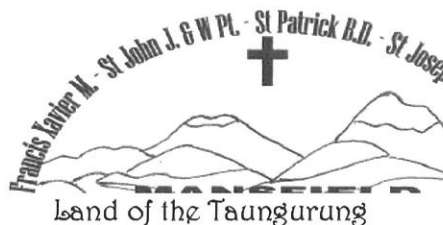


MANSFIELD PARISH

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

30th September/ 1st October 2023

TWENTY - SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A



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

PARISH PRIEST: Fr George Feliciouz

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(Nance is working Thursday & Friday this week)
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➤ ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: (Used only when there is no Entrance Hymn)

All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 24: 4-9

R. Remember your mercies, O Lord.

Lord, make me know your ways. Lord, teach me your paths. Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: for you are God my saviour.

Remember your mercy, Lord, and the love you have shown from of old. Do not remember the sins of my youth. In your love remember me, because of your goodness, O Lord.

The Lord is good and upright. He shows the path to those who stray, he guides the humble in the right path; he teaches his way to the poor.

R. Remember your mercies, O Lord.

➤ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia.

➤ THE MYSTERY OF FAITH:

We proclaim your death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection, until you come again.

➤ COMMUNION ANTIPHON: (Used only when there is no Communion Hymn)

Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low.

➤ 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.**

Feasts & Memorials this week

Monday: The Holy Guardian Angels
Wednesday: St Francis of Assisi
Saturday: Our Lady of the Rosary

Readings for next Sunday:

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

1st Reading: Isaiah 5: 1-7 **Resp. Psalm:** Ps 79: 9, 12-16, 19-20
2nd Reading: Philippians 4: 6-9 **Gospel:** Matthew 21: 33-43

Prayers for those who are sick: Natasha Gomes, Janelle Kuc, , Nancy Haley, Rex Zebrst, 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

3rd – 6th October

Tuesday 8.45am Rosary 9.15 am Mass.
Wednesday 8.45am Rosary 9.15 am Mass.
Thursday 9.45 am Rosary 10.15 am Mass – Feast of the Holy Rosary (School attending)
Friday 8.45 am Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.15 am Mass.

MASSES NEXT WEEKEND 7th/8th October

Saturday 6pm Mansfield

Sunday 9am Mansfield

11am Jamieson

1st & 3rd Sunday 6.00 pm Bonnie Doon 2nd & 4th

Sunday 11.00 am Jamieson 5th Sunday 11am Tolmie

ROSTERS for 7th/8th October

SATURDAY 7th October:

Reader/ Prayers of the Faithful: Fay Smith

Special Minister: Helen Mullins

SUNDAY 8th October:

Reader /Prayers of the Faithful: Mike O'Halloran

Special Minister: Dennis Mahoney

Communion to the Sick: Sandra O'Brien

Counting: David Bock & Ray Close

Church Cleaning: 2/10 – 14/10 Kevin Murphy

Flowers for October: Val Kirley

Maintenance:

25.9.23 – 7.10.23 Kevin Murphy Front of Church

25.9.23 – 7.10.23 Brendan Griffin Back of Church & back of Father George's residence

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.

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

RECONCILIATION: 9.45am & 5.30 pm (Saturdays)
8.30am (Sundays) and also by appointment

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTIONS

Thanksgiving \$203.50, Loose \$207.40, Presbytery \$428.05

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>

Assembly of the Synod of Bishops

The first session of the 16th Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops is from October 4th - 29th 2023 in the Vatican. The first Synod of Bishops as we know it today took place in 1967. The word synod (meaning assembly) comes from the Greek *synodos* (meeting) - *syn* (together) and *hodos* (way), to mean 'coming together' or 'on the way together'. The word *συνεπορεύετο* (*suneyporeueto*) in Greek is translated to 'travel with' or 'journey with' or 'went with' (Luke 24:15) - 'Jesus went with the disciples' on the road to Emmaus.

What is a Synod?

The principal characteristic of the Synod of Bishops is communion and collegiality of the world's bishops with the Holy Father. Communion is to be understood not in terms of sociology or organisation, but the vertical union of 'we' (The People of God) with God, and a horizontal union with humanity in liturgical action. It is the communion of the Church that makes it possible to understand the synod by analogy with the liturgical assembly: in line with the Church's unbroken tradition. The synod is celebrated, because it is an encounter of the People of God with Christ and with one another, in faith, in listening to the Spirit. It is not to be understood as a representative/legislative body or a parliamentary structure with majority dynamics.

Background: Social Challenges and Ecclesial Realities

We face social challenges like climate change and caring for the common home, the economic system of exploitation, inequality and a throw-away culture, homogenising of cultural colonialism that crushes minorities, persecutions and wars to the point of emigration, displacing communities.

Social realities faced by Christians differ around the world. Through the guidance of the Holy Spirit the Synod seeks to address the growing cultural pluralism, the experience of Christian communities in countries they are a minority and advanced and sometimes aggressive secularisation that considers religious experience irrelevant, but where there remains a thirst for the Good News of the Gospel. There is also the effects of sexual abuse, the abuse of power, conscience and money. The Synod is an examination of conscience so that 'moved by the Holy Spirit' the Church 'may never cease to renew herself', in a journey of repentance and conversion that opens paths of reconciliation, healing and justice.

Synod Focus: Three Priority Issues.

Communion: To grow in communion by welcoming everyone, no one excluded, in fidelity to the Gospel. How can we recognise and harvest the richness of cultures and develop dialogue with religions in the light of the Gospel?

Mission: Recognise and value the contribution of every baptised person in the mission of the Church. How can the ordained ministry, in its relationship with baptismal ministries, be enhanced in a missionary perspective?

Participation: Identify structures of active governance for effective participation of all the faithful, and authority over time, in a missionary synodal Church. How can we renew the service of authority and the exercise of responsibility in a missionary synodal Church?

In Australia our synodal journey started on Ash Wednesday 2018 and the highlight was the Fifth Plenary Council in July 2022 together with similar diocesan and continental synods around the world. We continue and join in the Synodal journey from 4th – 29th of October 2023 through our daily personal, family and liturgical prayers. After Holy Communion, we shall pray from the overhead "We stand before You, Holy Spirit," which has been historically used at Councils and Synods. <https://www.synod.va> ➤ **Fr George**

March for the Babies 2023 is on Saturday October 7th, 1pm starting at Treasury Gardens, corner of Spring Street and Wellington Parade.