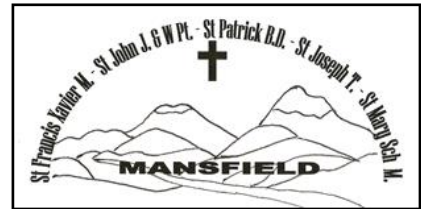


MANSFIELD PARISH

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

21st/22nd December 2024

4th Sunday of Advent Year C



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)

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: Psalm 79:2-3, 15-16, 18-19

R. Lord make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

O Shepherd of Israel, hear us, shine forth from your cherubim throne.

O Lord, rouse up your might, O Lord, come to our help.

God of hosts, turn again, we implore, look down from heaven and see.

Visit this vine and protect it, the vine your right hand has planted.

May your hand be on the man you have chosen, the man you have given your strength.

And we shall never forsake you again: give us life that we may call upon your name.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! I am the servant of the Lord: may his will for me be done. Alleluia!

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Behold a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son; and his name will be called Emmanuel.

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

Wed – Solemnity of Nativity of the Lord

Thurs – St. Stephen (Feast)

Fri – St John, Apostle & Evang. (Feast)

Sat – The Holy Innocents (Feast)

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

1st Reading: 1 Samuel 1:20-22,24-28 2nd Reading: 1 John 3:1-2, 21-24

Gospel: Luke 2:41-52

Recently Deceased: Fr. Len Thomas

Prayers for those who are sick: Seamus Quinn, Paul Sladdin, Jane W, Tim Whitfield, Ed Griffin, John Nuttman, Winston D'Cruz, Loretto 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.

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS – CHRISTMAS

24TH Dec Christmas Eve

St Patrick's Church Bonnie Doon: 4.30 pm Christmas Carols 5pm Mass (Ecumenical Gathering)

St Francis Xavier's Mansfield: 6pm Christmas Carols 6.30 pm Mass (Nativity Play)

St John's Jamieson: 8pm Mass

25TH Dec Christmas Day

St Francis Xavier's Mansfield: 9am Mass

ROSTERS for December

SATURDAY 28th December

Reader/ Prayers of the Faithful: Fay Smith

Special Minister: Rita Riley

SUNDAY 29th December:

Reader /Prayers of the Faithful: Michael O'Halloran

Special Minister: Dennis Mahoney

Communion to the Sick: Bridget Griffin

Counting: David Bock, Ray Close

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 on Sunday 12th October 9am Mass at St Francis Xavier's.

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTIONS

Thanksgiving \$302 Loose \$126.20 Presbytery \$620.85

To donate Church Acct: BSB 083 347 Acc 65793 1299

House Acct: BSB 083 347 No. 65793 1280

or please scan the QR Code



Child safety policies are on the website
<https://www.melbeatholic.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

All our actions need to be put under the "political rule" of the heart. In this way, our aggressiveness and obsessive desires will find rest in the greater good that the heart proposes and in the power of the heart to resist evil. The mind and the will are put at the service of the greater good by sensing and savouring truths, rather than seeking to master them as the sciences tend to do. The will desires the greater good that the heart recognizes, while the imagination and emotions are themselves guided by the beating of the heart. It could be said, then, that I am my heart, for my heart is what sets me apart, shapes my spiritual identity and puts me in communion with other people. The algorithms operating in the digital world show that our thoughts and will are much more "uniform" than we had previously thought. They are easily predictable and thus capable of being manipulated. That is not the case with the heart.

The word "heart" proves its value for philosophy and theology in their efforts to reach an integral synthesis. Nor can its meaning be exhausted by biology, psychology, anthropology or any other science. It is one of those primordial words that "describe realities belonging to man precisely in so far as he is one whole (as a corporeo-spiritual person)". It follows that biologists are not being more "realistic" when they discuss the heart, since they see only one aspect of it; the whole is not less real, but even more real. Nor can abstract language ever acquire the same concrete and integrative meaning. The word "heart" evokes the inmost core of our person, and thus it enables us to understand ourselves in our integrity and not merely under one isolated aspect. (to be continued)

NEWS AROUND OUR PARISH

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

CARITAS VANUATU EARTHQUAKE APPEAL: Vanuatu has experienced two earthquakes within 24 hours impacting over 116,000 people and causing significant damage to buildings and infrastructure. To provide support to the humanitarian requirements please donate via the link:

<http://www.caritas.org.au/vanuatu>

ACCEPTANCE TO THE CATECHUMENATE: Eli is accepted to the Catechumenate this weekend as he journeys towards Baptism at Easter 2025. Congratulations and God bless Eli.

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.

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

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

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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