

MANSFIELD PARISH

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

11th/12th March 2023

3rd SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR A



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

PARISH PRIEST: Fr George Felicieux

OFFICE MANAGER: Nance Rutley
(Nance is working Tuesday and Friday this week)

PARISH CENTRE: 54 Hunter St Mansfield 3722
Phone: 5775 2005 **PO Box** 288 MANSFIELD 3724
Email: Mansfield@cam.org.au

St Mary's Primary School Principal – Trish Etccl 5775 2670
Parish Safety Officer – Genevieve Bolwell - Email jamogen54@hotmail.com

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

My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 94: 1-2, 6-9

R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us. Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord.

Come in, let us bow and bend low; let us kneel before the God who made us for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand.

O that today you would listen to his voice! "Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert when your fathers put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work."

R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world; give me living water, that I may never thirst again. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

➤ **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)

For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord, the water I shall give will become in him a spring welling up to eternal life.

➤ **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.**

	Readings for next Sunday: 4th Sunday of Lent, Year A	
1 st Reading:	Samuel 16: 1, 6-7, 10-13	Resp. Psalm: Ps 22
2 nd Reading:	Ephesians 5: 8-14	Gospel: John 9: 1-41

Anniversary Prayers: John Kirley

Prayers for those who are sick: Janelle Kuc, Azalia Brega, Carol Storer, Nancy Haley, Cornie Boswerger, Rex Zebrst, Lis Bell, Patricia Wilson, Amy, Dennis Dooley, Leon Storer, George D'Arcy, Logan, Lloyd, Enzo Robinson, Patricia Lawson, Bernie Carroll, David Arbuthnot, Margaret Ramma, Bernard Read

To book St Mary's Hall please call Greg Hogarth on ☎0408 618 135
St Vincent de Paul (St Mary's Hall) Tuesday & Friday 1pm – 3pm ☎5775 3156
President: Rosemary Badrock -☎ 0467 925 614

Mansfield Catholic Parish



EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

14th – 17th March

Monday	8.45 am Rosary 9.15 am Mass
Tuesday	8.45 am Rosary 9.15 am Mass
Wednesday	8.45 am Rosary 9.15 am Mass
Thursday	9am Rosary 9.30 am Mass Celebrating St Patrick's Feast (School attending)
Friday	NO MASS

MASSES NEXT WEEKEND 18th/19th March

Saturday 6pm	Mansfield
Sunday 9am	Mansfield
11am	Tolmie (Feast of St Joseph)
6pm	Bonnie Doon (Feast of St Patrick)
1st & 3rd Sunday 6.00 pm	Bonnie
2nd & 4th Sunday 11.00 am	Jamieson
5 th Sunday of the month	11am Tolmie

ROSTERS for 18th/19th March

SATURDAY 18th March:

Reader/Prayers of the Faithful: Mark Henry

Special Minister: **Volunteer please **

SUNDAY 19th March:

Reader: Griffin Family

Prayers of the Faithful: Trish Ryan

Special Minister: Dennis Mahoney

Communion to the Sick: Zaldah Kirley

Counters: Tammy Chrisp & Glenys Nixon

Church Cleaning: 6/3 – 18/3 Mike O'Halloran

Flowers for March: Rita Riley

SACRAMENTS IN THE MANSFIELD PARISH

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

BAPTISMS: Baptisms are usually held on Saturdays.

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

RECONCILIATION: 5.30pm ONLY this week

FIRST RECONCILIATION – Wednesday 29th March at 6pm

FIRST EUCHARIST – Sunday 18th June at 9am

CONFIRMATION – Friday 8th September at 6pm

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

Thanksgiving \$272 Loose \$180.25

Presbytery \$506.65

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTION!!

If you wish to contribute to either the Church or House account here are our details:

MANSFIELD CATHOLIC CHURCH ACCOUNT

BSB 083 347 Act 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

The Third Sunday of Lent, tells us of Jesus' meeting with a Samaritan woman (cf. Jn 4:5-42). He is on a journey with his disciples and takes a break near a well in Samaria. The Samaritans were considered heretics by the Jews, and were very much despised as second-class citizens. Jesus is tired, thirsty. A woman arrives to draw water and he says to her: "Give me a drink" (v. 7). Breaking every barrier, he begins a dialogue in which he reveals to the woman *the mystery of living water*, that is, of the Holy Spirit, God's gift. Indeed, in response to the woman's surprised reaction, Jesus says: "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink', you would have asked him and he would have given you living water" (v. 10).

This gift is also the source of witness. Like the Samaritan woman, whoever personally encounters the living Jesus feels the need to talk about him to others, so that everyone might reach the point of proclaiming that Jesus "is truly the saviour of the world" (Jn 4:42), as the woman's fellow townspeople later said. Generated to new life through Baptism, we too are called to witness the life and hope that are within us. If our quest and our thirst are thoroughly quenched in Christ, we will manifest that salvation is not found in the "things" of this world, which ultimately produce drought, but in he who has loved us and will always love us: Jesus, our Saviour, in the living water, that he offers us. (Pope Francis message - 15 March 2020)

NEWS AROUND OUR PARISH

WELCOME!! We extend a very warm welcome to visitors to our Parish.

CONGRATULATIONS to Pippa, Josiah and Micah McGuigan who were baptised this weekend. We congratulate Jack Dwyer who was baptised, confirmed and received his First Eucharist this weekend as well.

RECONCILIATION INFORMATION EVENING will be held this coming Tuesday 14th March at 6pm in St Mary's school.

MASSES on 19th March:

St Joseph's Feast Day 11am Tolmie followed by a BYO lunch to share.

St Patrick's Feast Day 6pm Bonnie Doon followed by a BYO Dinner to share at the library in Bonnie Doon

Annunciation - Fiat-Weekend of Prayer: On Saturday 25th March there will be a morning Mass at 9.00 am followed by reflection on – The Eucharist – A Reflection of Mary's Fiat and Service. We will conclude at 10.00 am with a cuppa.

MASS OF THE OILS will be at St Patrick's Cathedral on Saturday 1st April 2023 at 10am.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!! We are having stalls (Jams & Pickles, Cakes, Plants, Books and bric a brac) in the Parish grounds on Easter weekend (Sat 8th April)

If you can help, either by giving your time to run a stall or by donating goods to sell, please speak to Val, Zaldah or Nance.

CHILD SAFETY: For policies visit the parish website: <http://pol.org.au/mansfield/Policies.aspx>