

MANSFIELD PARISH

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

11th/12th December 2021

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR C



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)

Rejoice in the Lord always, again I say rejoice indeed, the Lord is near.

➤ **RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

R. Cry out with joy and gladness; for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.

Truly, God is my salvation, I trust, I shall not fear. For the Lord is my strength, my song, he became my saviour. With joy, you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

Give thanks to the Lord, give praise to his name! make his mighty deeds known to the peoples! Declare the greatness of his name.

Sing a psalm to the Lord for he has done glorious deeds, make them known to all the earth! People of Zion, sing and shout for joy for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

R. Cry out with joy and gladness; for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.

➤ **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Alleluia, alleluia! The Spirit of the Lord is upon me: he sent me to bring Good News to the poor. Alleluia!

➤ **THE MYSTERY OF FAITH:**

We proclaim your Death O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

➤ **COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** (Used only when there is no Communion Hymn)

Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear. Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.

Recently deceased: Alma O'Brien

Prayers for those who are sick:

Amy, George D'Arcy, Amy Duckworth, Logan, Enzo Robinson, Patricia Lawson, Bernie Carroll, David Arbuthnot, Margaret Ramma, Tom and Bernard Read

To book St Mary's Hall please call Greg Hogarth on ☎0408 618 135

St Vincent de Paul (St Mary's Hall) Tuesday & Friday 1pm – 3pm ☎5775 3156

President: Zaldah Kirley on ☎0427 500 260

Mansfield Catholic Parish



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.**

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS 14th – 17th Dec

Monday 6pm St Mary's School Graduation Mass

Tuesday 9am Rosary 9.30am Mass

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Weekday Masses 8.30am (Fully Vaccinated only)

Weekday Masses 9.30am (Vaccination status not required)

First Fridays 9am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

MASSES NEXT SUNDAY 18th /19th December

Saturday 6pm Mansfield (Vaccination status not required)

Sunday 9am Mansfield (Fully Vaccinated only)

6pm Bonnie Doon (Vaccination status not required)

1st & 3rd Sunday 6.00 pm Bonnie Doon (Vaccination status not required)

2nd & 4th Sunday 11.00 am Jamieson (Vaccination status not required)

ROSTERS for 18th/19th December

SATURDAY 18th Dec:

Reader/ Prayers of the Faithful: Mark Henry

Special Minister: Rita Riley

SUNDAY 19th Dec:

Reader/ Prayers of the Faithful: Val Kirley

Special Minister: Zaldah Kirley

Counters: Tammy Chrisp & Glenys Nixon

Church Cleaning 6/12 - 18/12 Mike O'Halloran

Maintenance:

13/12 - 27/12 Brendan Griffin Front of Church

13/12 - 27/12 Dale Daly Back of Church & back

of Father George's residence

SACRAMENTS IN THE MANSFIELD PARISH

BAPTISMS

Baptisms are usually held on Saturdays. Please call the Parish Office on 5775 2005

MARRIAGES

Please contact the Parish Office on 5775 2005

PLEASE NOTE: 3 months' notice is required before a wedding.

RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 9.45am & 5.30pm

Gaudete Sunday is the third Sunday of Advent, from the Latin word *Gaudete* ("Rejoice"), the first word of the introit or entrance antiphon of this weekend's Mass, from Philippians 4:4. The readings and the lighting of the pink candle in the Advent wreath this weekend reflect this joy. The text of the Annunciation in Luke 1:28 '*chaire kecharitomene*' which is 'Hail' or 'Rejoice, full of grace' is the name Mary possesses in God's sight. 'For the messenger greets Mary as "full of grace"; he calls her thus as if it were her real name. He does not call her by her proper name: Miriyam (= Mary), but *by this new name: "full of grace"* (*Encyclical Letter Redemptoris Mater of the Supreme Pontiff, John Paul II, on the Blessed Virgin Mary in the Life of the Pilgrim Church*, p. 8). The fact that should not be forgotten is that the announcement by the angel is unique in human history and thus the expression of '*chaire*', which is 'Rejoice', is more suitable for this occasion. The invitation to joy is appropriate for the announcement of the coming of the Messiah. This text parallels this weekend's First Reading from the Old Testament oracle of the Prophet Zephaniah, "Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem!" (Zephaniah 3:14). There is a mention of the Lord's presence in verse 15, "The King of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst". There is the exhortation not to fear and the promise of God's saving presence, "Do not fear, O Zion; let not your hands grow weak. The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory" (16-17). The comparisons lead one to recognize Mary as the new "daughter of Zion", who has reason to rejoice since God has decided to fulfil his plan of salvation. We are called this Sunday to Rejoice with Mary, the Mother of our Lord and our Mother.

Fr George

NEWS AROUND OUR PARISH

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES:

Dec 24th 5pm Bonnie Doon

6.30pm Mansfield

8pm Jamieson

Dec 25th 9am Mansfield

6pm Saturday Vigil Mass

CHRISTMAS HAMPER RAFFLE will be drawn after Mass on 19th December.

COLUMBAN CALENDARS are on sale from at \$9 each.

BEAUTIFUL HANDMADE GLASS CHRISTMAS TREE ORNAMENTS are for sale after Mass. These are handmade by Charlotte Robinson and range in price from \$4 - \$15. See Fr George or Charlotte.

CONGRATUATIONS to the year 6 students of St Mary's who are graduating. Happy holidays to all the students and the staff.

THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES for the next 12 months are available at the back of the church. There is an envelope for **EVERY** contributor whether you contribute by envelope, cheque or direct debit.