

MANSFIELD PARISH WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

25th/26th January 2025 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Australia Day Weekend)



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: Tues – Fri: 10am to 2pm

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: (When there is no Entrance Hymn) O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in his holy place.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 18:8-10,15

R. Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.

The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul. The rule of the Lord is to be trusted; it gives wisdom to the simple.

The precepts of the Lord are right, they gladden the heart. The command of the Lord is clear, it gives light to the eyes.

The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding forever. The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just.

May the spoken words of my mouth, the thoughts of my heart, win favour in your sight, O Lord, my rescuer, my rock!

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor and freedom to prisoners. Alleluia!

THE MYSTERY OF FAITH: We proclaim your death, O Lord, and profess your resurrection until you come again.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: (When there is no Communion Hymn) Look toward the Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.

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.**

Solemnities, Feasts and Memorials

Jan 28th St Thomas Aquinas
Jan 31st St John Bosco

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (The Presentation of the Lord)

1st Reading: Malachi 3:1-4

Psalms 23:7-10

2nd Reading: Hebrews 2:14-18

Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

In Memoriam: Carmel Pigdon

Prayers for those who are sick: Paul Sladdin, Jane W, Tim Whitfield, Ed Griffin, John Nuttman, Winston D'Cruz, Loretto Redfern, Leveah Hames, Marj Cameron, Ashleigh Chapman, Loretta Chivers, Anthony McHugh, Natasha Gomes, Janelle Kuc, Nancy Haley, Rex Zebrst, Patricia Wilson, Amy, George D'Arcy, Enzo Robinson, Patricia Lawson, Bernie Carroll, Margaret Ramma, Ian, Logan.

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 28th JANUARY – 2nd FEBRUARY

Tuesday 8.45 am Rosary 9.15am Mass/Chaplet
Wednesday 8.45 am Rosary 9.15am Mass/Lauds/Chaplet
Thursday 8.45 am Rosary 9.15am Mass/Chaplet
Friday 8.45 am Rosary 9.15am Mass/Chaplet
Saturday 1st Feb: 6pm Mass Mansfield
Reader/ Prayers of the Faithful: Anna McKenzie
Special Minister: Helen Mullins
Sunday 2nd Feb: 9am Mass Mansfield
Reader /Prayers of the Faithful: Val Kirley
Special Minister: Jan Berry
Communion to the Sick: Bridget Griffin
Counting: Pat Gardner & John Berry
Sunday 2nd Feb: 6pm Bonnie Doon
Sanctuary/Altar Flowers for Feb: Kath Bock

CLEANING & MAINTENANCE ROSTER

Church Cleaning: 27th Jan – 9th Feb Genieve Albers

Maintenance: 27th Jan – 9th Feb 2025

Peter Hood

Front of Church & Hall

Dale Daly

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: Saturdays 9.45 am & 5.30pm / Sunday 8.30am.

FIRST RECONCILIATION: Family Evening at St Mary's School - Thursday 13th March 6pm. First Reconciliation - Wednesday 2nd April 6pm St Francis Xavier's.

FIRST EUCHARIST: Family Evening at St Mary's School - Thursday 29th May 6pm. First Eucharist Sunday 22nd June 9am Mass at St Francis Xavier's.

CONFIRMATION: Family Evening at St Mary's School - Thursday 28th August 6pm. Sacrament of Confirmation will be on Sunday 12th October 9am Mass at St Francis Xavier's.

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 \$237.00 Loose \$ 281.80 Presbytery \$527.30

To donate Church Acct: BSB 083 347 Acc 65793 1299

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/s/mansfield>

*Excerpts of Pope Francis' 'Dilexit Nos' (24/10/24)
Encyclical on the human and divine love of the
Heart of Jesus (continued....)*

Before the heart of Jesus, living and present, our mind, enlightened by the Spirit, grows in the understanding of his words and our will is moved to put them into practice. This could easily remain on the level of a kind of self-reliant moralism. Hearing and tasting the Lord, and paying him due honour, however, is a matter of the heart. Only the heart is capable of setting our other powers and passions, and our entire person, in a stance of reverence and loving obedience before the Lord.

It is only by starting from the heart that our communities will succeed in uniting and reconciling differing minds and wills, so that the Spirit can guide us in unity as brothers and sisters. Reconciliation and peace are also born of the heart. The heart of Christ is "ecstasy", openness, gift and encounter. In that heart, we learn to relate to one another in wholesome and happy ways, and to build up in this world God's kingdom of love and justice. Our hearts, united with the heart of Christ, are capable of working this social miracle.

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NEWS AROUND OUR PARISH

JAMIESON MASS: Only on Australia Day 10.45am (not 11am).

JUBILEE 2025: St Francis Xavier's Church, Mansfield is a place of local pilgrimage in our Archdiocese of Melbourne for the Jubilee year 2025. We welcome all visitors and pilgrims to the parish.

JUBILEE PILGRIMS PROGRAM STARTING 19TH FEB: Wednesdays and Saturdays 11am Sacrament of Reconciliation, 11.30am Rosary, 12noon Mass followed by None (Afternoon Prayer).

First Saturdays of the month Ecumenical gatherings at 10.30am which alternate between the churches. For further details, please check the parish website or Facebook page.

RCIA DATES: This Wednesday 29th January at 5pm.

ST MARY'S SCHOOL: Welcome back to the students and staff of St Mary's. Prayers and good wishes for 2025.

FUNERAL: Terry Kirley's funeral service on Friday 31st Jan 11am.

ECUMENICAL PRAYERS: Saturday 1st Feb 10.30am at the Uniting Church.

First Friday 7th February 11am at Buckland.

MULTICULTURAL DINNER: Sunday 16th Feb 7pm at St Mary's Hall.



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