

MANLY FRESHWATER CATHOLIC PARISH

Mary Immaculate and St John the Baptist Churches

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 15th September 2024

Gospel Reflection

In today's Gospel, Peter is a model of vacillating faith - a model that mirrors our own reaction to the call to discipleship.

Caesar Philippi was a bazaar of worship places and temples, with altars erected to every concept of the divinity from the gods of Greece to the godhead of Caesar. Amid this marketplace of gods, Jesus asks Peter and the Twelve, "Who do people say that I am? . . . Who do you say that I am?" This is a turning point in Mark's Gospel: Until now, Mark's Jesus has been reluctant to have people believe in him only because of his miracles. Jesus talks, for the first time in Mark's Gospel, about dark things ahead: rejection, suffering, death and resurrection (concepts that the disciples are unable to grasp).

In this incident (recorded in all three synoptics), Peter immediately confesses his faith in Jesus as the Messiah – the Messiah of victory and salvation. But when Jesus begins to speak of a Messiah who will suffer rejection and death, Peter objects. Peter's reaction is ours, as well: We prefer to follow the popular, happy Jesus, the healing and comforting Jesus – but we back away from the suffering, humble, unsettling Jesus of the cross.

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Planning Meeting

Each year the Parish hosts a Lunch on Christmas Day for those in our

community who will be spending Christmas alone.

It's now time for us to look at how we can make our 2024 Christmas Day Lunch special for our guests and volunteers.

We will be holding a **Planning Meeting on Monday 16th September at 6pm** in the Parish Centre Manly. If you would like to be involved with the Planning Group, we invite you to come along – we would love to see some new faces and bring along your ideas.

WEEKDAY MASSES

During Fr Marek's leave the weekday Masses at 9:15am are as follows.

Manly: Tuesday, Thursday & Friday

Freshwater: Wednesday

We extend our thanks and appreciation once again to the Augustinian Fathers for their support with the weekend Masses during Fr Marek's leave.





ENQUIRY NIGHT

Invite your family & friends to

Come and See

on Tuesday 24 September at 7pm in the Parish Centre at Manly Freshwater Parish

Especially for Adults who are unbaptised or baptised in another Christian tradition and wanting to know more about the Catholic Faith.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a process for adults to learn and live the Good News of Jesus as revealed in the Bible, in the Catholic tradition and lived out in our community.

We explore the teachings, practices and history of the Catholic Church.

Our aim is for those who are unbaptised or come from another Christian background to come to a deeper understanding of God, our relationship to God and our Catholic community.

Be welcomed in a place where we can find acceptance and belonging through God's love and mercy. Contact: Parish Office for more details.



HAPPY 100th BIRTHDAY

VERONICA RINALDO who is a long time Freshwater parishioner will be celebrating

her 100th birthday next Thursday.

We wish her all God's blessings and please keep Veronica in your prayers.

LET US PRAY FOR

15th September 2024

Recently Deceased: David Richards

Anniversary:

Prayers for the sick in our parish: "Lord, grant them and their carers strength and courage" Stephen Robertson; Maureen Williams; Gerry Wybrandt; Amy Farrow; Patricia Duffy; Florencia Lira; Ken Waller; Mary Helen Fogarty; Belinda Nicholls; Jacqui Dawson; Gerry Ring; Zacchaeus Ratnam; Pat Smith; John Connors; Don Hews; Joan Jacobs; Paul Donnelly; Julie Wallis; Lyn Hillard; Ian Flynn; Jake Usher; Wayne Smedley; Apolinar Anasarias; Kay Flenady; Annette Frances O'Leary; Anna Kalayzich; Veronica Rinaldo; Chinnamma Puliparambil; Rena Curll; John Santos; Shirley Ford; Ana Maria Saladana; Rita Hogan

Dates to remember...

- CHANGES TO WEEKDAY MASSES see bulletin notice on front page
- Christmas Day Planning Meeting Monday 16 Sept at 6pm Parish Centre
- SMM Class Mass Thurs 19 Sept 9:15am
- Spanish Prayer Group Friday 13th Sept 6pm
- Cenacle of Our Lady

Manly: Tues 9:45am; Freshwater: Wed 9:45am

PARISH MORNING TEA



MANLY: every 3rd Sunday after the 10:30am Mass hosted by the Tongan Community.

FRESHWATER: every Sunday

after the 9am Mass in the parish hall.

Join us for morning tea and a chat.
All welcome and bring a friend.



