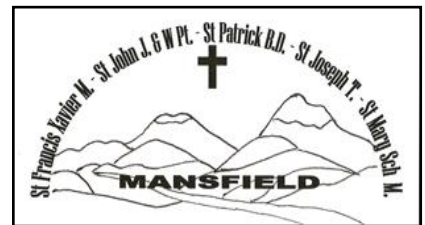


MANSFIELD CATHOLIC PARISH

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

December 24th/25th 2025

Christmas Eve & Christmas Day - 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: Friday 2nd Jan 2026 10am to 12pm

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: (Used only when there is no Entrance Hymn) A child is born for us, and a son is given to us; his sceptre of power rests upon his shoulder, and his name will be called Messenger of great counsel.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

R. Today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord.

O sing a new song to the Lord, sing to the Lord all the earth. O sing to the Lord, bless his name.

Proclaim his help day by day, tell among the nations his glory and his wonders among all the peoples.

Let the heavens rejoice and earth be glad, let the sea and all within it thunder praise, let the land and all it bears rejoice, all the trees of the wood shout for joy at the presence of the Lord for he comes, he comes to rule the earth.

With justice he will rule the world, he will judge the peoples with his truth.

R. Today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Good News and great joy to all the world: today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord. Alleluia.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: (Used only when there is no Communion Hymn) All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

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.**

DECEMBER 26th – 28th 2025

Friday 26th : 12.15pm Mass for Pilgrims (Feast St Stephen the first Martyr)

Saturday 27th: 12.15pm Mass for Pilgrims (Feast of St John the Apostle)

6pm Vigil Mass at Mansfield (Holy Family)

Sunday 28th December: 9am Mansfield (Conclusion of Jubilee at St Francis Xavier's, Mansfield)

10.00am to 3.30pm Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction

11am Mass at Jamieson

December 29th – 31st December there are no Masses in the parish. St Francis Xavier's will open for pilgrims 8am-4pm.

JANUARY 1st – 4th 2026

Thursday 1st January 2026: 9.15am Mass at Mansfield (Mary the Holy Mother of God)

First Friday 2nd January: 8.45am Eucharistic Adoration/Chaplet 9.15am Mass at Mansfield

Saturday 3rd January: 9.45am & 5.30pm Reconciliation and 6pm Vigil Mass (The Epiphany of the Lord)

Sunday 4th January: 9am Mansfield

6pm Bonnie Doon

❖ THE GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

❖ THE CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

❖ SANCTUS

All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest

THE MYSTERY OF FAITH: We proclaim your death O Lord and profess your resurrection until you come again.

❖ AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world have mercy on us.
Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world have mercy on us.
Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world grant us peace.

Fr George: Behold the Lamb of God.....

All: Lord I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

Jesus is born in a lowly manger noticed only by a few! Christ comes to us veiled in our fellow human beings and also veiled in the Eucharist. Creation is renewed by Christ, and in him is a new beginning for humanity, for us. It is the time to look forward with hope to new beginnings. During this Jubilee year of Hope 2025 St Francis Xavier's Church, Mansfield was designated a Pilgrim place in the Archdiocese of Melbourne. We give thanks to God and pray for all who made their pilgrimage to Mansfield especially Archbishop Peter Comensoli who made his pilgrimage on 18th October 2025 and celebrated the Saturday Vigil Mass for us.

I would like to thank all parishioners and volunteers for their selfless service and time given through the year 2025 especially those who helped out in welcoming the pilgrims. Merry Christmas and Blessed 2026.

✠ Fr George



JUBILEE 2025: Welcome to all visitors and pilgrims. Jubilee Programme details are on the parish website.

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

CONGRATULATIONS: Mrs Mary Dunstan has been appointed Principal of St Mary's School.

SYNOD 2026: Preparations for a Synod to be held in the Archdiocese of Melbourne in 2026 are now 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.

SUNDAY 28TH DECEMBER: Conclusion of Jubilee Year at St Francis Xavier's Mansfield - Fr George Feliciouz will celebrate the 9am Mass with blessing of the Jubilee Plaque in the church foyer followed by Eucharistic Adoration from 10am to 3.30pm concluding with Benediction.

Pray for the sick: 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

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

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