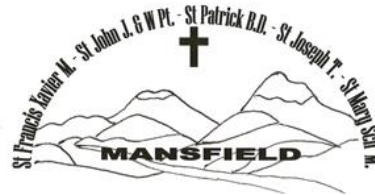


MANSFIELD PARISH

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

4th/5th May 2024

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR B



Land of the Taungurung

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

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➤ **ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** (When there is no Entrance Hymn)

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 97: 1-4

R. The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

Sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders. His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation.

The Lord has made known his salvation; has shown his justice to the nations. He has remembered his truth and love for the house of Israel.

All the end of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Shout to the Lord all the earth, ring out your joy.

R. The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

➤ **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia, alleluia! All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them. 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:** (When there is no Communion Hymn)

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

➤ **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.**

Solemnities, Feasts and Memorials
NONE

The Ascension of the Lord Year B

1st Reading: **Acts 1: 1-11**

2nd Reading: **Ephesians 1: 17-23**

Resp Psalm: **Ps 46: 2-3, 6-9**

Gospel: **Mark 16: 15-20**

Anniversary prayers: John Mullins & James O'Brien

Prayers for those who are sick: Marj Cameron, Ashleigh Chapman, Barry & Loretta Chivers, Malaika, Jondy, Savio, Anthony McHugh, Natasha Gomes, Janelle Kuc, Nancy Haley, Rex Zebrst, Josephine Assis, Patricia Wilson, Amy, George D'Arcy, Logan, Lloyd, Enzo Robinson, Patricia Lawson, Bernie Carroll, David Arbuthnot, Margaret Ramma

To book St Mary's Hall please call Greg Hogarth on ☎0408 618 135
St Vincent de Paul ☎ 5775 3156. President: Rosemary Badrock ☎ 0467 925 614



Mansfield Catholic Parish

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

7th - 12th May

Tuesday 8.45am Rosary 9.15am Mass (Yr 5's attending)
Wednesday 8.45am Rosary 9.15am Mass
Thursday 8.45am Rosary 9.15am Mass
Friday 8.45am Rosary 9.15am Mass

Saturday 6pm Mansfield
Sunday 9am Mansfield
11am Jamieson

ROSTERS for 11th/12th May

SATURDAY 11th May:

Reader/ Prayers of the Faithful: Mark Henry

Special Minister: Helen Mullins

SUNDAY 12th May:

Reader /Prayers of the Faithful: Griffin family

Special Minister: Zaldah Kirley

Communion to the Sick: Joan Carey

Counting: Nance & John Rutley

Church Cleaning: 29/4 - 11/5 Griffin Girls

Flowers for May: Kath Bock

SACRAMENTS IN THE MANSFIELD PARISH

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

BAPTISMS: Saturdays & 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month at 11.00 am. 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month 1.00 pm. Contact the Parish Office and make an appointment to meet the Parish Priest.

FIRST EUCHARIST: Sunday 2nd June 2024 at 9am Mass

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

RECONCILIATION: Saturdays 9.45 am & 5.30pm, Sundays 8.30am

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTIONS

Thanksgiving \$252, **Loose** \$230.60, **Presbytery** \$599

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>

The ancient Greeks perceived six ways of love and they have six words for each. The words are, *Philia* or deep friendship, *Storge* (*storgē*) means love or affection especially of parents and children, *Eros* or sexual passion, *Xenia* is an ancient Greek concept of hospitality, *Philautia* means self-love and *Agápe* means "love: brotherly love, charity; the love of God for us and of our love for God". *Agape* is used in the Bible to express the **unconditional love of God**. This is further explained by St Thomas Aquinas as "to will the good of another" or "sacrificial love". *Agape*, self-giving love needs to affect all other loves.

The Greek word used for love or loving in this weekend's second reading and the gospel is derived from *agapē* meaning the highest form of love which is total, unconditional and self-sacrificing. We may have faith to move mountains understand mysteries and dogmas but if we do not have love, we gain nothing. The greatest act of love for us is that of Christ who did as he said 'no greater love is there than to lay down one's life for one's friends' (John 15:13).

✠Fr George

NEWS AROUND OUR PARISH

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

CUPPA after 9am Mass this Sunday.

LEAVING COLLECTION: There will be a leaving collection at all Masses this weekend for CatholicCare to support struggling individuals and families. You can also donate online through the website www.catholiccarevic.org.au

PARISH 45 CLUB: Similar to a raffle, this will cost each participant \$30 which is paid up front. Each week there will be 2 prizes of \$15 each. Winning numbers will be determined by using Tuesday Oz Lotto supplementary numbers. On payment of \$30 (15 weeks @ \$2 each week), you will be allocated a number between 1 and 45. Two numbers are drawn weekly – prize \$15 each. Winners remain in the subsequent draws. First draw week ending 11th May. On sale now. Contact Fay or Joan.

ANNUAL MASS COUNT will take place on the four weekends in May.

FRIENDS OF ST JOSEPH need jam jars please. These can be left on the presbytery verandah or given to Zaldah or Val.

DEDICATION SERVICE: You are invited to the Dedication Service of the renovated St Andrews Uniting Church and Hall on Sunday 19th May at 9.30 am followed by morning tea.

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