

MANSFIELD PARISH

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

25th/26th March 2023

5th SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR A



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)

Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 129

R. With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord, Lord hear my voice! O let your ear be attentive to the voice of my pleading.

If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord, who would survive! But with you is found forgiveness: for this we revere you.

My soul is waiting for the Lord, I count on his word. My soul is longing for the Lord more than watchman for daybreak. Let the watchman count on daybreak and Israel on the Lord.

Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption, Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity.

R. With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever believes in me will not die for ever. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

➤ **THE MYSTERY OF FAITH:**

Save us Saviour of the World for by your cross and resurrection you have set us free.

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

Everyone who lives and believes in me will not die for ever, 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: Palm Sunday Year A

1st Reading: **Isaiah 50: 4-7**

Resp. Psalm: **Ps 21: 8-9, 17-20, 23-24**

2nd Reading: **Philippians 2: 6-11**

Gospel: **Matthew 27: 11-54**

Prayers for those who are sick: Janelle Kuc, Azalia Brega, 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

Mansfield Catholic Parish



EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

28th – 31st March

Tuesday 8.45 am Rosary 9.15 am Mass
(3/4 school children attending)
Wednesday 8.45 am Rosary 9.15 am Mass
Thursday 8.45 am Rosary 9.15 am Mass followed
by Lenten Reflection & cuppa.
Friday 5.30 pm Stations of the Cross followed
by Mass.

PALM SUNDAY MASSES NEXT WEEKEND

1st/2nd April

Saturday 6pm Mansfield
Sunday 9am Mansfield
5pm Bonnie Doon

1st & 3rd Sunday 5.00 pm Bonnie 2nd & 4th Sunday
11.00 am Jamieson 5th Sunday of the month 11am
Tolmie

ROSTERS for 1st/2nd April

SATURDAY 1st April:

Reader/Prayers of the Faithful: Anna McKenzie
Special Minister: Helen Mullins

SUNDAY 2nd April:

Reader/Prayers of the Faithful: Mike O'Halloran
Special Minister: **Volunteer please **

Communion to the Sick: Sandra O'Brien

Counters: Pat Gardiner & John Berry

Church Cleaning: 20/3 – 1/4 Griffin Girls

Flowers for April: Val Kirley

Maintenance:

27.3.23 – 8.4.23 Dale Daly Front of Church
27.3.23 – 8.4.23 Mick Kelleher 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: Baptisms are usually held on Saturdays.

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 this week

FIRST EUCHARIST – Sunday 18th June at 9am

CONFIRMATION – Friday 8th September at 6pm

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

Thanksgiving \$285.50 Loose \$129

Presbytery \$388.10

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTION!!

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

MANSFIELD CATHOLIC CHURCH ACCOUNT

BSB 083 347 Act 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

The Gospel this weekend is on Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead (John 11:1-45). The First Reading from the Prophet Ezekiel 37:12-14 speaks about God putting his Spirit in us and we will live. Ezekiel was prophesying to the Jews in exile at Babylon and the sacrifice in the Temple was no longer being offered. They looked forward with hope to returning to Jerusalem and rebuilding the Temple. Ezekiel gives them the message of hope of the Spirit of God giving us life. St Paul in the second reading echoes this: 'if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.' (Romans 8:11) We have received the Spirit of God through our Baptism which is strengthened through the sacrament of Confirmation and to the Sacraments of the Eucharist and Reconciliation that we frequently receive. Our hope is in that life giving Spirit of God (Father, Son and Holy Spirit) that lives in us. To us who share in the Eucharist Jesus has promised that, "he who eats *my flesh* and drinks *my blood* abides in me, and I in him. As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so *he who eats me will live because of me*" (John 6: 56-57) Just as Lazarus experienced the power of being raised by Jesus we too experience that same power working in our daily lives. To wake up every morning to another beautiful day, the experience of good health after some sickness, consolation after some type of grief etc. are times we experience the power of Christ's resurrection. May we look forward with hope to Easter for we are people of the resurrection.

✠ Fr George

NEWS AROUND OUR PARISH

WELCOME!! We extend a very warm welcome to visitors to our Parish.

CONGRATULATIONS to Oliver Thorpe who was baptised this weekend at Jamieson. We also welcome the Gifford family as they prepare for their son Jack's baptism.

FIRST RECONCILIATION will be held this coming Wednesday 29th March at 6pm in St Francis Xavier's Church.

DAYLIGHT SAVING ends on Palm Sunday 2nd April and we enter into Holy Week.

THANK YOU! Lis Bell would like to thank everyone for their prayers while she was sick.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!! We are having stalls (Jams & Pickles, Cakes, Plants, Books and bric a brac) in the Parish grounds on Easter weekend (Sat 8th April)

If you can help, either by giving your time to run a stall or by donating goods to sell, please speak to Val, Zaldah or Nance.

CHILD SAFETY: <http://pol.org.au/mansfield/Policies.aspx>

EASTER TRIDUUM

HOLY THURSDAY - 6th April

8.00 pm Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper at Mansfield followed by Vigil

GOOD FRIDAY – 7th April

11.00 am Ecumenical Stations of the Cross at Highett Street
3.00 pm The Lord's Passion at Mansfield and Jamieson

SATURDAY EASTER VIGIL – 8th April

6.00 pm Mansfield

EASTER SUNDAY – 9th April

9.00 am Mansfield, 11.00 am Jamieson, 5.00 pm Bonnie Doon