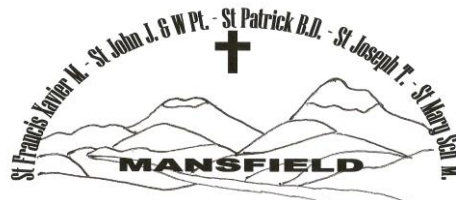


MANSFIELD PARISH

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

17th/18th February 2024

1st SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR B



Land of the Taungurung

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

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➤ **ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** (Used only when there is no Entrance Hymn)

When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.

➤ **RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Ps 24: 4-9

R. Your ways, O Lord are love and truth, to those who keep your covenant.

Lord, make me know your ways. Lord, teach me your paths. Make me walk in your truth and teach me: for you are God my saviour.

Remember your mercy, Lord, and the love you have shown from of old. In your love remember me, because of your goodness, O Lord.

The Lord is good and upright. He shows the path to those who stray, he guides the path to those who stray, he guides the humble in the right path; he teaches his way to the poor.

R. Your ways, O Lord are love and truth, to those who keep your covenant.

➤ **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

➤ **THE MYSTERY OF FAITH:**

Save us Saviour of the world, for by your cross and resurrection, you have set us free.

➤ **COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** (Used only when there is no Communion Hymn)

The Lord will conceal you with his pinions, and under his wings you will trust.

➤ **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: The Chair of St Peter

2nd Sunday of Lent Year B

1st Reading: Genesis 22: 1-2, 9-13, 15-18 **Resp Psalm: Ps 115: 10, 15-19**
2nd Reading: Romans 8: 31-34 **Gospel: Mark 9: 2-10**

Prayers for those who are sick: Ashleigh Chapman, Anthony McHugh, Terry Read, Natasha Gomes, Janelle Kuc, Nancy Haley, Rex Zebrst, 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

20th – 23rd February

Tuesday	8.45 am Rosary, 9.15am Mass, Divine Chaplet.
Wednesday	8.45 am Rosary, 9.15am Mass, Prayer Group 5.30pm Bible Study
Thursday	8.45 am Rosary, 9.15am Mass, Divine Chaplet
Friday	1pm Funeral Mass for Carmel Borg 5.30 pm Stations of the Cross followed by Mass & Divine Chaplet

MASSES NEXT WEEKEND 24th/25th February

Saturday	6pm Mansfield
Sunday	9am Mansfield 11am Jamieson

ROSTERS for 24th/25th February

SATURDAY 24th February:

Reader/ Prayers of the Faithful: Anna McKenzie

Special Minister: Rita Riley

SUNDAY 25th February:

Reader /Prayers of the Faithful: Val Kirley

Special Minister: Jan Berry

Communion to the Sick: Marie Daly

Counting: David Bock & Ray Close

Church Cleaning: 19/2 – 2/3 Mike O'Halloran

Flowers for February: Kath Bock

Maintenance:

12/2 – 24/2 Peter Hood Front of Church & Lawn at the back of the Church

12/2 – 24/2 Greg Hogarth 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 & 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month at 11.00 am. 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month 1.00 pm. Contact the Parish Office and make an appointment to meet the Parish Priest.

FIRST RECONCILIATION: Wednesday 27th March 2024 at 6pm

Reconciliation Information Evening: Tuesday 20th February 6pm at St Mary's School.

FIRST EUCHARIST: Sunday 2nd June 2024 at 9am Mass

Eucharist information Evening: Wednesday 1st 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

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTIONS

Thanksgiving \$366.60, **Loose** \$92.65, **Presbytery** \$486.70

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>

First Sunday of Lent 18th February (Excerpts from Pope Francis' Lenten 2024 Message Continued...)

God has not grown weary of us. Let us welcome Lent as the great season in which he reminds us: "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery" (*Ex 20:2*). Lent is a *season of conversion, a time of freedom*. Jesus himself, as we recall each year on the first Sunday of Lent, was driven into the desert by the Spirit in order to be tempted in freedom. For forty days, he will stand before us and with us: the incarnate Son. Unlike Pharaoh, God does not want subjects, but sons and daughters. The desert is the place where our freedom can mature in a personal decision not to fall back into slavery. In Lent, we find new criteria of justice and a community with which we can press forward on a road not yet taken.

This, however, entails a *struggle*, as the book of Exodus and the temptations of Jesus in the desert make clear to us. The voice of God, who says, "You are my Son, the Beloved" (*Mk 1:11*), and "You shall have no other gods before me" (*Ex 20:3*) is opposed by the enemy and his lies. Even more to be feared than Pharaoh are the idols that we set up for ourselves; we can consider them as his voice speaking within us. To be all-powerful, to be looked up to by all, to domineer over others: every human being is aware of how deeply seductive that lie can be. It is a road well-travelled. We can become attached to money, to certain projects, ideas or goals, to our position, to a tradition, even to certain individuals. Instead of making us move forward, they paralyse us. Instead of encounter, they create conflict. Yet there is also a new humanity, a people of the little ones and of the humble who have not yielded to the allure of the lie. Whereas those who serve idols become like them, mute, blind, deaf and immobile (cf. *Ps 114:4*), the poor of spirit are open and ready: a silent force of good that heals and sustains the world.

NEWS AROUND OUR PARISH

IF YOU ARE VISITING: We extend a very warm welcome to visitors to our Parish.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2024 is on Friday March 1st 11am at St John's Anglican Church, Mansfield. Please bring a plate to share after the service.

CONGRATULATIONS to the Brakels, Chapman and Hewlett families as their children Layne, Indie, Macy, Polly, Eadie and Bowie are baptised this weekend.

CHANGE OF DATE: First Reconciliation will be held on 27th March instead of 20th March as previously advised. Call to Reconciliation Masses will be from the weekends 24th/25th February to 23rd / 24th March.

PROJECT COMPASSION: To donate online go to caritas.org.au/project-compassion - or ring 1800 024 413

WANTED: Friends of St Joseph need SMALL jam jars. Please leave these on the presbytery verandah.

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY: Our Easter Fair is in St Mary's Hall on Saturday 30th March with stalls for Jams & Pickles, Cakes, Plants, Books and Trash & Treasure. Please drop any items for the Trash and Treasure stall at the Presbytery or ring Marie Daly on 0474 970 111. We also need donations of plants, jams and pickles with ingredients (NOT the recipe) put on these items please.

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