CCD Ongoing Classroom Management training

Experienced SRE catechists are invited to join us for Ongoing Classroom Management training

in the next school holidays. Those who are due to renew this training will be contacted by their Parish Catechist Coordinator or CCD Registrations. Contact Alicia at our Registrations desk on registrations@bbcatholic.org.au or 02 8379 1673 for enquiries or to register. Flyer



If you are new to the Parish or are not currently registered we warmly welcome you and ask that you complete a Parish Census form.

This will assist us to connect with you and your family and advise you of any of our parish community activities.

The census form can be found on the back wall of the Church or at the side door entrance and may be left in the collection plate or emailed to the Parish Office - manlyfreshwaterparish@bbcatholic.org.au

KIDS ACTIVITY BULLETINS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE ENTRANCES TO THE CHURCH

THINGS YOU DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT THE MASS

Catholic stalkers on the streets of Rome

Ever get the feeling you're being followed? Like someone is close behind, following your every step?

...You're not alone...

Because, one day, while St Philip Neri was celebrating Mass in Rome, a man received Communion and left the church early. He seemed to have no regard for the Eucharist inside him, and so St Philip stopped quickly – and sent two altar boys with lighted candles to follow him.

After a while walking on the streets, the man turned around and saw them. Confused, he returned to the church, and asked Fr Philip for an explanation. The saint replied: "We must pay proper respect to Our Lord, Whom you are carrying with you. Since you neglect to adore Him, I sent two acolytes to take your place."

Classic St Philip.

Anyone who's read him knows he loved teaching in these outrageous ways. Still, I gotta admit, I kind of feel for the other guy. Because, really, how often is that us? Sure, we might stay to the end of Mass, but how easy it is for us to forget that we become *living tabernacles* for Our Lord? How easy it is for us to dash straight home, without even thinking about what we're invited to do after Mass?

So this week, dear friends, the question is simple...

As Catholics, what ought we do after Mass?

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To be honest, I don't think the answer is all that complicated. In Luke's Gospel, when the man asked Jesus what he must do to get to Heaven, Jesus pretty much says to him: "Love God and love neighbour." That's it. That's the key. These two commandments sum it all up.



And so when Mass finishes, and Father dismisses us to "Go in peace", we are called to go out as Christians, to love God, and to love our neighbour. Pretty simple, right?

...So then, what specifically can we do this Mass?

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Well, this week, let's just try two things. They're super easy, but for anyone seeking to grow closer to Christ, don't underestimate their spiritual power...

Firstly, love God – by giving Him one minute of thanks. After Mass, when the final hymn finishes, rather than leave immediately, just kneel down for *one minute* in silence, and thank God for allowing you to receive Him in the Holy Eucharist. Just one minute. As St Alphonsus Liguori states: "There is no prayer more agreeable to God, or more profitable to the soul than that which is made during the thanksgiving after Communion."

And secondly, love neighbour – by giving one minute of greeting. After leaving the church, when you're outside, greet a fellow Christian. Even better if you don't know them, but regardless, just spend a minute saying hello, for it's a powerful way to grow in charity. As St Paul says: "Stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encourage one another."

...And that's it. This week, after Mass, just give one minute to *God*, and one minute to *neighbour*. After all, these two little acts will not be forgotten – on the Last Day.

God bless you. Seminarian Matthew



PRAYER GROUP IN SPANISH GRUPO DE ORACION EN ESPANOL

A Prayer Group for Spanish Speaking families meet on a fortnightly basis.

All those who are interested in joining this fellowship gathering are most welcome including children.

Next meeting: Friday 13th September

Time: 6:00pm Place: Parish Meeting Room



Craft Group meets each week on Tuesday mornings from 10am to 12noon in the Parish Center. We invite you to come along for a cuppa and a chat in a friendly relaxed environment. Bring along your knitting or other craft if you wish.

Visitors to the area are more than welcome.



Lectio Divina Read his story in the Gospels. Spend time with him. Listen to what he says. Lectio Divina group meets in the Parish Centre

on Tuesday evening at 7pm and Wednesday mornings at 10am. All Welcome



CHRISTIAN MEDITATION Anyone interested in this form of silent prayer is most welcome to attend. We meet each Tuesday at 12:15pm in the Parish Centre.

"Be still and know that I am God" (Psalm 46: vs 10)



YOUTH GROUP GATHERING

We welcome all youth who are in High School (Yr 7 – Yr 12) to come along and join the Manly Freshwater Parish Youth Group which is held every **1st and 3rd Sunday** following the 6pm Mass (7pm – 9pm). Join us for free food and drinks, table tennis, basketball, party games, talks and new friends! Feel free to check out our instagram or send us an email!

