

FAMILY LOOKING FOR A HOUSE TO RENT: There is a family looking for a place in Mansfield. Please contact Fr George if you could help them find a place.



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