

MANSFIELD PARISH

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

2nd/3rd December 2023

1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT 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:** (Used only when there is no Entrance Hymn)

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 79: 2-3, 15-16, 18-19

R. Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face and we shall be saved.

O shepherd of Israel, hear us, shine forth from your cherubim throne. O Lord, rouse up your might, O Lord, come to our help.

God of hosts, turn again, we implore, look down from heaven and see. Visit this vine and protect it, the vine your right hand has planted.

May your hand be on the man you have chosen, the man you have given your strength. And we shall never forsake you again: give us life that we may call upon your name.

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➤ **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Alleluia, alleluia! Lord, sow us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation. 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)

The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.

➤ **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: St Ambrose

Friday: Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Second Sunday of Advent Year B

1st Reading: Isaiah 40: 1-5, 9-11

Resp Psalm: Ps 84: 9-14

2nd Reading: 2 Peter 3: 8-14

Gospel: Mark 1: 1-8

Recently deceased: Father Gerard Dowling OAM DE

Anniversary Prayers: Alma O'Brien

Prayers for those who are sick: 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
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EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

5th – 8th December

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

MASSES NEXT WEEKEND 9th/10th December

Saturday 6pm Mansfield
Sunday 9am Mansfield
11am Liturgy of the Word & Communion Service
at Jamieson.

First & Second Sundays of the month:

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

ROSTERS for 9th/10th December

SATURDAY 9th December:

Reader/ Prayers of the Faithful: Fay Smith

Special Minister: Helem Mullins

SUNDAY 10th December:

Reader /Prayers of the Faithful: Mike O'Halloran

Special Minister: Dennis Mahoney

Communion to the Sick: Zaldah Kirley

Counting: Pat Gardiner & John Berry

Church Cleaning: 27/11 – 9/12 Kevin Murphy

Flowers for December: Rita Riley

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - HOPE

In Latin *adventus* "coming; arrival", translated from Greek *parousia*, is the term used for the Second Coming of Christ. Advent is a season of the liturgical year of waiting and preparation for the threefold coming of Christ. The celebration of the Nativity of Christ at Christmas, the reception of Christ as he comes to us, in the 'present', in the sacraments, the word of God and those around us and of Christ's Second Coming. Jesus tells his disciples in this weekend's gospel: 'Be on your guard, stay awake...' and we hear our Lord saying 'stay awake' three times this weekend. In biblical numerology three means harmony, new life, and completeness but it also used to describe intensity or emphasis of something like Holy, holy, holy.

Every time we celebrate the Eucharist, we proclaim the Mystery of Faith that Christ will come again. We are exhorted by Jesus that he will surely come again and not to grow tired waiting for Him but also to be aware that He come to us every day in everyone, in his Word and the Sacraments. We await our Lord's *parousia* in hope. Christ the King of the Universe is the title of Jesus in relation to the Kingdom of God as we profess in the Creed: 'Christ is seated at the right hand of God'. Christ is explicitly identified as King in scripture. To name a couple of passages in the gospels, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews?" (Matthew 2:2) and Pilate asking Jesus the question, "Are you the king of the Jews?" (John 19:33). To this question on his kingship and kingdom Jesus answers: "My kingship is not of this world" (John 19:36). This King was born in a lowly manger and not in a worldly palace. St Paul writes to the Romans that "the Kingdom of God is not food and drink but righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit" (Romans 14:17). When Christ is crowned King in our lives, families and homes then we will experience his Kingdom in the Holy Spirit. We pray that the whole world will experience Christ's Kingdom of Peace.

✠ Fr George

NEWS AROUND OUR PARISH

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

A VERY WARM WELCOME to Father Peter Ray who is our celebrant this weekend. We hope you enjoy your time in Mansfield Father.

PIETY STALL: Columban Calendars - \$10 each and St Vinnies Christmas cards (\$5 a pack of 5) are now on sale.

ST VINNIES CHRISTMAS TREE: Please take a tag from the Christmas tree in the foyer of the Church and return the item mentioned on it by 17th December.

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

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES IN OUR PARISH

CHRISTMAS EVE

5pm Bonnie Doon

6.30pm Mansfield

8pm Jamieson

CHRISTMAS DAY

9am Mansfield

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 \$410, Loose \$409.40, Presbytery \$416.40

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>

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