Email: manlyfreshwatercatholicyouth@gmail.com Instagram: manlyfreshwatercatholicyouth@gmail.com



We would like to recommnece Communion to our parishioners who are unable to attend Mass on Sundays.

This includes our local Nursing Homes and parishioners at home.

We look forward to hearing from you if you have previously been a part of this ministry or if you are interesed in being trained as a Minister to the Sick. Please contact the parish office 9977 5822.

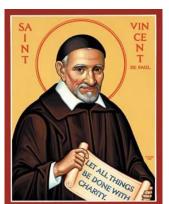


CAN'T GET TO MASS ON SUNDAY AND WANT TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION?

Many of you have not been able to come back to Mass on Sunday for different reasons. If you would like one of the Priest to visit you at home, please ring the parish office on 9977 5822



EUCHARISTIC ADORATION IN MANLY ON WEDNESDAYS 6pm – 7.30pm Quiet Prayer, Adoration and reconciliation will be available 6pm – 7pm concluding with Benediction



ST VINCENT DE PAUL FESTIVAL MASS.

This year's Festival Mass is being held at St John the Baptist Church Freshwater on Friday 27th September at 7pm.

We would like to invite all parishioners to come along to celebrate the Feast Day of St Vincent de Paul with

other conference members from the Northern Beaches.

Mass will be followed by supper in the Parish Hall.

For catering purposes please text Mick 0402 890 125 if you would like to attend.

Look forward to seeing you there.

God Bless Mick and Bruce

PARISH WEEKLY EVENTS

- Cenacle of Our Lady: Tues 9:45am Manly Church
- Craft Group: Tues 10:00am Parish Centre
- Christian Meditation: Tues 12:15pm Parish Centre
- Eucharistic Adoration: Weds 6:00pm Manly
- Lectio Divina: Tues 7.30pm & Weds 10am Parish Centre
- Piety Store: open on weekends or call the Parish Office
- Prayer Group in Spanish 2nd & 4th Friday 6pm Parish meeting room
- Reconciliation: Manly: Sat 10am 11am
- RCIA: Contact the Parish Office 9977 5822
- Rosary: Freshwater Tues Fri 8.45am in Church
- Youth Group (Yrs 7 Yr 12): 1st & 3rd Sunday 7pm – 9pm

PARISH MONTHLY EVENTS

- Anointing Mass: Manly & Freshwater 1st Friday 9:15am
- Parish Pastoral Council: contact Parish Office
- St Joseph Men's Group: 1st Thurs of the month 7pm
- St Vincent de Paul Conferences:
 Manly 1st Mon each month 5:30pm
 Freshwater 2nd Mon each month 5:30pm

Pope Francis Prayer Intention for September For the Cry of the Earth

"Let us pray that each of us hears with the heart the cry of the Earth and victims of natural disasters and climate change, personally committing to care for the world we inhabit."

Livestreaming on Facebook Sunday 8:30am Mass manlyfreshwaterparishfacebook/videos

PARISH SOCIAL MEDIA

<u>Parish facebook:</u> facebook.com/manlyfreshwaterparish <u>Parish website:</u> bbcatholic.org.au/manlyfreshwater

Manly Freshwater Parish promotes SAFEGUARDING which involves the implementation of proactive, common sense and practical ideas that ensure the safety of children and vulnerable adults in our MANLY community.



Thank you for your generous support. We encourage you to use the tap machines at the

Church entrances. If you prefer to use cash there will be **ONE** collection during Mass at the offertory at Manly and **TWO** at Freshwater.

PILOT PROGRAM -The Diocese has agreed for Manly to pilot a **ONE COLLECTION** at the weekend Masses. The Diocese will continue to monitor this.

The collection is for the First and Second Plates and will be allocated as follows:

- 25% to Supporting our Priests including the sick & retired in our Diocese.
- 75% to Parish operations and maintenance of building.

SUPPORT OUR PARISH & PRIESTS FINANCIALLY by using one of the following...

- Planned Giving: through a monthly direct debit or credit card. Please contact the parish office for more information 9977 5822.
- 2. Collection plates during Mass
- **3.** Tap and Go machines using your credit/debit card or EFTPOS Terminals.
- 4. Scan to Donate using the QR code to access our BPoint Donation page.
- 5. Direct into Parish Bank Accounts
 - 2nd collection Parish Bank Account Funds the running of the Parish Account Name: Manly Freshwater Parish

Bank Name: Commonwealth Bank Account # 100002025 BSB: 062 784

1st collection Supports our Priests
 Account: Manly Freshwater Parish Pastoral

Bank Name: Commonwealth Bank Account# 13958002 BSB: 062 784

HAS YOUR CREDIT CARD EXPIRED?

