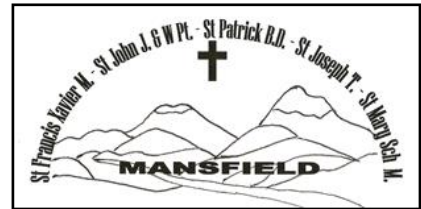


MANSFIELD PARISH

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

7th/8th December 2024
2nd Sunday of Advent Year C



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: Tue - Fri 10am to 3pm

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: (When there is no Entrance Hymn)

O people of Zion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 125

R. The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, it seemed like a dream.
Then was our mouth filled with laughter, on our lips there were songs.

The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels the Lord worked for them!'
What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad. .

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land.
Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap.

They go out, they go out, full of tears carrying seed for the sowing: they come back, they come back, full of song, carrying their sheaves.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths; all people shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God.

PARISH PRAYER: Heavenly Father, We the people of Mansfield 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

9th December Solemnity of Immaculate
conception / 13th December St Lucy

3rd Sunday of Advent Year C

1st Reading: Zephaniah 8: 14-18 2nd Reading: Philippians 4: 4-7
Gospel: Luke 3:10-18

Anniversaries: Marg and Bill Mahoney, Alma O'Brien

Prayers for those who are sick: Seamus Quinn, Jane O' Halloran, Paul Sladdin, Jane W, Tim Whitfield, Ed Griffin, Pam Zierk-Mahoney, John Nuttman, Winston D'Cruz, Loretto Redfern, Leveah Hames, Marj Cameron, Ashleigh Chapman, Loretta Chivers, Anthony McHugh, Natasha Gomes, Janelle Kuc, Nancy Haley, Rex Zebrst, Patricia Wilson, Amy, George D'Arcy, Logan, Lloyd, Enzo Robinson, Patricia Lawson, Bernie Carroll, Margaret Ramma, Ian.

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.

EUCCHARIST & LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

9th -15th December

Monday	No Mass
Tuesday	8.45am Rosary 9.15am Mass/Chaplet
Wednesday	8.15am Rosary 8.30am Mass/Lauds
Thursday	8.45am Rosary 9.15am Mass/Chaplet 6pm St Mary's School Graduation Mass
Friday	8.45am Rosary 9.15am Mass/Chaplet
Saturday	6pm Mansfield
Sunday	9am Mansfield 6pm Bonnie Doon

ROSTERS for 9th – 15th December

SATURDAY 14th December

Reader/ Prayers of the Faithful: Mark Henry

Special Minister: Rita Riley

SUNDAY 15th December:

Reader /Prayers of the Faithful: Griffin Family

Special Minister: Zaldah Kirley

Communion to the Sick: Zaldah Kirley

Counting: Tammy Crisp & Glenys Nixon

Church Cleaning: 9/12 – 21/12 Mike O'Halloran

Flowers for December: Rita Riley

Maintenance:

1/12 – 14/12 David Bock
Front of Church & Hall

1/12 – 14/12 Greg Hogarth
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: Saturdays 9.45 am & 5.30pm / Sunday 8.30am.

FIRST RECONCILIATION: Family Evening at St Mary's School - Thursday 13th March 6pm. First Reconciliation - Wednesday 2nd April 6pm St Francis Xavier's.

FIRST EUCHARIST: Family Evening at St Mary's School -Thursday 29th May 6pm. First Eucharist Sunday 22nd June 9am Mass at St Francis Xavier's.

CONFIRMATION: Family Evening at St Mary's School - Thursday 28th August 6pm. Sacrament of Confirmation will be in October St Francis Xavier's. Date TBC.

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTIONS

Thanksgiving \$391.70 **Loose** \$231.30 **Presbytery** \$505.90

If you wish to donate please scan the QR Code



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

Pope Francis' '*Dilexit Nos*' (24/10/24) Encyclical on the human and divine love of the Heart of Jesus (continued....)

RETURNING TO THE HEART

The issues raised by today's liquid society are much discussed, but this depreciation of the deep core of our humanity – the heart – has a much longer history. We find it already present in Hellenic and pre-Christian rationalism, in post-Christian idealism and in materialism in its various guises. The heart has been ignored in anthropology, and the great philosophical tradition finds it a foreign notion, preferring other concepts such as reason, will or freedom. The very meaning of the term is imprecise and hard to situate within our human experience. Perhaps this is due to the difficulty of treating it as a "clear and distinct idea", or because it entails the question of self-understanding, where the deepest part of us is also that which is least known. Even encountering others does not necessarily prove to be a way of encountering ourselves, inasmuch as our thought patterns are dominated by an unhealthy individualism. Many people feel safer constructing their systems of thought in the more readily controllable domain of intelligence and will. The failure to make room for the heart, as distinct from our human powers and passions viewed in isolation from one another, has resulted in a stunting of the idea of a personal centre, in which love, in the end, is the one reality that can unify all the others.
(to continue....)

NEWS AROUND OUR PARISH

IF YOU ARE VISITING: A very warm welcome to you.

MESSAGE OF THANKS FROM NANCE: Thanks so much for your gifts, cards and good wishes. Also, I cannot thank you all enough for your support and friendship which made my job so rewarding and enjoyable. We are so lucky to have such a wonderful parish of thoughtful people here in Mansfield. Nance.

LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING: Wednesday 11th December 5.30pm.

CONGRATS: Congratulations Dale Daly and Chris Dunlop the new President and Vice-President of Vinnies.

VINNIES GIVING TREE: The tree is in the foyer. Last date to donate nonperishable food of your choice is 20th Dec.

JESSE TREE - PREPARED BY STUDENTS: As we journey through Advent the Jesse Tree could help us meditate on Jesus's family tree.

CRAFT & ACTIVITY GROUP: Tuesday at 11am.

ON SALE: Columban calendars \$10 each/Pack of Chrissie cards \$5.

RCIA: 18th December 5.30 pm at the Parish Office.

DECEMBER MASSES: Sunday 8th December 12.15pm Woods Point. Thursday 12th December 6pm St Mary's Graduation Mass.

Monday 16th December 10.15am End of year School Mass. (Flyers in church with details of 5pm Carols at the School.)

Friday 20th December 11am Mass at Buckland.

CHRISTMAS EVE/DAY: 24th Dec 5pm Bonnie Doon

6.30pm Mansfield(Nativity Play)

8pm Jamieson.

25th Dec 9am Mansfield.

Sunday 29th December 11am Mass at Tolmie & BYO Lunch

FAMILY LOOKING FOR A HOUSE TO RENT: There is a family looking for a place in Mansfield. Please contact Fr George if you could help them find a place.



Mansfield Catholic Parish