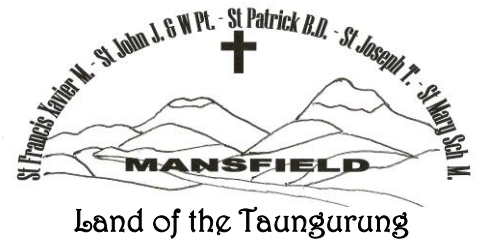


MANSFIELD PARISH

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

27th/28th January 2024

4th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B



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)

Save us, O Lord our God! And gather us from the nations, to give thanks to your holy name, and make it our glory to praise you.

➤ **RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Ps 94: 1-2, 6-9

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

R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

➤ **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Alleluia, alleluia! The people in darkness have seen a great light; a radiant dawn shines on those lost in death. 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)

Let your face shine on your servant. Save me in your merciful love. O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on you.

➤ **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

Wednesday St John Bosco

Friday The Presentation of the Lord

Sunday of the Word of God Year B

1st Reading: **Jeb 7: 1-4, 6-7**

2nd Reading: **Corinthians: 9: 16-19, 22-2**

Resp Psalm: **Ps 146: 1-6**

Gospel: **Mark 1: 29-39**

Prayers for those who are sick: Anthony McHugh, Terry Read, Natasha Gomes, Janelle Kuc, Nancy Haley, Rex Zebrst, Patricia Wilson, Amy, Yvonne Feliciouz, 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

30th January – 2nd February

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 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by 9.15 am Mass.

MASSES NEXT WEEKEND 3rd/4th February

Saturday 6pm Mansfield
Sunday 9am Mansfield
6pm Bonnie Doon

ROSTERS for 3rd/4th February

SATURDAY 3rd February:

Reader/ Prayers of the Faithful: Anna McKenzie

Special Minister: Helen Mullins

SUNDAY 4th February:

Reader /Prayers of the Faithful: Val Kirley

Special Minister: Jan Berry

Communion to the Sick: Zaldah Kirley

Counting: Pat Gardiner & John Berry

Church Cleaning: 22/1 – 3/2 Kevin Murphy

Flowers for February: Kath Bock

Maintenance:

22/1 – 3/2 Mark Henry Front of Church & Lawn at the back of the Church

22/1 – 3/2 Chris Dunlop 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

Reconciliation Information Evening: Tuesday 20th February 6pm at St Mary's School.

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

Eucharist information Evening: Wednesday 1st May 6pm at St Mary's School.

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

RECONCILIATION: NO Reconciliation on Saturdays until further notice

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTIONS

Thanksgiving \$577.60, **Loose** \$273.70, **Presbytery** \$774.50

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>

This weekend's gospel gives us the account in Mark of how a routine synagogue sabbath worship turns dramatic with Jesus casting out an unclean spirit from a man. The Gospel of Mark has this exorcism account as the introduction to the public ministry of Jesus. How could we understand this in our modern sophisticated context? Is there anything unclean in us that needs to be cast out?

The greatest uncleanness or defilement we have may have in us according to the letter to the Hebrews is 'bitterness'; "Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord. See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no "root of bitterness" springs up and causes trouble, and by it many become defiled." (12:14–15)

Modernity and technological progress have not helped in preventing wars between nations and conflict between individuals. In this modern age we need to listen to the voice of the Lord so that our hearts do not get hardened by bitterness. The peace we need to strive for is with everyone, not just among likeminded people; this peace we need in our world, our hearts and our homes. As we gather for our routine Sunday Eucharist (just like the routine synagogue sabbath worship) let us ask the Lord present in the Eucharist to help us, with his grace, to get rid of all bitterness and fill us and the whole world with his peace that leads to holiness.

Sunday of the Word of God - February 4th 2024

In September 2019, Pope Francis instituted the celebration of Word of God Sunday when issuing the Apostolic letter *Aperuit Illis*. The letter encouraged the celebration, study and dissemination of the Word of God. The Catholic Church in Australia celebrates Word of God Sunday on the first Sunday in February each year. Many countries celebrate the occasion on the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time. Next weekend at all Masses in our parish we shall process in with the Bible and Enthroned it in a special place prepared for its Enthronement in the sanctuary.

✠ Fr George

NEWS AROUND OUR PARISH

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

THANK YOU to Father Peter for celebrating Masses in our Parish for the past three weeks. We hope you enjoyed your time here and we hope to see you back in Mansfield sometime in the future. Next weekend we welcome Father George back from India.

WELCOME back to the students and staff of St Mary's as they start another school year on Wednesday. We hope you all had a wonderful holiday.

WANTED! Do you have any suitcases you no longer need? If so, please contact Rosemary from St Vinnies on 0467 925 614.

CUPPA: There will be a cuppa after 9am Mass next weekend. Jams and pickles will also be on sale so bring along some cash.

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

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