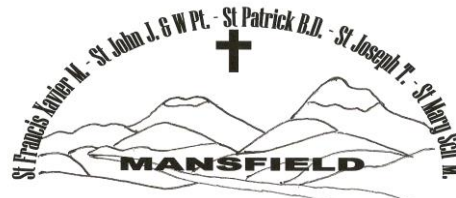


MANSFIELD PARISH

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

29th/30th July 2023

17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A



Land of the Taungurung

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

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➤ **ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** (Used only when there is no Entrance Hymn)

God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 118: 57, 72, 76-77, 127-130

R. Lord, I love your commands.

My part, I have resolved, O Lord, is to obey your word. The law from your mouth means more to me than silver and gold.

Let your love be ready to console me by your promise to your servant. Let your love come to me and I shall live for your law is my delight.

That is why I love your commands more than finest gold. That is why I rule my life by your precepts: I hate false ways.

Your will is wonderful indeed; therefore I obey it. The unfolding of your word gives light and teaches the simple.

R. Lord, I love your commands.

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

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits.

➤ **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.**

Readings for next Sunday: The Transfiguration of the Lord Year A		
1 st Reading:	Daniel 7: 9-10, 13-14	Resp. Psalm: Ps 96: 1-2, 5-6, 9
2 nd Reading:	Peter 1: 16-19	Gospel: Matthew 17: 1-9

Recently deceased: Father Desmond (Des) Pantan PE, Val Griffiths

Prayers for those who are sick: Natasha Gomes, Janelle Kuc, Carol Storer, Nancy Haley, Rex Zebrst, Patricia Wilson, Amy, Dennis Dooley, Leon Storer, George D'Arcy, Logan, Lloyd, Enzo Robinson, Patricia Lawson, Bernie Carroll, David Arbuthnot, Margaret Ramma, Bernard Read

To book St Mary's Hall please call Greg Hogarth on ☎0408 618 135
St Vincent de Paul (St Mary's Hall) Tuesday & Friday 1pm – 3pm ☎ 5775 3156
President: Rosemary Badrock ☎ 0467 925 614

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

2nd – 4th August

Tuesday 8.45 am Rosary 9.15 am Mass.
Wednesday 8.45 am Rosary 9.15 am Mass.
Thursday 8.45 am Rosary 9.15 am Mass.
Friday 8.45 am Exposition of the Blessed
Sacrament 9.15 am Mass.

MASSES NEXT WEEKEND 5th /6th August

Saturday 6pm Mansfield
6.30pm Our Lady of the Snows Mt Buller
(17th June – 30th September)
Sunday 9am Mansfield
5pm Bonnie Doon
1st & 3rd Sunday 5.00 pm Bonnie Doon 2nd & 4th
Sunday 11.00 am Jamieson 5th Sunday of the month
11am

ROSTERS for 5th/6th August

SATURDAY 5th August

Reader/Prayers of the Faithful: Mark Henry

Special Minister: Helen Mullins

SUNDAY 6th August

Reader/Prayers of the Faithful: Mike O'Halloran

Special Minister: Dennis Mahoney

Communion to the Sick: Bridget Griffin

Counting: Nance & John Rutley

Church Cleaning: 24/7 – 5/8 Mike O'Halloran

Flowers for July: Kath Bock

SACRAMENTS IN THE MANSFIELD PARISH

Please contact the Parish Office on 5775 2005 for further information on the following:

BAPTISMS: On Saturdays or 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month.

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

RECONCILIATION: 9.45 am & 5.30pm this week

CONFIRMATION: Friday 8th September at 6pm

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTIONS

Thanksgiving \$ 191.05, Loose \$116.30

Presbytery \$376.50

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>

In this weekend's gospel we hear Jesus speak about the kingdom of heaven using the metaphors of selling and buying/collecting and throwing away. God has given us the free will to choose. Together with the psalmist we could say 'Lord I love your commands', or we could reject God's commands. In the first reading from the First Book of Kings, Solomon asks God for discernment rather than riches or long life and so God gave him a heart wise and shrewd. Making choices are a part of life and to make the right choice we need the wisdom and discernment that comes from the Holy Spirit. I am reminded of the lines in Kenny Rogers' song 'The Gambler': 'the secret to survivin' is knowin' what to throw away and knowin' what to keep.'

In every sphere of life, be it temporal or spiritual, we need make choices as to what to discard or leave behind and what we need to treasure, keep and move on. Together with King Solomon let us ask the Lord for wisdom and discernment.

✠ Fr George

NEWS AROUND OUR PARISH

IF YOU ARE VISITING: We extend a very warm welcome to visitors to our Parish.

CONFIRMATION: Confirmations will be held on Friday 8th September at 6pm. A Confirmation Information Evening for families and those intending to be confirmed will be held on Wednesday 9th August at 6pm at St Mary's School

MEMORIAL SERVICE: This year, 2023, will mark the 50th anniversary of the end of Australia's involvement in the Vietnam War. On Thursday, 3rd August, at 11.00 am, a Memorial Service will be held in the Mansfield Cemetery at the grave of Tony Purcell who lost his life in the Vietnam war. All are welcome.

WANTED: Friends of St Joseph need jam jars. If you have any, please leave them on the presbytery verandah.

THE PARISH PRAYER GROUP meets Wednesdays after morning Mass. All welcome.

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(Parish Vision and Mission Statement and Child safety policies are on the website)



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