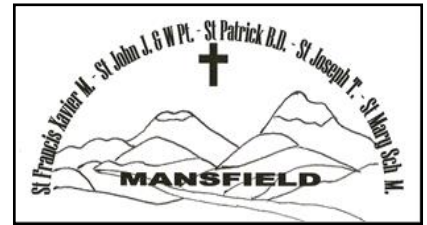


MANSFIELD CATHOLIC PARISH

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

10th/11th January 2026
The Baptism of The Lord- Year A



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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: (Used only when there is no Entrance Hymn) After the Lord was baptised, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

The Lord will bless his people with peace.

O give the Lord you sons of God, give the Lord glory and power; give the Lord the glory of his name. Adore the Lord in his holy court.

The Lord's voice resounding on the waters, the Lord on the immensity of waters; the voice of the Lord, full of power, the voice of the Lord, full of splendour.

The God of glory thunders. In his temple they all cry: "Glory!" The Lord sat enthroned over the flood; the Lord sits as king for ever.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! The heavens were opened and the Father's voice was heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him. 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: Behold the One of whom John said: I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God

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

Sat 17th: St Anthony Of Egypt
(Memorial)

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (18th January 2026)

1st Reading: Isaiah 49: 3, 5-6
Psalm: Ps 39:2, 4, 7-10
2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1: 1-3
Gospel: John 1: 29-34

Prayers for those who are sick: Greg Evans, 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, 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 14th – 18th Jan 2026

Wednesday: 8.45am Rosary/Chaplet 9.15am Mass

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Friday: 8.45am Rosary/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: Val Kirley

Special Minister: Dennis Mahoney

Communion to the sick: Zaldah Kirley

Counting: Tammy Chrisp/Glenys Nixon

6pm Bonnie Doon

Flowers for January: Val Kirley

This weekend we celebrate the Baptism of our Lord which closes the Christmas Season. After his baptism by John and later during his ministry Jesus would go on to say this to his disciples, 'I have a baptism to be baptized with, and how I am anguished until it is accomplished!' (Luke 12:50). He was speaking about his death and resurrection. Through our own baptism, we share in the life, death and resurrection of Christ. As Christians, we are called to live out our baptismal commitment which may not be easy. The life of our Lord gives us hope, especially his resurrection. In the difficult moments of our lives let us look with hope to experience a foretaste of the resurrection by overcoming the difficulties we encounter here and now.

✠Fr George

CLEANING & MAINTENANCE ROSTER (19th – 31st Jan)

Church Cleaning: Nijo/Praveen families

Maintenance: Mark Henry (Front of Church & Hall)

Greg Hogarth (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.

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 \$345.00 \$Loose \$373.30 Presbytery \$782.55

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



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<https://www.melbeatholic.org/mansfield>

NEWS AROUND OUR PARISH

SYNOD 2026: On Sunday 14th December Archbishop Comensoli made the announcement that preparations for a Synod to be held in the Archdiocese of Melbourne in 2026 are underway. The first step in the journey toward the Synod will be the establishment of a Synod Commission, to help explore the three foundational themes Young Discipleship, Missionary Leadership, Formation and Participation and prepare for the journey ahead.

LENTEN PREPARATION 2026: Lectio Prayer: Finding Intimacy with God captures the secret to opening our hearts and minds to Scripture as the means to hear from God and then respond in conversation, basking in his presence and resolving to live in and through his love. Dr. Tim Gray masterfully uses the discipline of Lectio Divina to show you how to make prayer an effective effort of love and intimacy in six video sessions. Session dates: Wednesdays February 4th, 11th, March 4th, 11th, 25th & April 1st at 5pm. Please email the parish office or write your names on the clip board in the church.

SACRAMENTS 2026: First Reconciliation Preparation Evening on the Wednesday 25th February at 6pm and First Reconciliation on Wednesday 18th March at 6pm. First Eucharist Preparation will be on Wednesday 13th May at 6pm and First Eucharist Sunday 14th June 2026 at the 9am Mass.

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