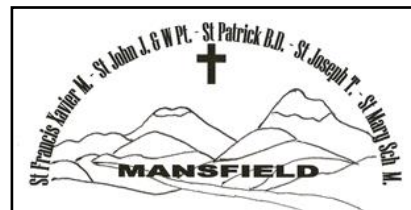


MANSFIELD PARISH

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

17th/18th May 2025

Fifth Sunday of Easter year C



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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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: (When there is no Entrance Hymn) O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love. How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures.

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, and your friends shall repeat their blessing. They shall speak of the glory of your reign and declare your might, O God, to make known to men your mighty deeds and the glorious splendour of your reign.

Yours is an everlasting kingdom; your rule lasts from age to age.

I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you. 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: (When there is no Communion Hymn) I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.

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

Our Lady Help of Christians, Solemnity –
Saturday 24th May

Sixth Sunday of Easter Sunday (Next Weekend)

1st Reading: Acts 15 :1-2, 22-29

Psalm : 66: 2-3, 5-6, 8

2nd Reading: Rev 21:10-14, 22-23

Gospel: John 14:23-29

Recently deceased: Giuseppe Marchese

Prayers for those who are sick: Jane W, Tim Whitfield, Ed Griffin, John Nuttman, Winston D'Cruz, Loretto Redfern, Marj Cameron, Ashleigh Chapman, Loretta Chivers, Anthony McHugh, Natasha Gomes, Janelle Kuc, Nancy Haley, Rex Zebrst, Patricia Wilson, Amy, Enzo Robinson, Patricia Lawson, Bernie Carroll, Margaret Ramma, Ian, Logan, Jane O'Halloran & Julius D'Costa, Alex Harmes

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 24th/25th May

Saturday 24th May

Vigil Mass 6pm Mass Mansfield

Reader/ Prayers of the Faithful: Tony Riley

Special Minister: Rita Riley

Sunday 25th May

9am Mass Mansfield

Reader /Prayers of the Faithful: Val Kirley

Special Minister: Helen Mullins

Communion to the Sick: Zaldah Kirley

Counting: Pat Gardiner, John Barry

11am Mass Jamieson

Flowers in May: Kath Bock

CLEANING & MAINTENANCE ROSTER

Church Cleaning: Genevieve Albers

Maintenance: Dale Daly (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 EUCHARIST: Preparation Evening at St Mary's School – Wednesday 28th May 6pm. First Eucharist Sunday 22nd June 9am Mass at St Francis Xavier's.

CONFIRMATION: Preparation 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 \$268.00 Loose \$404.35 Presbytery \$403.90

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.melbcatholic.org/s/mansfield>

This weekend's gospel ends with Jesus saying 'By this love you have for one another everyone will know that you are my disciples.' (John 13:35) If love for one another is the mark of the community of disciples then what are the marks of a disciple? A disciple is someone who has had a transformational encounter with the Risen Christ (a total change or turnaround in manner of life). Another trait of a disciple is that of total surrender to the Lord. A disciple is also a follower of Christ and not just a worshipper or admirer. The Danish Christian philosopher Soren Kierkegaard in his work *Provocations: Spiritual Writings of Kierkegaard* writes of how Christ came into the world with the purpose of saving, not just instructing it and at same time to be the **pattern**, to leave footprints for those who would join him, who would become a follower. Kierkegaard makes a distinction between the admirer and the follower. He says that the admirer never really makes any true sacrifices and plays it safe. He writes, 'Though in words, phrases, songs, the admirer is inexhaustible about how highly she/he prizes Christ, the admirer renounces nothing, will not reconstruct his/her life, and will not let his/her life express what it is he/she supposedly admires. Not so for the follower. No, no. The follower aspires with all his strength to be what he admires.' We are called to be another Christ, to be the Eucharist we celebrate. We may be faithful Christians and Catholics, but we need to ask ourselves are we disciples of Jesus? Transformed, Surrendering and Following.

✠ Fr George

NEWS AROUND OUR PARISH

JUBILEE 2025: Welcome to all visitors and pilgrims to the parish. Jubilee Programme details are on the parish website.

ANNUAL MASS COUNT: Will be on the first four weekends of May 2025.

FUNERAL FOR GUISEPPE MARCHESE: Will be held on Thursday 22nd May at 12pm

THANK YOU GLASH: Thanks to Fr Brian Glasheen for celebrating the Eucharist for us these past weekends.

ART & CRAFT: Tuesday 11am at St Mary's Hall.

CHAIR EXERCISES: Wednesday 10am at St Mary's Hall. Gold coin donation.

FIRST EUCHARIST: Preparation Evening at St Mary's School – Wednesday 28th May 6pm.

PARISH THANKSGIVING/OFFERTORY CAMPAIGN: Next weekend, we will commence our Offertory Giving Program in our parish community, which will run over the next four weeks. Please pray for our community as we enter into this time of discernment. Our offering is a powerful witness and a personal prayer. You are encouraged to engage prayerfully with the content presented and provided over this time and we look forward to growing and going deeper in our relationship with Christ through this process.

Mansfield Catholic Parish