If you donate to the Parish using your credit card please let us know if you have a new card or the card has expired by contacting the Parish Office 9977 5822 or email manlyfreshwaterparish@bbcatholic.org.au

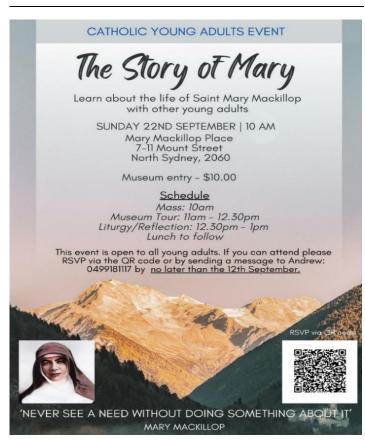
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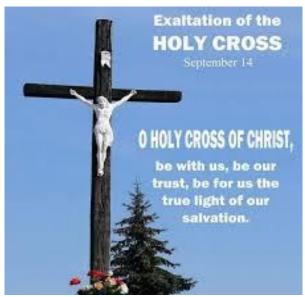
Please consider changing your giving from a credit card deduction to a direct debit from your bank account. Please contact the parish office to have this set up automatically for you.

Bequests – Remembering your faith community in your Will! After providing for family members in your Will, have you ever considered leaving a bequest directly to your local parish or the Diocese of Broken Bay? This is called a legacy or bequest. Over the years, many people who have felt a special connection with their local parish and church have left part of their Estate to their Parish Like a gift to a charity, a bequest of any amount to the Church is a way of saying "thank you" for the spiritual nurturing provided to you and your family over the years. If you would like further information on bequests including how we can acknowledge your generosity in your lifetime, please speak with your Parish Priest or the Broken Bay Diocese Office for Communications on 8379 1664.

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF NORTH HARBOUR ALPHA YOUTH FOR 18 – 35ish









In preparation for the Jubilee Year "Pilgrims of Hope", 2023-24 has been designated the Year of Prayer by Pope Francis, with a particular empahsis on the Our Father. This presents our Church with a significant opportunity to revisit the basics of prayer, and for us to become even more a people of prayer,

Someone once said that 'prayer doesn't help our relationship with God, prayer IS our relationship with God!' and so when we become more devoted to prayer, we are building up that Divine friendship. Being Pilgrims of Hope means that we should always be growing in our love of prayer on our journey of Faith. But the Year of Prayer also asks us to consider how we might help others to pray, so that they can experience a personal encounter with the risen Jesus.

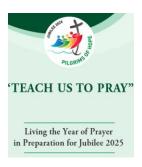
Can you teach at least one other person to pray, as Our Lord taught His disciples, during this Year of Prayer?

God of blessings, in this year ahead, give us a spirit of listening, of openness to your word and longing for your kingdom.

As we journey toward the Jubilee, a time of new beginnings, we pray for help and strength, to heal our relationships with each other and all creation.

Sing your song of love over us, renewing our faith and courage, so we may join our voices together, discovering new harmonies of hope, new melodies of reconciliation

Attentive to the Spirit, and awake to the needs of the world, may we seek your life-giving presence, as we join as one global family, in a great symphony of prayer and praise. Amen



Our Vicar General, Very Rev Dr David Ranson, has prepared a Meditation Series of Christian Prayer. This is in preparation for the 2025 Jubilee.

The Introduction to the series and the first three videos in the series can be found at the link below.

https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/mission/year-of-prayer or on the Diocese YouTube channel

The Year of Prayer is meant to help Catholics individually and as a community to prepare to receive God's grace. May prayer be the compass that guides, the light that illuminates the path and the strength that sustains us on the pilgrimage that will lead to entering the Holy Door in 2025, the traditional sign of having made a jubilee pilgrimage. Through prayer, may we arrive at the Holy Door with our hearts ready to welcome the gifts of grace and forgiveness that the Jubilee offers as a vivid expression of our relationship with God.



Save the Date CCD Annual Mass

Saturday 16 November 11.30am at Our Lady

of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara

The CCD Annual Mass is our opportunity to recognize and celebrate the devoted SRE catechists in our Diocese. We honour those who have served our ministry for 15 years or more, and this year we are thrilled to present a 60 years of service award. We also recognize catechists who have achieved high levels of training. We invite all clergy to concelebrate the Mass, and all catechists, family, friends and parishioners are welcome to attend.





Is God calling you to make a difference in vocations ministry?

