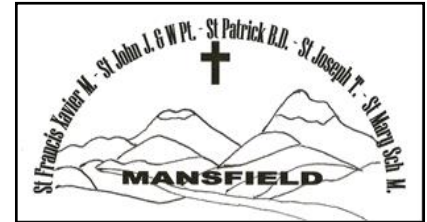


MANSFIELD CATHOLIC PARISH

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

28th February/1st March 2026

Second Sunday of Lent



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) Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face. O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

The word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love.

The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him. 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: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

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

None

Third Sunday of Lent (8th March 2026)

1st Reading: Exodus 17: 3-7

Psalm: Ps 94: 1-2, 6-9

2nd Reading: Romans 5: 1-2, 5-8

Gospel: John 4: 5-42

Prayers for those who are sick: Geoff Robinson, 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 4th – 8th March 2026

Wednesday: 5pm Rosary/Chaplet 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: Anna McKenzie

Special Minister: Rita Riley

Sunday: 9am Mansfield

Reader /Prayers of the Faithful: Joan Tehan

Special Minister: Jan Berry

Communion to the sick: Sandra O'Brien

Counting: Pat Gardiner/John Berry

11am Jamieson

CLEANING & MAINTENANCE ROSTER (28/2 – 13/3)

Church Cleaning: Frances Golden

Maintenance: Ray Close (Front of Church & Hall)

Shane O'Brien (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: Reconciliation on Wednesday 18th March at 6pm at St Francis Xavier's 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.

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

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

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTIONS

Thanksgiving \$303.00 Loose \$251.90 Presbytery \$572.70

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.melbeatholic.org/mansfield>

Excerpts from Pope Leo XIV's Lent 2026 Message

Lent is a time in which the Church, guided by a sense of maternal care, invites us to place the mystery of God back in the centre of our lives, in order to find renewal in our faith and keep our hearts from being consumed by the anxieties and distractions of daily life.

Every path towards conversion begins by allowing the word of God to touch our hearts and welcoming it with a docile spirit. There is a relationship between the word, our acceptance of it and the transformation it brings about. For this reason, the Lenten journey is a welcome opportunity to heed the voice of the Lord and renew our commitment to following Christ, accompanying him on the road to Jerusalem, where the mystery of his passion, death and resurrection will be fulfilled.

This year, I would first like to consider the importance of making room for the word through listening. The willingness to listen is the first way we demonstrate our desire to enter into relationship with someone.

NEWS AROUND OUR PARISH

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

EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS: Sydney will host the 54th International Eucharistic Congress (IEC) in 2028. As a prelude, on March 1st every parish in Australia is invited to celebrate Eucharistic Adoration. We will join them by adoring the Eucharistic Lord after the 9am Mass.

CUPPA AFTER MASS: There will be a Cuppa after the 9am Mass this Sunday.

LEADERSHIP TEAM: Meeting on Sunday 1st March after Mass, Adoration and the Cuppa.

EASTER FAIR: On the 4th of April at St Mary's Hall.

We are planning to have a Cake Stall, Jams and Pickles & Raffle. Raffle tickets available – kindly contact Joan. Please plan on baking cakes or biscuits and if you have any other ideas do contact Marie Daly. There will be a Pastoral Council Meeting on Wednesday 11th of March at 5pm to finalise the arrangements.



Mansfield Catholic Parish