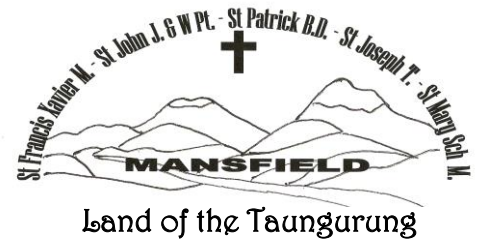


# MANSFIELD PARISH

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> April 2024

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR B



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

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**Parish Safety Officer** – Genevieve Bolwell - Email jamogen54@hotmail.com

➤ **ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** (When there is no Entrance Hymn)

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

➤ **RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 117: 1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28-29**

**R. The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.**

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end. It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in princes.

I will thank you for you have given answer and you are my saviour. The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes.

Blessed in the name of the Lord is he who comes. We bless you from the house of the Lord; I will thank you for you have given answer and you are my saviour. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good; for his love has no end.

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➤ **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me. 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)

The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, 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**

**Thursday** Anzac Day

**Friday** St Mark

**Fifth Sunday of Easter Year B**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: **Acts 9: 26-31**

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: **John 3: 18-24**

Resp Psalm: **Ps 21: 26-28, 30-32**

Gospel: **John 15: 1-8**

**Prayers for those who are sick:** Marj Cameron, Ashleigh Chapman, Anthony McHugh, Natasha Gomes, Janelle Kuc, Nancy Haley, Rex Zebrst, Josephine Assis, Patricia Wilson, Amy, Yvonne Feliciouz, George D'Arcy, Logan, Lloyd, Enzo Robinson, Patricia Lawson, Bernie Carroll, David Arbuthnot, Margaret Ramma

To book St Mary's Hall please call Greg Hogarth on ☎0408 618 135  
St Vincent de Paul ☎ 5775 3156. President: Rosemary Badrock ☎ 0467 925 614



Mansfield Catholic Parish

### EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

22<sup>nd</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> April

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| Monday    | 8.30am Mass                            |
| Tuesday   | 8.45am Rosary 9.15am Communion Service |
| Wednesday | 8.45am Rosary 9.15am Communion Service |
| Thursday  | 8.45am Rosary 9.15am Mass (Anzac Day)  |
| Friday    | 8.45am Rosary 9.15am Mass              |
| Saturday  | 6pm Mansfield                          |
| Sunday    | 9am Mansfield<br>11am Jamieson         |

### ROSTERS for 27<sup>th</sup>/ 28<sup>th</sup> April

#### SATURDAY 27<sup>th</sup> April:

**Reader/ Prayers of the Faithful:** Anna McKenzie

**Special Minister:** Helen Mullins

#### SUNDAY 28<sup>th</sup> April:

**Reader /Prayers of the Faithful:** Val Kirley

**Special Minister:** Jan Berry

**Communion to the Sick:** Zaldah Kirley

**Counting:** Pat Gardiner & John Berry

**Church Cleaning:** 15/4 - 27/4 Mike O'Halloran

**Flowers for April:** Val Kirley

#### **Maintenance:**

15/4 – 27/4 David Bock Front of Church & Lawn at the back of the Church, including the strip near the hall toilets

15/4 – 27/4 John Rutley Back of Church & back of Father George's residence

### SACRAMENTS IN THE MANSFIELD PARISH

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

**BAPTISMS:** Saturdays & 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month at 11.00 am. 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month 1.00 pm. Contact the Parish Office and make an appointment to meet the Parish Priest.

**FIRST EUCHARIST:** Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2024 at 9am Mass

**First Eucharist information Evening:** Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 6pm at St Mary's School.

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

**RECONCILIATION:** Saturdays 9.45 am & 5.30pm, Sundays 8.30am

### LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTIONS

**Thanksgiving** \$316.60, **Loose** \$429.30, **Presbytery** \$778.15

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>

This weekend, the fourth Sunday of Easter, is celebrated as Good Shepherd Sunday. Jesus calls himself the 'good shepherd'. The language that was spoken by Jesus and his disciples was Aramaic and according to biblical scholars the word Jesus would've used for 'good' in Aramaic is 'tawa' a word which is founded on relationship. The ideal and noble shepherd who gives himself up for us. He knows us and we know him and follow him, that is the relationship. When John wrote the gospel in Greek for the Aramaic 'tawa' he used the Greek word 'kalos' which means "beautiful" "of fine quality" "excellent" "noble" "honourable" or "ideal" meaning, not simply good at something. That is Jesus for us.

A shepherd was highly respected in the ancient near east. There were hired shepherds and shepherds who owned the sheep. Back in those days if a family had no sons, they were forced to hire shepherds. The hired shepherds were courageous and good but had no relationship with the sheep. Their objective was the salary they received for shepherding. But the shepherd who owns the sheep who is not a hireling would put himself at risk for his sheep and has a relationship with the sheep. We hear Jesus make this distinction between the shepherd who is a hireling and the shepherd who owns the sheep (John 10:12-14). Hence the Aramaic word 'tawa' for 'good' which is founded on relationship between the good shepherd and the sheep makes sense. The image of the shepherd is one of 'presence' and 'relationship' with those in our care. So let us look to Jesus the Good Shepherd that we may be like him, selfless in giving of ourselves to one another as presence and in loving relationship, especially in our families.

✠Fr George

### **NEWS AROUND OUR PARISH**

**IF YOU ARE VISITING:** We extend a very warm welcome to you.

**GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY:** Today the Church prays for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. So let us pray for young people to hear the voice of the good shepherd Jesus and follow him. Also let us pray for all bishops, priests, deacons and laity that we may all be good shepherds to one another in our homes and our communities.

**FIRST EUCHARIST INFORMATION EVENING:** Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 6pm at St Mary's School.

**PARISH 45 CLUB:** Similar to a raffle, this will cost each participant \$30 which will be paid up front. Each week there will be 2 prizes of \$15 each. Winning numbers will be determined by using Tuesday Oz lotto supplementary numbers. On sale now! Contact Fay or Joan.

**ACCOMMODATION NEEDED** for a family of 5. Please speak to Father George.

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