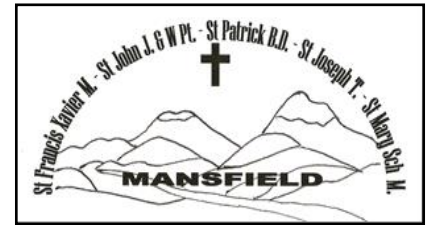


MANSFIELD CATHOLIC PARISH

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

17th/18th January 2026
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



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) All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.

I waited, I waited for the Lord and he stooped down to me; he heard my cry. He put a new song in my mouth, praise of our God.

You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings, but an open ear. You do not ask for holocaust and victim. Instead, here am I.

In the scroll of the book it stands written that I should do your will. My God, I delight in your law in the depth of my heart.

Your justice I have proclaimed in the great assembly. My lips I have not sealed; you know it, O Lord.

Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! The word of God became flesh and dwelt among us. He enabled those who accepted him to become the children of God. 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: You have prepared a table before me, and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.

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 21st Jan; St Agnes – Memorial
Sat 24th Jan: St Frances De Sales -
Memorial -

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (25th January 2026)

1st Reading: Isaiah 8: 23 – 9:3

Psalm: Ps 26: 1, 4, 13-14

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1: 10-13, 17

Gospel: Matthew 4: 12-23

Recently Deceased: Alex Harmes

Anniversaries and Memorials : Terry Kirley

Prayers for those who are sick: Greg Evans, 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 21st – 25th Jan 2026

Wednesday: 8.45am Rosary/Chaplet 9.15am Mass

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Friday: 8.45am Rosary/Chaplet 9.15am Mass

Saturday: 6pm Mansfield

Reader/ Prayers of the Faithful: Mark Henry

Special Minister: Rita Riley

Sunday: 9am Mansfield

Reader /Prayers of the Faithful: Sandra O'Brien

Special Minister: Jan Berry

Communion to the sick: Marie Daly

Counting: David Bock/Ray Close

11am Jamieson

Flowers for January: Val Kirley

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us. This same Word that created the world now comes to renew and regenerate creation. In the gospel this weekend the testimony of John the Baptist: 'there is the Lamb of God' and 'the one who is going to baptise with the Holy Spirit'. We all have received the baptism in the Holy Spirit through the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation. We also receive the Lamb of God each time we share in the Eucharist. Through the Holy Spirit and the Eucharist Christ renews us all the time. Renewal and regeneration in Christ needs to happen every day in our lives.

Fr George

NEWS AROUND OUR PARISH

ARCHBISHOP PETER COMESOLI'S FACEBOOK MESSAGE:

We hold in close prayer all those facing loss, pain and devastation through the fires and extreme weather events across our communities. May God's comfort surround those who grieve and may the Holy Spirit continue to fill all who serve and protect – particularly our firefighters – with strength and courage in these days ahead.

FRIENDS OF ST JOSEPH: The closing sale of Jams, Relishes, Chutneys etc will on Saturday 24th January at St Mary's Hall 9am-1pm. All proceeds go to the Mansfield shire Bush Fire Appeal.

SYNOD 2026: On Sunday 14th December Archbishop Comensoli made the announcement that preparations for a Synod to be held in the Archdiocese of Melbourne in 2026 are underway.

LENTEN PREPARATION 2026: Lectio Prayer: Finding Intimacy with God captures the secret to opening our hearts and minds to Scripture as the means to hear from God and then respond in conversation, basking in his presence and resolving to live in and through his love. Dr. Tim Gray masterfully uses the discipline of Lectio Divina to show you how to make prayer an effective effort of love and intimacy in six video sessions. Session dates: Wednesdays February 4th, 11th, March 4th, 11th, 25th & April 1st at 5pm. Please email the parish office or write your names on the clip board in the church.

SACRAMENTS 2026: First Reconciliation Preparation Evening on the Wednesday 25th February at 6pm and First Reconciliation on Wednesday 18th March at 6pm. First Eucharist Preparation will be on Wednesday 13th May at 6pm and First Eucharist Sunday 14th June 2026 at the 9am Mass.

CLEANING & MAINTENANCE ROSTER (17th – 30th Jan)

Church Cleaning: Kevin Murphy

Maintenance: Mark Henry (Front of Church & Hall)

Greg Hogarth (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.

FRIENDS OF ST JOSEPH AT ST MARY'S HALL

Delicious Jams, Relishes, Chutneys, Pickles etc. on sale.

Open on Friday's 1-4pm and after the 9am Sunday Mass.

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTIONS

Thanksgiving \$455.00 Loose \$296.60 Presbytery \$870.40

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/mansfield>

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