

MANSFIELD PARISH

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

6th/7th November 2021

32nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B



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)

Let my prayer come into your presence. Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

➤ **RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

R. Praise the Lord, my soul!

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free.

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down. It is the Lord who loves the just, the Lord, who protects the stranger.

The Lord upholds the widow and orphan but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age.

R. Praise the Lord, my soul!

➤ **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Alleluia, alleluia! Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs! Alleluia!

➤ **THE MYSTERY OF FAITH:**

Save us Saviour of the world, for by your cross and resurrection you have set us free.

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

The disciples recognised the Lord Jesus in the breaking of bread.

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 9th – 12th November

Tuesday 9am Rosary 9.30am Mass
Wednesday 9am Rosary 9.30am Mass
Thursday 9am Rosary 9.30am Mass
10.15am Remembrance Day Mass with
St Mary's School
Friday 9am Rosary 9.30am Mass
First Fridays Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

MASSES NEXT SUNDAY 13th /14th November

Saturday 6pm Mansfield
Sunday 9am Mansfield
11am Jamieson

ROSTERS for 13th /14th November

SATURDAY 13th Nov:

Reader/ Prayers of the Faithful: Mark Henry
Special Minister: Helen Mullins

SUNDAY 14th Nov:

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

Counters: Pat Gardiner & John Berry

Church Cleaning 8/11 – 20/11 Griffin Girls

Maintenance:

8/11 – 20/11 Mark Henry Front of Church
8/11 - 20/11 Peter Laurence 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

First Eucharist – 21st November at 9am

For further information, please contact the Parish Office.

To give until it hurts

St Cyril of Jerusalem was made Bishop of Jerusalem around 350 AD. He left important writings, documenting the instruction of catechumens (those preparing for baptism). In one of his writings, he speaks about the twofold meaning of 'faith'. The first one is concerned with doctrine the second is what our Lord refers to as 'faith as a grain of mustard seed'. This weekend's gospel speaks about the scribes, who had knowledge of 'doctrine', and the poor widow whose faith was simple and small as the mustard seed. St Paul's writing to the Corinthians says, "Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up" (1 Corinthians 8:1). He continues in the same letter, "And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge and if I have all faith, so as to move mountains, but have no love I am nothing." (13:2). It is good to have knowledge about our faith but it is necessary that our actions are centred on love of God and one another. This weekend's gospel is not just about being generous with money but with ourselves as well. Love gives totally and completely, like the widow who "out of her poverty has put everything she had, her whole living." (Mark 12:44) It would have certainly have hurt the widow to give 'her whole living'. In the words of St Mother Teresa: "This is the true meaning of love, to give until it hurts". To give ourselves just as Christ gives himself in the Eucharist.

Fr George

NEWS AROUND OUR PARISH

LEAVING COLLECTION: There is a leaving collection at all Masses this weekend for the World Missions.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sunday 21st Nov: First Eucharist at 9am

Sunday 5th Dec: Parish picnic and Christmas celebration at Mirimbah. 12 noon Mass followed by picnic lunch. Please let Nance know if you will be able to come.

CONGRATULATIONS to all our young parishioners who were confirmed on Friday 5th of November.

You may remember we had a seminarian Huy with us for the Holy Week this 2021. We congratulate Deacon Huy Nguyen who was ordained a deacon on Saturday 5th November and pray God's blessing on him and his ministry.

THANK YOU parishioners and staff of St Mary's who helped out with the preparations for Confirmation on Friday.

THANK YOU also to Mick McCormack for arranging the chairs at the cemetery for the All Souls Day Mass.

WELCOME Fr Ken Boland who is celebrating Saturday night Mass as Fr George is attending Deacon Huy's ordination.

A MEETING of the Finance Committee and PAC will be held on Wednesday 10th Nov at 5.00 pm at the Parish Office

STALL IN THE HALL: This weekend will be the first of our monthly stalls in the hall. Tea and coffee will also be available.

DONATIONS FOR CHRISTMAS HAMPER RAFFLE: If you have any items suitable to include in a Christmas hamper raffle please contact Val Kirley on 0400 654 596. It will be drawn after Mass on 19th December. Tickets are \$2 each.

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