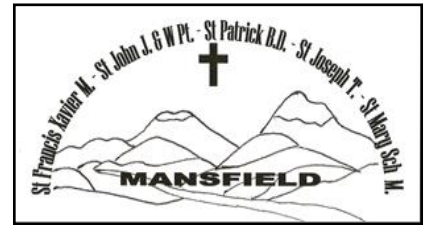


MANSFIELD CATHOLIC PARISH

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

December 27th/28th 2025

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph - 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: Fri :10am to 12pm

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: (Used only when there is no Entrance Hymn) The shepherds went in haste, and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in a manger.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Happy are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways

O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways! By the labour of your hands you shall eat. You will be happy and prosper.

Your wife like a fruitful vine in the heart of your house; your children like shoots of the olive, around your table.

Indeed thus shall be blessed the man who fears the Lord. May the Lord bless you from Zion all the days of your life!

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts; and the fullness of his message live within you. Alleluia

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

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

Thursday 1st Jan: Mary, the Holy Mother of God – Solemnity

Friday 2nd Jan: Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen – Memorial

The Epiphany of the Lord (4th January 2026)

1st Reading: Isaiah 60: 1-6

Psalm: Ps 71:1-2, 7-8, 10-13

2nd Reading: Ephesians 3: 2-3, 5-6

Gospel: Matthew 2: 1-12

Prayers for those who are 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

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 1st to 4th January 2026

Thursday 1st Jan: 12.15pm (Mary the Holy Mother of God)

Friday 2nd Jan: 11.45am Eucharistic Adoration/Chaplet 12.15pm Mass

Saturday 3rd Jan: 9.45am & 5.30pm Reconciliation 6pm Mansfield

Reader/ Prayers of the Faithful: Mark Henry

Special Minister: Rita Riley

Sunday 4th Jan: 9am Mansfield

Reader /Prayers of the Faithful: Mike O'Halloran

Special Minister: Dennis Mahoney

Communion to the sick: Marie Daly

Counting: Debbie Eve/Joan Carey

6pm Bonnie Doon

Flowers for January: Val Kirley

CLEANING & MAINTENANCE ROSTER (5 Jan - 17 Jan)

Church Cleaning: Frances Golden

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.

FRIENDS OF ST JOSEPH AT ST MARY'S HALL

Delicious Jams, Relishes, Chutneys, Pickles etc. on sale.

Open on Friday's 1-4pm and after the 9am Sunday Mass.

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTIONS

Thanksgiving \$490.00 \$Loose \$269.00 Presbytery \$934.60

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.melbeatholic.org/s/mansfield>

The family is the basic and primary unit of society. Jesus was both God and Man. Though he was God, as a human being, Jesus responded to God in a human manner by being born into a human family and growing up as a normal human being. God chose Mary to be the mother and Joseph to be her spouse, in order that His only Son be born into a human family. It was the salvific plan of God and Joseph and Mary cooperated with it wholeheartedly. Joseph is described as a just man (Mt 1:19) and Mary is blessed among women and the one who has found favour with God (Lk 1: 28, 30). Both of them strive to do the will of God. Every child has a right to a home, a home where parents are united through an exclusive and faithful wedlock. It is here that children find support, protection and guidance from their father and mother. Jesus did experience this from his family. Though little is known about Joseph, the foster father of Jesus, we find that he is a man of obedience and faith and so is Mary, the mother of Jesus. Our Lord lived in a family and experienced the warmth of a mother, the love of a father and the presence of all the members of his family around him while he lived here on earth. As we celebrate the Solemnity of the Holy Family, let us pray for all families in Mansfield and all over the world that they may grow in the warmth of love, joy and peace.

✠Fr George

NEWS AROUND OUR PARISH

JUBILEE 2025: Welcome to all visitors and pilgrims. After the 28th of December there will not be any special pilgrim programs. St Francis Xavier's Church will be open 8am to 4pm for Pilgrims who wish to make their pilgrimage up to the 6th of January 2026.

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

CUPPA: After Sunday 4th January 9am Mass.

SYNOD 2026: On Sunday 14th December Archbishop Comensoli made the announcement that preparations for a Synod to be held in the Archdiocese of Melbourne in 2026 are 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.

Mansfield Catholic Parish

