

MANSFIELD PARISH

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

11th/12th September 2021

24th 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)

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

➤ **RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

R. I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.

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, 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. I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.

➤ **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Alleluia, alleluia! My only glory is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, which crucifies the world to me and me to the world. 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)

How precious is your mercy, O God! The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.

Recently deceased: Michael Dillon

Anniversary prayers: Kevin & Val Griffin

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)

14th – 17th September

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

MASSES NEXT SUNDAY 18th/19th September

Saturday 6pm Mansfield
Sunday 8.30 & 9.15am Mansfield
5pm Bonnie Doon
1st & 3rd Sunday 5.00 pm Bonnie Doon
2nd & 4th Sunday 11.00 am Jamieson
5th 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 18th /19th September

Counters: Pat Gardiner & John Berry

Church Cleaning: 13/9 – 25/9 Mike O'Halloran

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

Sacramental information evening for confirmation candidates and parents - Friday 6th October at 5.30pm

Confirmation – 5th November at 6pm

For further information, please contact the Parish Office.

In this weekend's gospel, as an answer to the question put by Jesus to his disciples, 'But who do you say that I am?', we hear, Peter's response and declaration to Jesus, 'You are the Christ' (Mark 8:29). Immediately after that Jesus teaches his disciples that he was 'destined to suffer....rejected and be put to death, and after three days rise again' (Mark 8:31). Peter could not accept this and began to remonstrate with Jesus. Jesus rebuked Peter for this and said to him, 'Get behind me, Satan! Because the way you think is not God's way but man's' (Mark 8: 33). Following this we have the exhortation from the Lord 'to take up our cross and follow him' (Mark 8:34).

The Danish Christian philosopher Soren Kierkegaard in his work *Provocations: Spiritual Writings of Kierkegaard* writes of how Christ came into the world with the purpose of saving the world, not just instructing it, and at same time to be the **pattern**, to leave footprints for those who would join him, who would become a follower. Kierkegaard writes, 'This is why Christ was born and lived and died in lowliness. It is absolutely impossible for anyone to sneak away from the **Pattern** with excuse and evasion on the basis that **It**, after all, possessed earthly and worldly advantages that he did not have.' **It** is the **Pattern of Jesus**. Kierkegaard makes a distinction between the admirer and the follower. He says that the admirer never really makes any true sacrifices and plays it safe. He writes, 'Though in words, phrases, songs, the admirer is inexhaustible about how highly she/he prizes Christ, the admirer renounces nothing, will not reconstruct his/her life, and will not let his/her life express what it is he/she supposedly admires. Not so for the follower. No, no. The follower aspires with all his strength to be what he admires.'

This weekend's second reading does speak about the admirer and the follower, 'faith and good deeds' (James 2:14-18). We need to be admirers and also strive to be what we admire – to be followers of 'Christ', in and through the Eucharist we celebrate.

Later Peter led the Church, did suffer and died a martyr.

We don't need to go that far. Through our baptism we are called to be 'Jesus who went about doing good and healing all...' (Acts 10:38). We are to be good news to the poor, freedom for the prisoners, sight for the blind, to be liberators to those who are oppressed (Luke 4:18). Giving to all who come to us 'giving them the bare necessities of life' (James 2:16). Some may need food and clothing but for others it could be a listening ear, a soothing voice or a loving heart. This may not be easy but it is choosing 'God's way'. Yet, with all that it takes, let us try to be followers of the one we admire, Christ our Lord.

✠ Fr George

NEWS AROUND OUR PARISH

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY: A Sacramental information evening for confirmation candidates and parents will be held on 6th October at 5.30pm in St Francis Xavier's Church.

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