

# MANSFIELD PARISH

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> October 2021

27<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B



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

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**Office Hours:** Wednesday & Friday 9am – 3.30pm. Rather than visit, we would prefer that you call or email Nance.

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

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

➤ **RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

**R. May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.**

O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways! By the labour of your hands you shall eat. You will be happy and prosper.

Your wife will be like a fruitful vine in the heart of your house; your children like shoots of the olive, around your table.

Indeed thus shall be blessed the man who fears the Lord. May the Lord bless you from Zion in a happy Jerusalem all the days of your life! May you see your children's children. On Israel, peace!

**R. May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.**

➤ **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

*Alleluia, alleluia! If we love one another, God will live in us in perfect love. 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 is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.

**Prayers for those who are sick:**

Amy, George D'Arcy, Amy Duckworth, Logan, Alma O'Brien, 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

## 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 – 20 persons (max)

**5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> October**

Tuesday 9am Rosary 9.30am Mass

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First Fridays 9am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

### MASSES NEXT SUNDAY 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> October

**Saturday 6pm** Mansfield

**Sunday 8.30 & 9.15am** Mansfield

**11am** Jamieson

1st & 3rd Sunday 6.00 pm Bonnie Doon

2nd & 4th Sunday 11.00 am Jamieson

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month 11.00 am Tolmie

You will need to book for weekend Masses at Trybooking – Mansfield Catholic Parish (20 people per Mass)

### ROSTERS for 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> October

**Counters:** David Bock & Ray Close

**Church Cleaning:** 27/9 – 9/10 Griffin Girls

**Maintenance:**

4/10 – 16/10 Glen Martin Front of Church

4/10 – 16/10 John Rutley Back of Church & back of Father George's residence

### SACRAMENTS IN THE MANSFIELD PARISH

#### BAPTISMS

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

On Line Sacramental information evening for confirmation candidates and parents - Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> October at 5.30pm

Confirmation – 5<sup>th</sup> November at 6pm

For further information, please contact the Parish Office.

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## Prayer and Witness.

In this weekend's gospel the Pharisees test Jesus with the question on divorce and the Law of Moses (Mark 10:2-12) because in the Book of Deuteronomy 24:1-4 there are prescribed grounds for divorce according to Mosaic Law. The grounds for divorce is 'unchastity' (Matthew 5:32;19:9). Jesus' answer to the prohibition of divorce is taken from the Book of Genesis which is the first reading this weekend. The plan of God from creation is the unity man and woman in marriage, which 'no one must put asunder'. From this, we understand that divorce did exist among the early Jews, Christians and wider society and does so even today.

In Matthews Gospel we read that 'Mary was betrothed to Joseph and when he found her to be with child he being a just man wanted to divorce her quietly' (Matthew 1:18-20). It is easy to read and continue perusing these passages. But contemplating this passage could reveal the tension that could have taken place between Mary and Joseph. Mary was with child before marriage to Joseph and according to Mosaic Law she was 'unchaste'. So, Joseph could divorce her. The thoughts of divorce that Joseph went through and its effects on Mary is something the unborn Jesus faced while still in the womb of his mother. Scripture testifies that baby John the Baptist leapt in pregnant Elizabeth's womb on hearing the voice of Mary the mother of Jesus who was also pregnant with Jesus. So also, while Jesus was in the womb of his mother Mary, did experience the effects of the misunderstandings that went on between his foster father Joseph and Mary. In this modern age, divorce is a reality. Children are the most affected in these cases. There was misunderstanding and lack of communication in the case of Joseph and Mary. But by the grace and intervention of God there was no break-up. In our present context, too we have families, which go through misunderstandings and break ups.

There could be innumerable causes for these break ups that we may not understand. So we need to be careful in judging families who are in such situations. Delores Kuenning, a Christian author, sums this up beautifully in the preface of her book *'Helping People Through Grief'*, "But human suffering is not confined to death grief. Pain also comes with the birth of babies with handicaps, with abortions, with divorce, with missing children, and with debilitating illness and injuries." Delores Kuenning quotes Kenneth A. Erickson, "Some assert that the loss in divorce is worse than the loss of death. After death, one recalls good things about the person. After a loss through divorce, one tends to remember unhappy, hostile experiences. Divorce is a death that is never complete; it tends to recur with each family contact after which the relationship dies all over again." The effects of divorce could be traumatic for some.

In our own time the increase in divorce, the legalization of same sex marriage, abortion and contraception has changed the moral fabric of society. There is a fear of regress in family values and marital fidelity in a society, which has achieved materialistic progress. It is in this background that we hear from Jesus about 'the union of marriage between a man and woman'. We are called to engage with our society that we live in with this message from Jesus on marital fidelity. The way to engage is to bear witness to the lived experience of marital fidelity. Before engaging, we need to withdraw; that is to be people of prayer. Hence, we are called to be people of prayer and witness.

**A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY:** The Sacramental Information Evening for confirmation candidates and their parents this coming Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> October at 5.30pm will be held online as we can have only twenty people for any religious event. Below is the link to the event on Trybooking.

<https://www.trybooking.com/815490>