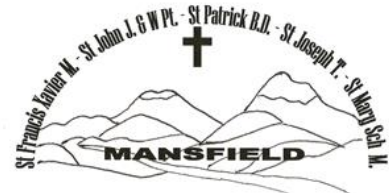


MANSFIELD PARISH

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

11th/12th May 2024

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD YEAR B



Land of the Taungurung

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

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➤ **ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** (When there is no Entrance Hymn)

Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens? This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as you saw him go, alleluia.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 46: 2-3, 6-9

R. God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

All peoples, clap your hands, cry to God with shouts of joy! For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear, great king over all the earth.

God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast. Sing praise for God, sing praise, sing praise to our king, sing praise.

God is king of all the earth. Sing praise, with all your skill. God is king over the nations; God reigns on his holy throne.

R. God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

- **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Alleluia, alleluia! Go and teach all people my gospel. I am with you always, until the end of the world. 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:** (When there is no Communion Hymn)
Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, alleluia.
- **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
Tuesday St Matthias

Pentecost Sunday Year B

1st Reading: **Acts 2: 1-11**

Resp Psalm: **Ps 103:1, 24, 29-31, 34**

2nd Reading: **Galatians 5: 16-25**

Gospel: **John 15: 26-27; 16: 12-15**

Prayers for those who are sick: Marj Cameron, Ashleigh Chapman, Barry & Loretta Chivers, Malaika, Jondy, Savio, Anthony McHugh, Natasha Gomes, Janelle Kuc, Nancy Haley, Rex Zebrst, Josephine Assis, Patricia Wilson, Amy, 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

14th - 19th May

Tuesday 8.45 Rosary 9.15am Communion Service
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Thursday 8.45 Rosary 9.15am Communion Service
Friday 8.45 Rosary 9.15am Communion Service
(Access through the side door for Communion Service)

Saturday 6pm Mansfield
Sunday 9am Mansfield
5pm Bonnie Doon

ROSTERS for 18th/19th May

SATURDAY 18th May:

Reader/ Prayers of the Faithful: Anna McKenzie

Special Minister: Rita Riley

SUNDAY 19th May:

Reader /Prayers of the Faithful: Val Kirley

Special Minister: Jan Berry

Communion to the Sick: Marie Daly

Counting: David Bock & Ray Close

Church Cleaning: 13/5 - 25/5 Frances Golden

Flowers for May: Kath Bock

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 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: Saturdays 9.45 am & 5.30pm, Sundays 8.30am

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTIONS

Thanksgiving \$192, **Loose** \$132.70, **Presbytery** \$348.50

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 we celebrate the Ascension of Our Lord into Heaven. In the Old Testament heaven is the inaccessible private abode of God which symbolises his transcendence (his existence beyond the physical/normal level). To even think about scaling this height is arrogance as seen in the account of the tower of Babel (Genesis 11:4ff). Though we find chosen ones Enoch (Genesis 5:24) and Elijah (2 Kings 2:11), by God's gift, were taken up to be with him. In and through Jesus Christ God we have been gifted with the immanence of God; God came to live among us as a human being. Jesus Christ who died on the cross and rose from the dead is alive with a life he had before his death but also an entirely new humankind of existence with God. In and through the ascension of Jesus we see that God's plan for the whole of humanity is to share in God's existence.

Our baptism calls us to unite in faith with our Lord in his passion and to look beyond this life to our final destiny, to share in the glory of Christ's resurrection and ascension, which is to exist with God. The Preface at this weekend's Mass (It is truly right and just....) goes like this, 'For the Lord Jesus Christ, King of glory, conqueror of sin and death, ascended to the highest heavens as the Angels gazed in wonder...we, his members, might be confident of following where he, our Head and Founder, has gone before.' We have been created in God's Image and Likeness, yet we have lost that awareness through the sin in us. But in and through Jesus the image and likeness of God has been regained and we need to grow in realising that we are called to share this message with all human beings. We are destined to live in heaven with God. The Feast of the Ascension teaches us to look to that eternal life with hope and to build heaven here on earth. A Happy Mother's Day to all mothers.

✠Fr George

NEWS AROUND OUR PARISH

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

PARISH 45 CLUB: Congratulations to our first 3 winners: 19 David Bock, 20 Andrew Nuttman, 38 Mark Howes. From next Wednesday 15th May, the supplementary numbers from Wednesday Lotto will be used to determine our weekly winners.

WELCOME to the Lorusso family who are preparing for their son Sonny's Baptism.

FRIENDS OF ST JOSEPH need jam jars please. These can be left on the presbytery verandah or given to Zaldah or Val.

DEDICATION SERVICE: You are invited to the Dedication Service of the renovated St Andrews Uniting Church and Hall on Sunday 19th May at 9.30 am followed by morning tea.

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