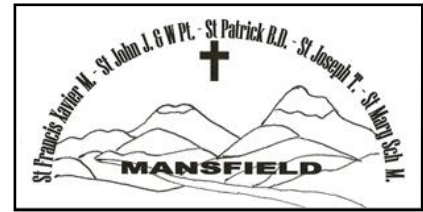


MANSFIELD PARISH

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Nov 1st/2nd 2025

Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time year C
All Souls' Day



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: (When there is no Entrance Hymn) Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

The Lord is my light and my help; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; before whom shall I shrink?

There is one thing I ask of the Lord, for this I long, to live in the house of the Lord, all the days of my life, to savour the sweetness of the Lord, to behold his temple.

O Lord, hear my voice when I call; have mercy and answer. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face. I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living. Hope in him, hold firm and take heart. Hope in the Lord!

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! This is the will of my Father, says the Lord, that I should lose nothing of all he has given to me, and that I should raise it up on the last day. 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) Let perpetual light shine upon them, O Lord, with your Saints for ever, for you are merciful.

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

**Tuesday 4th November: Saint
Charles Borromeo - Memorial**

**Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary time, The
Dedication of the Lateran Basilica (9th November
2025)**

1st Reading: Ezekial 47: 1-2, 8-9, 12

Psalm: Ps 45: 2-3, 5-6, 8-9

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 3: 9-11, 16-17

Gospel: John 2: 13-22

Recently Deceased: Fr Peter Laurence O' Rourke, Fr Barry Moran

Prayers for those who are sick: Helen Mullins, Jane W, Tim Whitfield, Ed Griffin, John Nuttman, 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, 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 5th to 9th November

Wednesday: 11.30am Reconciliation

11.45am Rosary/Chaplet 12.15pm Mass

Thursday: 8.45am Rosary/Chaplet 9.15am Mass

First Friday: 8.45am Exposition/Chaplet 9.15am Mass
& 11am Ecumenical Prayer at Buckland

Saturday: 10.30am Ecumenical Prayer at Uniting Church

6pm Mass Mansfield

Reader/ Prayers of the Faithful: Anna McKenzie

Special Minister: Rita Riley

Sunday: 9am Mass Mansfield

Reader /Prayers of the Faithful: Sandra O'Brien

Special Minister: Jan Berry

Communion to the sick: Marie Daly

Counting: Pat Gardiner/John Berry

11am Jamieson

Flowers for November: Kath Bock

CLEANING & MAINTENANCE ROSTER

Church Cleaning: Frances Golden

Maintenance: Shane O'Brien (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: Sunday 9.45am & 5.30pm / Sunday 8.30am.

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 \$296.00 \$Loose \$119.05 Presbytery \$400.45

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/mansfield>

All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, by the merits of Jesus Christ, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joys of heaven. The Church gives the name purgatory to this final purification of the elect, which is entirely different from punishment. The tradition of the Church, by reference to certain texts of Scripture, speaks of a cleansing fire (I Cor 3:15; I Pet 1:7). For certain lesser faults, we must believe that, before the Final Judgment, there is a purifying fire. Early Jewish thought includes the idea that one can help the deceased in their intermediate state through prayer. This can be seen reflected in the Second Letter of St. Paul to Timothy. Paul prays for the household of Onesiphorus (II Tim 1:16-17) and Paul adds a prayer for Onesiphorus "may the Lord grant him to find mercy from the Lord on that Day" (II Tim 1:18). Here it is evident that Onesiphorus is dead, and Paul is praying that the Lord may have mercy on Onesiphorus. Most Biblical scholars both Catholic and Non-Catholic agree to this. In II Maccabees 12:38-45 of the first century B.C. we read about this Jewish idea of prayer for the deceased in their intermediate state.

The equivalent practice was readily adopted among Christians. That language about purgation among Fathers of the Church is clear. Because of its doctrines of salvation drawn up largely in legal metaphors, the West emphasized the penal nature of purgation. In harmony with its own more contemplative spirituality, the Eastern Fathers were inclined to see purification in terms of maturation and growth in the contemplation of God. Modern interpretations see purgation in terms of maturation more than in terms of paying a debt. This state of purgation is understood to be an intermediate condition between individual death and entrance into heaven. The souls of the faithful departed can receive solace and refreshment through the Eucharist, prayer and almsgiving. The belief that love can reach into the afterlife, that reciprocal giving and receiving is possible, in which our affection for one another continues beyond the limits of death, has been a fundamental conviction of Christianity throughout the ages and it remains for us today a source of comfort and hope.

✠ Fr George

NEWS AROUND OUR PARISH

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

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

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

PILGRIMAGE & FAIR: Thanks to all who made the parish pilgrimage to Wahgunyah on 26th Oct and contributed in various ways to the parish fair on 1st Nov at St Mary's Hall.

IMPORTANT DATES IN THE PARISH:

Sunday 16th November: Leadership Team Meeting after 9am Mass.

Sunday 7th December: Parish Christmas Celebration - 11am Mass at Mansfield followed by Christmas Lunch at the Hall.

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