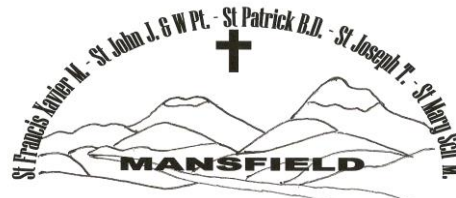


MANSFIELD PARISH

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

4th/5th November 2023

THIRTY - FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A



Land of the Taungurung

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

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

Forsake me not, O Lord, my God; be not far from me! Make haste and come to my help, O Lord, my strong salvation!

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 130

R. In you, Lord, I have found my peace.

O Lord, my heart is not proud nor haughty my eyes. I have not gone after things too great nor marvels beyond me.

Truly I have set my soul in silence and peace. A weaned child on its mother's breast, even so is my soul.

O Israel, hope in the Lord both now and for ever.

R. In you, Lord, I have found my peace.

➤ **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Alleluia, alleluia! You have one Father, your Father in heaven; you have one teacher: the Lord Jesus Christ! Alleluia.

➤ **THE MYSTERY OF FAITH:**

When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your death, O Lord, until you come again.

➤ **COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** (Used only when there is no Communion Hymn)

You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord.

➤ **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.**

Solemnities, Feasts and Memorials

Thursday: The Dedication of the
Lateran Basilica
Friday: St Leo the Great
Saturday: St Martin of Tours

Readings for next Sunday:

Thirty- Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

1st Reading: **Wisdom 6: 12-16** Resp Psalm: **Ps 62: 2-8**
2nd Reading: **Thessalonians: 4: 13-18** Gospel: **Matthew 25: 1-13**

Recently deceased: Barbara Gillberg

Anniversary Prayers: Alistair Kelleher and Glenis Caleo

Prayers for those who are sick: Terry Read, Natasha Gomes, Janelle Kuc, Nancy Haley, Rex Zebrst, Patricia Wilson, Amy, Yvonne Felicieux, George D'Arcy, Logan, Lloyd, Enzo Robinson, Patricia Lawson, Bernie Carroll, David Arbuthnot, Margaret Ramma

To book St Mary's Hall please call Greg Hogarth on ☎0408 618 135
St Vincent de Paul ☎ 5775 3156. President: Rosemary Badrock ☎ 0467 925 614



Mansfield Catholic Parish

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

7th – 10th November

Tuesday 8.45am Rosary followed by Communion Service
Wednesday 8.45am Rosary followed by Communion Service
Thursday 8.45am Rosary followed by Communion Service
Friday 8.45am Rosary followed by Communion Service

MASSES NEXT WEEKEND 11th/12th November

Saturday 6pm Mansfield

Sunday 9am Mansfield

11am Jamieson:

Liturgy of the Word and Communion Service

First & Second Sundays of the month:

11am Liturgy of the Word & Communion Service at Jamieson.

ROSTERS for 11th/ 12th November

SATURDAY 11th November:

Reader/ Prayers of the Faithful: Fay Smith

Special Minister: Helen Mullins

SUNDAY 12th November:

Reader /Prayers of the Faithful: Val Kirley

Special Minister: Zaldah Kirley

Communion to the Sick: Marie Daly

Counting: Pat Gardiner & John Berry

Church Cleaning: 30/10 – 11/11 Mike O'Halloran

Flowers for November: Kath Bock

Maintenance:

6.11.23 – 18.11.23 Peter Hood Front of Church

6.11.23 – 18.11.23 Ray Close Back of Church & back of Father George's residence

SACRAMENTS IN THE MANSFIELD PARISH

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

BAPTISMS: Saturdays & 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month at 11.00 am. 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month 1.00 pm. Contact the Parish Office and make an appointment to meet the Parish Priest.

FIRST RECONCILIATION: Wednesday 20th March 2024 at 6pm

FIRST EUCHARIST: Sunday 2nd June 2024 at 9am Mass

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

RECONCILIATION: 5.30 pm (Saturdays)
8.30am (Sundays)

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTIONS

Thanksgiving \$334, Loose \$356.25, Presbytery \$583.70

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

MANSFIELD CATHOLIC CHURCH ACCOUNT:

BSB 083 347 Acct 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

You can also donate via our website:

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

In this weekend's Gospel Jesus seems to be warning his disciples not to be called Rabbi or Master, the Jewish religious elite of his time. *Pater Patriae* "father of the fatherland" was one of the titles held by the Roman Emperors, the Romans were the ruling political class of Jesus' time. He is warning his disciples not to call anyone "father" and not to be like the Roman rulers. Jesus further warns his disciples not to call themselves teachers. The teachers or wisemen of his time were the Greeks.

There was hypocrisy and corruption among the religious and political elite i.e., Jewish/Religious leaders and Roman rulers especially in collecting the religious tax or temple tax (Mt 17:25–27) and political tax to the Romans (Mt 22:21). The knowledgeable Greek teachers or wisemen were puffed up with pride (I Cor 8:1).

To be a disciple of Christ is to be servant of all and to trust in God the Father and Creator of all as we hear in the first reading from prophet Malachi 2:10. As we hear of war and bloodshed let us remind ourselves that God doesn't take sides. During these trying times our world is going through, especially in the Middle East, politicians will take sides, religious leaders may take sides and there may be wise political commentators who have diverse opinions, but God doesn't take sides. Every human being is precious in the sight of our God who is a God of Peace.

✠ Fr George

NEWS AROUND OUR PARISH

IF YOU ARE VISITING: We extend a very warm welcome to visitors to our Parish.

WELCOME: Father John Dupuche who is our celebrant this weekend. We hope you enjoy your time here in Mansfield Father.

CUPPA: There will be a cuppa after 9am Mass this Sunday.

OUR PARISH FAIR: Thanks to all who helped to make the fair such a success. More details next week.

DROP BOX: We have a new drop box at the Presbytery which is on the wall to the left of the front door.

NOVEMBER REMEMBRANCE BOOK: There is a folder at the front of the church in which you can write the names of your deceased loved ones. The ones you write will be remembered in all the November Masses.

YOU ARE INVITED: On the occasion of the 50th anniversary of Diplomatic Relations between the Commonwealth of Australia and the Vatican, Archbishop Comensoli will concelebrate Mass on Thursday 9 November, 5.30pm at St Patrick's Cathedral Melbourne to welcome Most Rev Paul Gallagher, Secretary for the Relations with States and International Organisations, Secretariat of State, Holy See Excellency and the Apostolic Nuncio to Australia – His Excellency Most Rev Charles Balvo to Melbourne.

THE PARISH PRAYER GROUP meets Wednesdays after morning Communion Service. All welcome.

PARISH CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION: will be on Sunday 3rd December 2023 with Mass at 11am followed by a light lunch in the Hall. Please let Nance if you will be coming to the lunch by Tuesday 28th November for catering purposes. BYO Drinks. Tea and Coffee will be provided.

BIBLICAL STUDY ON: First Corinthians: The Church and the Christian Community: The eleven-part video presentation by Tim Gray will restart on 7th February 2024.

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(Parish Vision and Mission Statement and Child safety policies are on the website)