

# MANSFIELD PARISH

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

18<sup>th</sup> /19<sup>th</sup> December 2021  
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR C



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

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Rather than visit, we would prefer that you call or email Nance.

**St Mary's Primary School – Principal & Parish Safety Officer – Mrs Trish Etccl 5775 2670**

➤ **ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** (Used only when there is no Entrance Hymn)

Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just One; let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour.

➤ **RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

**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.

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

➤ **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

*Alleluia, alleluia! I am the servant of the Lord: may his will for me be done. 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)

Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son; and his name will be called Emmanuel.

**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

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## 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 21<sup>st</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec

Tuesday 9am Rosary 9.30am Mass  
Wednesday 9am Rosary 9.30am Mass  
Thursday 9am Rosary 9.30am Mass  
First Fridays 9am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

### CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES:

Dec 24<sup>th</sup> 5pm Bonnie Doon  
6.30pm Mansfield  
8pm Jamieson

Dec 25<sup>th</sup> 9am Mansfield

### MASSES NEXT SUNDAY 25<sup>th</sup> /26<sup>th</sup> December

Saturday 6pm Mansfield (Vigil Mass)

Sunday 9am Mansfield  
11am Jamieson

1st & 3rd Sunday 6.00 pm Bonnie Doon 2nd & 4th Sunday  
11.00 am Jamieson 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays 11am Tolmie

This is the last Sunday of Advent before Christmas. In Luke's gospel this weekend, we hear the baby John the Baptist leap in the womb of Elizabeth and her expression of joy and praise to God when Mary, carrying Jesus in her womb, visits her. Christmas is the season of joy and praise. We express our joy and praise to God through Christmas carols exalting the birth of our Saviour. The combination of two Greek words *khoros* (χορός) and *aulos* (αὐλός) is '*khoraules* (χοραυλες) which means 'reed or wind instrument accompanying a choral dance' is '*choraules*' in Latin. '*khoraules* (χοραυλες) in Greek, which in Latin is '*choraules* / *choraula*' means flute player or reed pipe player. Carol could have originated from this Latin word *choraula*. The meaning of carol is a circle dance accompanied by singing (round dance singing); to praise or celebrate in song; to sing; specially to sing joyfully; a song of praise, joy, exultation, or mirth. A Christmas carol is a devotional song of praise, joy, exultation, and mirth, which relates the birth of Christ, the events surrounding that glorious birth and tells all about Christmas. May we join the heavenly hosts this Christmas joyfully praising the birth of Christ.

Fr George

## NEWS AROUND OUR PARISH

CHRISTMAS HAMPER RAFFLE will be drawn after Mass this Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> 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.

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

### ROSTERS for 25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup> December

#### SATURDAY 25<sup>th</sup> Dec at 6pm:

**Reader/ Prayers of the Faithful:** Tony Riley  
**Special Minister:** Helen Mullins

#### SUNDAY 26<sup>th</sup> Dec at 9am:

**Reader/ Prayers of the Faithful:** Val Kirley  
**Special Minister:** Jan Berry

**Counters:** Nance & John Rutley

**Church Cleaning 20/12 – 1/1/22** Griffin Girls

#### 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