

MANSFIELD PARISH

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

25th/26th December 2021

THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY 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)

The shepherds went in haste, and found Mary and Joseph and found the Infant lying in a manger.

➤ **RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

R. How happy they who dwell in your house, O Lord.

How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord, God of hosts. My soul is longing and yearning, is yearning for the courts of the Lord. My heart and my soul ring out their joy to God, the living God.

They are happy, who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise. They are happy, whose strength is in you; they walk with ever growing strength.

O Lord, God of hosts, hear my prayer, give ear, O God of Jacob. Turn your eyes, O God, our shield, look on the face of your anointed.

R. How happy they who dwell in your house, O Lord.

➤ **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Alleluia, alleluia! Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen to the words of your son, 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)

Our God has appeared on the earth, and lived among us.

Anniversaries: George Atta

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 28th Dec – 1st Jan

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| Tuesday | 9am Rosary | 9.30am Mass |
| Wednesday | 9am Rosary | 9.30am Mass |
| Thursday | 9am Rosary | 9.30am Mass |
| Friday | 9am Rosary | 9.30 am Mass |
| Saturday | 9am Rosary | 9.30 am Mass |

First Fridays 9am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

MASSES NEXT SUNDAY 1st /2nd January

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

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

ROSTERS for 1st/2nd January

SATURDAY 1st January:

Reader/ Prayers of the Faithful: Anna McKenzie
Special Minister: Vacant **Can you help out?"

SUNDAY 2nd January:

Reader: Mike O'Halloran
Prayers of the Faithful: Trish Ryan
Special Minister: Dennis Mahoney

Counters: David Bock & Ray Close

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

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

The family is the basic and primary unit of society. Jesus was both God and Man. Though he was God, as a human being, Jesus responded to God in a human manner by being born into a human family and growing up as a normal human being. God chose Mary to be the mother and Joseph to be her spouse, in order that His only Son be born into a human family. It was the salvific plan of God and Joseph and Mary cooperated with it wholeheartedly. Joseph is described as a just man (Mt 1:19) and Mary is blessed among women and the one who has found favour with God (Lk 1: 28, 30). Both of them strive to do the will of God. Every child has a right to a home, a home where parents are united through an exclusive and faithful wedlock. It is here that children find support, protection and guidance from their father and mother. Jesus did experience this from his family. Though little is known about Joseph, the foster father of Jesus, we find that he is a man of obedience and faith and so is Mary, the mother of Jesus. Our Lord lived in a family and experienced the warmth of a mother, the love of a father and the presence of all the members of his family around him while he lived here on earth. As we celebrate the Solemnity of the Holy Family, let us pray for all families in Mansfield and all over the world that they may grow in the warmth of love, joy and peace.

Fr George

NEWS AROUND OUR PARISH

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

CUPPA AND CAR BOOT SALE AFTER

MASS: There will be a cuppa after 9am Mass next Sunday. The car boot sale will be an ongoing monthly event after 9am Mass on the first Sunday of each month instead of the stall in the hall.

SATURDAY 1st JAN: There will be Mass at 9.30am celebrating the solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God.

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.