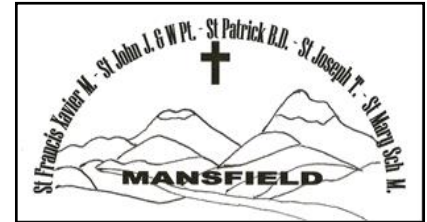


MANSFIELD CATHOLIC PARISH

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

7th/8th March 2026

Third Sunday of Lent



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: Thurs – Fri: 10am to 2pm

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:

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 as Massah in the desert when your fathers put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work"

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: 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.**

Memorials and Feasts

None

Fourth Sunday of Lent (15th March 2026)

1st Reading: Exodus 1 Samuel 16: 1, 6-7, 10-13

Psalm: Ps 22

2nd Reading: Ephesians 5: 8-14

Gospel: John 9: 1-41

Recently Deceased: Ed Griffin, Patricia Wilson

Prayers for those who are sick: Geoff Robinson, Anna McKenzie, Josie Webber, Jane W, Tim Whitfield, Winston D'Cruz, Loretto Redfern, Marj Cameron, Ashleigh Chapman, Loretta Chivers, Anthony McHugh, Natasha Gomes, Rex Zebrst, Amy, Enzo Robinson, Patricia Lawson, Bernie Carroll, Margaret Ramma, Ian, Logan, Jane O'Halloran, Julius D'Costa and Lucy.

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 11th – 15th March 2026

Wednesday: 5pm Rosary/Chaplet 5.30pm Mass

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Friday: 11am Mass (St Mary's Hall) 5.30pm Stations of the Cross.

Saturday: 6pm Mansfield

Reader/ Prayers of the Faithful: Fay Smith

Special Minister: Rita Riley

Sunday: 9am Mansfield

Reader/Prayers of the Faithful: Mike O'Halloran

Special Minister: Dennis Mahoney

Communion to the sick: Zaldah Kirley

Counting: Tammy Chrisp/Glenys Nixon

6pm Mass at Bonnie Doon (St Patrick's Day Celebration)

CLEANING & MAINTENANCE ROSTER (14/3 – 27/3)

Church Cleaning: Kevin Murphy

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.

First Reconciliation: Reconciliation on Wednesday 18th March at 6pm at St Francis Xavier's church.

First Eucharist: Preparation will be on Wednesday 13th May at 6pm at St Mary's and First Eucharist Sunday 14th June 2026 at the 9am Mass.

CRAFT GROUP: 11am Tuesdays at St Mary's Hall.

CHAIR EXERCISES: 10am Wednesdays at St Mary's Hall.

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTIONS

Thanksgiving \$497.00 Loose \$194.80 Presbytery \$709.80

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

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

or please scan the QR Code



Child safety policies are on the website
<https://www.melbatholic.org/mansfield>

Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne Synod 2026

This third Sunday of Lent, Archbishop Peter A Comensoli will formally convoke a Synod for the Archdiocese of Melbourne. The synod calls the Melbourne Church to journey together in communion, participation and mission, echoing Pope Francis' vision of a 'listening Church' (Evangelii Gaudium, §31). Informed by Vatican II's teaching, the Church is 'a people made one with the unity of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit' (Lumen Gentium, §4).

There are three themes about which the church of Melbourne is being invited to discern:

- young discipleship
- missionary leadership
- formation and participation.

The synod assembly will be held across the weekend of 4–6 December 2026. Over these next months, a range of opportunities will be available for Melbourne Catholics to be part of the consultation process toward the synod. In the meantime, further information can be accessed at melbournecatholic.org/synod2026.

In the synodal Church 'the whole community, in the free and rich diversity of its members, is called together to pray, listen, analyse, dialogue, discern and offer advice on taking pastoral decisions for mission'.

NEWS AROUND OUR PARISH

WELCOME: A warm welcome to all who are visiting the parish.

FRIENDS OF ST JOSEPH: Contributed \$975.00 to the Victorian Bushfire Appeal. We thank Zaldah and Val Kirley for their valuable contribution to the Mansfield Community and to our parish.

SENIOR'S MASS: Starting from this month every second Friday of the month we will celebrate 11am Mass in St Mary's Hall for senior parishioners and those residing at Bindaree followed by a light lunch.

ST PATRICK'S DAY: St Pat's Day celebration at Bonnie Doon on Sunday 15th March 6pm Mass(not 5pm as advertised in the Courier) followed by shared dinner.

EASTER FAIR: On the 4th of April at St Mary's Hall. We are planning to have a Cake Stall, Jams and Pickles & Raffle. Raffle tickets available – kindly contact Joan. Please plan on baking cakes or biscuits and if you have any other ideas do contact Marie Daly. There will be a Pastoral Council Meeting on Wednesday 11th of March at 5pm to finalise the arrangements.



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