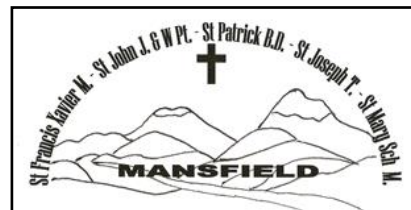


MANSFIELD PARISH

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

8th/9th March 2025

First Sunday of Lent 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: Wed – Fri : 10am to 2pm

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: (When there is no Entrance Hymn) When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High and abides in the shade of the Almighty says to the Lord: 'My refuge, my stronghold, my God in whom I trust!'

Upon you no evil shall fall, no plague approach where you dwell. For you has he commanded his angels, to keep you in all your ways.

They shall bear you upon their hands lest you strike your foot against a stone. On the lion and the viper you will tread and trample the young lion and the dragon.

His love he set on me, so I will rescue him; protect him for he knows my name. When he calls I shall answer: 'I am with you,' I will save him in distress and give him glory.

Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

THE MYSTERY OF FAITH: Save us, Saviour of the world for by your cross and resurrection you have set us free.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: (When there is no Communion Hymn) One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of 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.**

Solemnities, Feasts and Memorials

None

Second Sunday in Lent (Next Weekend)

1st Reading: Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18

Psalms 26:1, 7-9, 13-14

2nd Reading: Philippians 3:17-4:1

Gospel: Luke: 9:28-36

Recently Deceased: George D' Arcy

Prayers for those who are sick: Jane W, Tim Whitfield, Ed Griffin, 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, Enzo Robinson, Patricia Lawson, Bernie Carroll, Margaret Ramma, Ian, Logan, Jane O'Halloran & Julius D'Costa.

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 12th – 16th March**Wednesday** 11.30am Reconciliation 11.45 am

Rosary/Chaplet 12.15pm Mass

Thursday 8.45 am Rosary/Chaplet 9.15am Mass**Friday** 11am Ecumenical Service at Buckland
5.30pm Stations of the Cross followed by Mass**Saturday 15th March Vigil Mass:** 6pm Mass Mansfield

Reader/ Prayers of the Faithful: Mark Henry

Special Minister: Rita Riley

Sunday 16th March : 9am Mass Mansfield

Reader /Prayers of the Faithful: Griffin Family

Special Minister: Dennis Mahoney

Communion to the Sick: Zaldah Kirley

Counting: Nance & John Rutley

6pm Mass Bonnie Doon

Sanctuary/Altar Flowers for March: No Flowers in Lent**CLEANING & MAINTENANCE ROSTER**Church Cleaning : 3rd - 15th March Frances GoldenMaintenance 3rd – 15th March

Mark Henry (Front of Church & Hall)

David Bock (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 on Sunday 12th October 9am Mass at St Francis Xavier's.**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 \$316.6 Loose \$246.05 Presbytery \$632.75

To donate Church Acct: BSB 083 347 Acc 65793 1299

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/s/mansfield>**MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS
FOR LENT 2025*****Let us journey together in hope****Dear brothers and sisters,*

We begin our annual pilgrimage of Lent in faith and hope with the penitential rite of the imposition of ashes. The Church, our mother and teacher, invites us to open our hearts to God's grace, so that we can celebrate with great joy the paschal victory of Christ the Lord over sin and death, which led Saint Paul to exclaim: "Death has been swallowed up in victory. Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?" (1 Cor 15:54-55). Indeed, Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, is the heart of our faith and the pledge of our hope in the Father's great promise, already fulfilled in his beloved Son: life eternal (cf. Jn 10:28; 17:3).

This Lent, as we share in the grace of the Jubilee Year, I would like to propose a few reflections on what it means to *journey together in hope*, and on the summons to conversion that God in his mercy addresses to all of us, as individuals and as a community. (to be continued)

NEWS AROUND OUR PARISH**JUBILEE 2025:** We welcome all visitors and pilgrims to the parish. Programme details on the parish website.**BIRTHDAY WISHES FOR MARCH 12th:** Happy Ninety Sixth Birthday Nonnie O' Halloran and God bless you.**WELCOME:** We welcome the Martin and Demasi families as they prepare for the Baptism of their children Elsie & Oliver.**ST PATRICK'S DAY MASS:** St Pat's Day celebration at Bonnie Doon on Sunday 16th March 6pm Mass followed by shared dinner.**ART & CRAFT:** Tuesday 11am at St Mary's Hall.**CHAIR EXERCISES:** Tuesday & Wednesday 10am at St Mary's Hall. Gold coin donation.**FIRST RECONCILIATION:** Family Preparation Evening is at St Mary's School on Thursday 13th March 6pm. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated on Wednesday 2nd April 6pm at St Francis Xavier's.**SUNDAY CUPPA:** The March Cuppa will be on the 16th after the 9am Mass. Please bring something to share. We will be farewelling the Griffin family.**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE:** Prayer Day at Our Lady's Church, Wangaratta on Wednesday 19th March, Feast of St Joseph. Starts with the 9am Mass. BYO Lunch. Tea and Coffee provided.**PROJECT COMPASSION 2025:** Donation boxes are available. You could also donate online this Lent through the link <https://www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion>.

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