

MANSFIELD PARISH

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

11th/12th November 2023

THIRTY - SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A



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)

Let my prayer come into your presence. Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 62: 2-8

R. My soul is thirsting for you O Lord my God.

O God, you are my God, for you I long; for you my soul is thirsting. My body pines for you like a dry, weary land without water.

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary to see your strength and your glory. For your love is better than life, my lips will speak your praise.

So I will bless you all my life, in your name I will lift up my hands. My soul shall be filled as with a banquet, my mouth shall praise you with joy.

On my bed I remember you. On you I muse through the night for you have been my help; in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.

R. My soul is thirsting for you O Lord my God.

➤ **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Alleluia, alleluia! Be watchful and ready; you know not when the Son of Man is coming. Alleluia.

➤ **THE MYSTERY OF FAITH:**

We proclaim your death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection, until you come again.

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

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose, near restful waters he leads me.

➤ **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

Friday: St Elizabeth of Hungary

Readings for next Sunday:

Thirty- Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

1st Reading: **Proverbs 31: 10-13, 19-20, 30-31** Resp Psalm: **Ps 127: 1-5**

2nd Reading: **Thessalonians: 5: 1-6** Gospel: **Matthew 25: 14- 30**

Anniversary Prayers: Dulcie Reaper and Bernard (Bernie) Kirley

Prayers for those who are sick: 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

14th – 17th November

Tuesday 8.45am Rosary followed by Communion Service
Wednesday 8.45am Rosary followed by Communion Service
Thursday 8.45am Rosary followed by Communion Service
Friday 8.45am Rosary followed by Communion Service

MASSES NEXT WEEKEND 18th/19th November

Saturday 6pm Mansfield
Sunday 9am Mansfield

First & Second Sundays of the month:

11am Liturgy of the Word & Communion Service at Jamieson. (No service on 26th Nov.)

ROSTERS for 18th/19th November

SATURDAY 18th November:

Reader/ Prayers of the Faithful: Mark Henry

Special Minister: Rita Riley

SUNDAY 19th November:

Reader /Prayers of the Faithful: Mike O'Halloran

Special Minister: Dennis Mahoney

Communion to the Sick: Bridget Griffin

Counting: Tammy Chrisp & Glenys Nixon

Church Cleaning: 13/11- 25/11 Griffin Girls

Flowers for November: Kath Bock

Maintenance:

6.11.23 – 18.11.23	Peter Hood	Front of Church
6.11.23 – 18.11.23	Ray Close	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 20th March 2024 at 6pm

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

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

RECONCILIATION: 5.30 pm (Saturdays)
8.30am (Sundays)

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTIONS

Thanksgiving \$366.50, Loose \$269.65, Presbytery \$544.80

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>

According to ancient Jewish marriage custom, the groom and his attendants would come to the home of the bride and take the bride, along with her attendants, in a bridal procession back to his home, where the wedding celebrations begin. That's the background of this weekend's gospel on the wise and foolish virgins who represent the believers in Christ, the Bridegroom. The focus here is to stay awake or alert for the coming of the Bridegroom. The Greek verb translated "stay awake" is *gregoreo* which means "be vigilant." To be prepared, vigilant, watchful, attentive, to avoid distraction and to be focused. The readings this week particularly point towards alertness to wisdom and the coming of Christ, to thirst for God and to live with hope in the resurrection of the dead. To be alert to the wisdom that teaches us that Christ comes to us in those around us, through His Word and the Sacraments that gives us hope even when things are not going our way. Let us pray that we would recognise Christ in every individual we encounter in our life.

✠ Fr George

NEWS AROUND OUR PARISH

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

WELCOME: Father Brian Glasheen who is our celebrant this weekend. We hope you enjoy your time here in Mansfield Father.

OUR PARISH FAIR: The final tally for our fair last Saturday was \$1903.85. What a fantastic result but a lot of hard work was put in to achieve it. Thanks so much once again to all who helped before and on the day.

RAR NEWS: RAR Mansfield is having a picnic for about 100 Afghan women from Shepparton and their children this Sunday (12th) in the Botanical Gardens from about 12 to 3.ish. If you have time, please drop by and say hello.

DROP BOX: If you need to leave anything for Nance or Father George at the Presbytery, please use our new drop box which is on the wall to the left of the front door.

PIETY STALL: Columban Calendars are on sale- \$10 each.

NOVEMBER REMEMBRANCE BOOK: There is a folder at the front of the church in which you can write the names of your deceased loved ones. The ones you write will be remembered in all the November Masses.

THE PARISH PRAYER GROUP meets Wednesdays after morning Communion Service. All welcome.

PARISH CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION: will be on Sunday 3rd December 2023 with Mass at 11am followed by a light lunch in the Hall. Please let Nance know if you will be coming to the lunch by Tuesday 28th November for catering purposes. BYO Drinks. Tea and Coffee will be provided.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES IN OUR PARISH

CHRISTMAS EVE:

5pm Bonnie Doon

6.30pm Mansfield

8pm Jamieson

CHRISTMAS DAY:

9am Mansfield

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