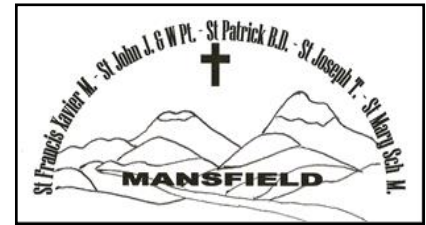


MANSFIELD CATHOLIC PARISH

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

31st January/1st February 2026

Fourth 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) Save us, O Lord our God! And gather us from the nations, to give thanks to your holy name, and make it our glory to praise you.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free.

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down, the Lord, who protects the stranger and upholds the widow and orphan.

It is the Lord who loves the just but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Rejoice and be glad; Your reward will be great in heaven. 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: Let your face shine on your servant. Save me in your merciful love. O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on you.

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

Mon 2nd Feb: The Presentation of the Lord – Feast

Thu 5th Feb: St Agatha – Memorial

Fri 6th Feb: St Paul Miki & Companions - Memorial

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (8th February 2026)

1st Reading: Isaiah 58: 7-10

Psalm: Ps 111: 4-9

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 2: 1-5

Gospel: Matthew 5:13-16

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 4th – 8th February 2026

Monday: 5.30pm Mass of the Presentation of the Lord

Wednesday: 8.45am Rosary/Chaplet 9.15am Mass
(Beginning of Term Mass)

Thursday: 8.45am Rosary/Chaplet 9.15am Mass

Friday: 8.45am Exposition/Adoration/Chaplet 9.15am Mass

Saturday: 6pm Mansfield

Reader/ Prayers of the Faithful: Fay Smith

Special Minister: Rita Riley

Sunday: 9am Mansfield

Reader /Prayers of the Faithful: Mike O'Halloran

Special Minister: Jan Berry

Communion to the sick: Marie Daly

Counting: Pat Gardiner/John Berry

11am Jamieson

Flowers for February: Kath Bock

CLEANING & MAINTENANCE ROSTER (31st Jan – 13th Feb)

Church Cleaning: Genevieve Albers

Maintenance: Peter Hood (Front of Church & Hall)

Mick Kelleher (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 \$310.00 Loose \$360.00 Presbytery \$771.15

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>

The gospel this weekend has Jesus stating the paradox of blessedness in being poor, in sorrow, in persecution and when people run a smear campaign against you. How could these things be blessings? The Psalm this weekend gives us the answer. For those who are going through any kind of misfortune, the Lord is their blessing. For a person of faith total reliance on the Lord our God is what is needed in times of distress. The second reading ends with Paul writing to the Corinthians to 'boast about the Lord'. At all times, in joys and sorrows, the Lord needs to be all in all in our lives.

WORD OF GOD SUNDAY: This weekend, we, the Church in Australia celebrate Word of God Sunday, which is the first Sunday in February each year. In many countries it is celebrated on the Third Sunday, last weekend, in Ordinary Time including the Vatican.

Speaking to pilgrims gathered in St Peter's Square last Sunday Pope Leo went on to explain that "Pope Francis instituted it (Word of God Sunday) seven years ago to promote throughout the Church a deeper knowledge of Sacred Scripture and greater attention to the Word of God, in the liturgy and in the life of our communities." "I thank and encourage all those who, with faith and love, commit themselves to this fundamental mission," he said. (Vatican News).

May we commit ourselves to a prayerful reading and meditating of the Word of God and in this way grow in our relationship with the Lord.

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.

LECTIO PRAYER: Lectio Prayer has been postponed. There will be a Lenten Preparation on a Thursday morning after Mass in March. TBA.

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

FRIENDS OF ST JOSEPH: We thank Zaldah and Val for their invaluable contribution to the parish by preparing and selling their delicious Jams, Relishes, Chutneys, Sauces etc.

ST MARY'S SCHOOL: We welcome Mrs Mary Dusntan, the new Principal of St Mary's. The beginning of Term School Mass will be this Wednesday.

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