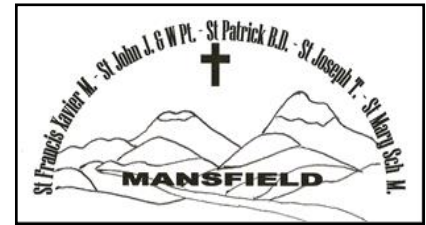


MANSFIELD CATHOLIC PARISH

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

14th/15th February 2026

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Word of God 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: Thurs – Fri: 10am to 2pm

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: (Used only when there is no Entrance Hymn) Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

They are happy whose life is blameless, who follow God's law! They are happy those who do his will, seeking him with all their hearts.

You have laid down your precepts to be obeyed with care. May my footsteps be firm to obey your statutes. Bless your servant and I shall live and obey your word. Open my eyes that I may consider the wonders of your law.

Teach me the demands of your statutes and I will keep them to the end. Train me to observe your law, to keep it with my heart.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. 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: They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved.

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.**

Memorials and Feasts

Wed 18th : Ash Wednesday

First Sunday of Lent (22nd February 2026)

1st Reading: Genesis 2: 7-9, 3: 1-7

Psalm: Ps 50: 3-6, 12-14, 17

2nd Reading: Romans 5: 12-19

Gospel: Matthew 4: 1-11

Prayers for those who are sick: Anna McKenzie, Josie Webber, Jane W, Tim Whitfield, Ed Griffin, Winston D'Cruz, Loretto Redfern, Marj Cameron, Ashleigh Chapman, Loretta Chivers, Anthony McHugh, Natasha Gomes, Rex Zebrst, Patricia Wilson, Amy, Enzo Robinson, Patricia Lawson, Bernie Carroll, Margaret Ramma, Ian, Logan, Jane O'Halloran, Julius D'Costa and Lucy.

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.

**MASS TIMES & ROSTERS 18th – 22nd February
2026**

Ash Wednesday: 8.45am Rosary/Chaplet 9.15am Mass & 5.30pm Mass
Thursday: : 5pm Rosary/Chaplet 5.30pm Mass
Friday: 5pm Rosary/Chaplet 5.30pm Stations of the Cross followed by Mass
Saturday: 6pm Mansfield
Reader/ Prayers of the Faithful: Tony Riley
Special Minister: Rita Riley
Sunday: 9am Mansfield
Reader /Prayers of the Faithful: Val Kirley
Special Minister: Jan Berry
Communion to the sick: Dot O'Brien
Counting: David Bock/Ray Close
11am Jamieson
Flowers for February: Kath Bock

CLEANING & MAINTENANCE ROSTER (14/2 – 27/2)

Church Cleaning: Nijo/Praveen families
Maintenance: Kevin Murphy (Front of Church & Hall)
Dale Daly (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: Saturday 9.45am & 5.30pm / Sunday 8.30am.

First Reconciliation: Preparation Evening on the Wednesday 25th February at 6pm at St Mary's School and First Reconciliation on Wednesday 18th March at 6pm at the church.

First Eucharist: Preparation will be on Wednesday 13th May at 6pm at St Mary's and First Eucharist Sunday 14th June 2026 at the 9am Mass.

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTIONS

Thanksgiving \$313.45 Loose \$382.75 Presbytery \$622.30

To donate - Mansfield Catholic Church Acct: BSB 083 347 Acc 65793 1299
Mansfield Parish House Acct: BSB 083 347 No. 65793 1280
or please scan the QR Code



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

In this weekend's first reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus, we hear 'He (God) has set fire and water before you; put out your hand to whichever you prefer' (Ecclesiasticus 15:16). God created us rational beings, conferring on us the dignity of persons who can initiate and control our own actions (CCC 1730). God is love and where there is love there is freedom. 'Freedom is the power, founded in reason and will, to act or not to act, to do this or that, and so to perform deliberate actions on one's own responsibility. By free will, one shapes one's own life. Human freedom is a force for growth and maturity in truth and goodness; it attains its perfection when directed toward God, our beatitude.' (CCC 1731) 'If you wish, you can keep the commandments, to behave faithfully is within your power.' (Ecclesiasticus 15:15) Hence not to keep the commandments and be unfaithful to God is also within our power. This weekend's gospel from Matthew gives us an insight on how we could use the freedom God has given us.

✠Fr George

NEWS AROUND OUR PARISH

WELCOME: A warm welcome to all who are visiting the parish.

CRAFT GROUP: 11am Tuesdays at St Mary's Hall.

CHAIR EXERCISES: 10am Wednesdays at St Mary's Hall.

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS TIMES: We begin the Season of Lent on 18th of February. Masses will be at 9.15am and 5.30pm.

PROJECT COMPASSION: Boxes available in the church

FIRST RECONCILIATION: Preparation Evening on Wednesday 25th February at 6pm at St Mary's School.

EASTER FAIR: On the 4th of April at St Mary's Hall. We are planning to have a Cake Stall, Jams and Pickles & Raffle. Please plan on baking cakes or biscuits. If you have any other ideas please contact Marie Daly. There will be Pastoral Council Meeting on Wednesday 11th of March at 5pm to finalise the arrangements.



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