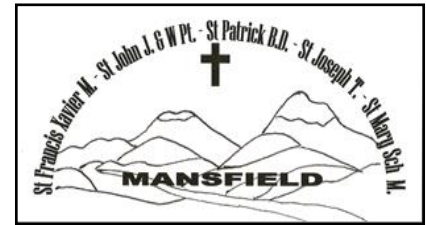


MANSFIELD CATHOLIC PARISH

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

3rd/4th January 2026

The Epiphany of The Lord - Year A



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: Wed – Fri: 10am to 2pm

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: (Used only when there is no Entrance Hymn) Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come; and kingship is in his grasp, and power and domination.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

O God, give your judgement to the king, to a king's son your justice, that he may judge your people in justice and your poor in right judgement.

In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails. He shall rule from sea to sea, from the Great River to earth's bounds.

The kings of Tarshish and the sea coasts shall pay him tribute. The kings of Sheba and Seba shall bring him gifts. Before him all kings shall fall prostrate, all nations shall serve him.

For he shall save the poor when they cry and the needy who are helpless. He will have pity on the weak and save the lives of the poor.

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! We have seen his star in the East; and have come to adore the Lord. Alleluia

THE MYSTERY OF FAITH: We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

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

None

The Baptism of The Lord (11th January 2026)

1st Reading: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

Psalm: Ps 28:1-4, 9-10

2nd Reading: Acts 10: 34-38

Gospel: Matthew 3: 13-17

Prayers for those who are sick: 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 7th to 11th Jan 2026

Wednesday: 8.45am Rosary/Chaplet 9.15am Mass

Thursday: 8.45am Rosary/Chaplet 9.15am Mass

Friday: 8.45am Rosary/Chaplet 9.15am Mass

Saturday: 9.45am & 5.30pm Reconciliation
6pm Mansfield

Reader/ Prayers of the Faithful: Tony Riley

Special Minister: Rita Riley

Sunday: 9am Mansfield

Reader /Prayers of the Faithful: Debbie Eve

Special Minister: Jan Berry

Communion to the sick: Sandra O'Brien

Counting: Pat Gardiner/John Berry

11am Jamieson

Flowers for January: Val Kirley

We find people who claim they do not belong to any religion and yet they do not deny God. They seek God in their own way. The God of the Bible seeks us out even more than we seek Him. God is revealed in Jesus Christ. Today we celebrate the Epiphany, from the Greek *epiphainein* 'reveal'. The day when the Magi (Wiseman) sought the King of the Jews. Today we celebrate God revealing Himself to the Gentiles as represented by the Magi (Matthew 2:1-12). In our own lives we are called to be an 'epiphany' of God's love to those around us.

✠Fr George

NEWS AROUND OUR PARISH

JUBILEE 2025: Welcome to all visitors and pilgrims. St Francis Xavier's Church will be open 8am to 4pm for Pilgrims who wish to make their pilgrimage up to Tuesday 6th of January 2026.

CONGRATULATIONS: We wish Tomo and Meg who married at Mount Buller Chapel this weekend every prayer and blessing.

2026 CALENDARS: Columban Art calendars available for sale in the piety store. Cost \$ 10 each.

CUPPA: After Sunday 4th January 9am Mass.

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 4th, 11th February 4th, 11th, 25th March & 1st April at 5pm. Please email parish office or write your names on the clip board in the church.

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

CLEANING & MAINTENANCE ROSTER (5 Jan - 17 Jan)

Church Cleaning: Frances Golden

Maintenance: David Bock (Front of Church & Hall)

Chris Dunlop (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 \$355.00 \$Loose \$536.30 Presbytery \$763.00

To donate - Mansfield Catholic Church Acct: BSB 083 347 Acc 65793 1299

Mansfield Parish House Acct: BSB 083 347 No. 65793 1280

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<https://www.melbatholic.org/s/mansfield>

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