Serra vocations Mass and dinner meeting Thursday 26th Sept 2024 at Sacred Heart Church at 6:30pm

Our Mass celebrant and after dinner speaker will be Father Gerard Moran OCD Assistant Priest at Corpus Christi Parish St Ives.

His topic: "The Nature of a Discalced Carmelite Vocation and the Carmelites in Australia since 1948"

Please remember to pray every day for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, the consecrated life, ecclesial women, all seminarians, novices, and for the residence of Joseph House Discernment Centre. Please also pray for the perseverance of existing vocations.

For catering purposes kindly telephone Henry or Anna Leung on 0478 083 116 or email annayytleung@yahoo.com.au or telephone Terry Scanlan on 0438 887 295 or email terry_scanlan@bigpond.com if you are planning to attend.

PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND AND MEDJUGORJE – update from Fr Marek



In Poland we were welcomed by an iconic Australian photo.

What are the chances they knew we were coming!!!!



Our pilgrmage has just begun. Our First Mass at the Warsaw Airport. More pilgrims are still to join us. We brought around 500 of your intentions and we offer them at every Mass and we ask you to pray for us in return. May it be a fruitful pilgrimage.

Our pilgrams had a good time at the King's Summer residence with Poland's most amazing classical music composer Chopin, as well as posing with the King's Palace on the Water.





Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time- Year B

(NOTE: Readings for the Freshwater Family Mass will be taken from the Children's Lectionary)

First Reading

Isaiah 50:5-9 (JB)

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

I gave my body to those who struck me.

The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed. My vindicator is here at hand. Does anyone start proceedings against me? Then let us go to court together. Who thinks he has a case against me? Let him approach me. The Lord is coming to my help, who dare condemn me?

The word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 114:1-6, 8-9 (JB)

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

I love the Lord for he has heard the cry of my appeal; for he turned his ear to me in the day when I called him. R.

They surrounded me, the snares of death, with anguish of the tomb; they caught me, sorrow and distress. I called on the Lord's name. O Lord my God, deliver me! R.

How gracious is the Lord, and just; our God has compassion. The Lord protects the simple hearts; I was helpless so he saved me! R.

He has kept my soul from death, my eyes from tears and my feet from stumbling. I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living. R.

Second Reading

James 2:14-18 (JB)

A reading from the letter of St James

Faith without good works is dead.

Take the case, my brothers, of someone who has never done a single good act but claims that he has faith. Will that faith save him? If one of the brothers or one of the sisters is in need of clothes and has not enough food to live on, and one of you says to them, 'I wish you well; keep yourself warm and eat plenty,' without giving them these bare necessities of life, then what good is that? Faith is like that: if good works do not go with it, it is quite dead.

This is the way to talk to people of that kind: 'You say you have faith and I have good deeds; I will prove to you that I have faith by showing you my

good deeds - now you prove to me that you have faith without any good deeds to show.'

The word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Galatians 6:14 (JB)

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!

Gospel

Mark 8:27-35 (JB)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark You are the Christ ... the Son of Man was destined to suffer much.

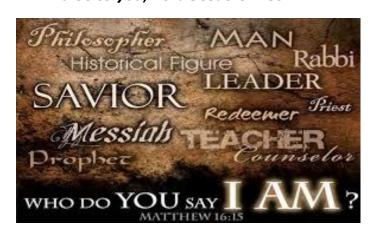
Jesus and his disciples left for the villages round Caesarea Philippi. On the way he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say I am?' And they told him. 'John the Baptist,' they said, 'others Elijah; others again, one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he asked, 'who do you say I am?' Peter spoke up and said to him, 'You are the Christ.' And he gave them strict orders not to tell anyone about him.

And he began to teach them that the Son of Man was destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and to be put to death, and after three days to rise again; and he said all this quite openly. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. But, turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said to him, 'Get behind me, Satan! Because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

He called the people and his disciples to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.







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St John the Baptist Church

cnr Johnson & Oliver St, Freshwater 2096

Parish Pastoral Council:

Michael McGrath (Chair); Ivica Covic (Deputy Chair); John Zemek (Deputy Chair); Val Buono; Patricia Carroll; Margaret Dent; Robert Marshall; Peter Nacard; Ian Press

Weekend Masses:

Manly: Saturday Vigil 6:00pm

Sunday 8:30am, 10:30am, 6:00pm

Freshwater: Saturday Vigil 5:00pm

Sunday 9am

Weekday Masses: Manly & Freshwater

Tuesday - Friday 9:15am

Baptisms: please contact the parish office **Reconciliation**: *Manly* Sat 10am – 11am

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