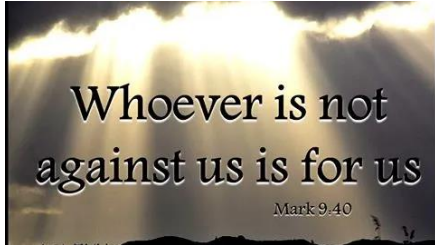




# MANLY FRESHWATER CATHOLIC PARISH

Mary Immaculate and St John the Baptist Churches

**Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 29th September 2024**



## Gospel Reflection

As we have seen throughout Mark's Gospel, the people of Jesus' time held great stock in the

existence of demons: whatever mental illness or physical infirmity they could not understand was caused by some "demon." It was also the belief that a demon could be exorcised if one could invoke the name of a still more powerful spirit to order the evil and unclean spirit out of a person.

John, a member of Jesus' inner circle, tried to stop someone who was cashing in on Jesus' growing reputation as a healer by invoking Jesus' name to cast out a demon. John's concern, at first reading, appears to have some merit – but recall the on-going battle among the disciples as to who is the greatest among them. Jesus responds, therefore, by condemning his followers' jealousy and intolerance, warning against an elitist view of discipleship that diminishes the good done by those we consider "outsiders."

Today's Gospel selection includes Jesus' exhortation that it is better to lose one's limb if it leads one to sin. Two notes about these final verses:

The "millstone" Jesus speaks of is the large piece of stone that is turned by a pack animal to grind grain. Drowning a criminal by tying him to one of these large heavy stones was a method of execution in Rome and Palestine.

Gehenna was a vile place in Jewish history. The young King Ahaz (2 Chronicles 38: 3) practiced child immolation to the "fire god" at Gehenna. In Jesus' time, Gehenna, a ravine outside Jerusalem, served as the city's refuse site. Gehenna became synonymous with our concept of hell for the Jews.

*Connectionmediaworks*



Children's Liturgy will commence on Sunday 13th October during the 10:30am Mass. It will continue to be held on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month at 10:30am Mass. This will cater for children aged 3 to 8 years old. Each week a theme that correlates to the readings and Gospel is presented to the children using age-appropriate materials. The adult catechists incorporate prayer, song, group discussion, worksheets and other activities so the children can relate the Word of God to daily life. The children leave the church after a blessing from the priest, gather in the parish meeting room, and return during the offertory.



In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus Christ instructs his Apostles to care for those who are hungry, thirsty, sick, in prison and poor.

In those who are oppressed or struggling, Jesus identifies himself. "Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me," he says. (Matthew 25:45 NRSVCE).

Saint Vincent de Paul took this instruction to heart throughout his life, so much so, he is the patron of all works of charity.

As a young priest, he was kidnapped and auctioned off as a slave, spending two years in bondage. This, along with other experiences with the poor, led to a change of heart in Saint Vincent, who had originally envisioned a life of leisure as a priest.

Instead, he dedicated his priestly ministry to serving the neglected and the poor, those in small villages and other areas which were largely abandoned by the rest of society.

He helped to found the Congregation of the Mission, known as the Vincentians, to bring the Good News to the poor and minister to them. He also founded the Company of the Daughters of Charity, a group of women who served the poorest of the poor.

So strong was his influence and example, that the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul was named after him two centuries after his death. Known in Australia as "Vinnies", this society continues the great work of Saint Vincent in more than 150 countries across the globe, serving the poor and witnessing to the intrinsic dignity of every single person.

Saint Vincent's desire to serve the poor was first and foremost driven by an encounter with Jesus Christ.

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*This year's SVDP Festival Mass is being held at St John the Baptist Church Freshwater this 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.*

**LET US PRAY FOR** 29th September 2024

**Recently Deceased:** Antonio Calvetere

**Anniversary:** Geoff Martin

**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; 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 Cull; John Santos; Shirley Ford; Ana Maria Saladana; Rita Hogan

### Dates to remember...

- **Anointing Mass at Manly and Freshwater**  
Friday 4 Oct at 9:15am
- **Spanish Prayer Group** Friday 11th Oct at 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.**



### 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](https://www.facebook.com/manlyfreshwaterparish/videos)

### PARISH SOCIAL MEDIA

**Parish facebook:** [facebook.com/manlyfreshwaterparish](https://www.facebook.com/manlyfreshwaterparish)

**Parish website:** [bbcatholic.org.au/manlyfreshwater](https://www.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.*



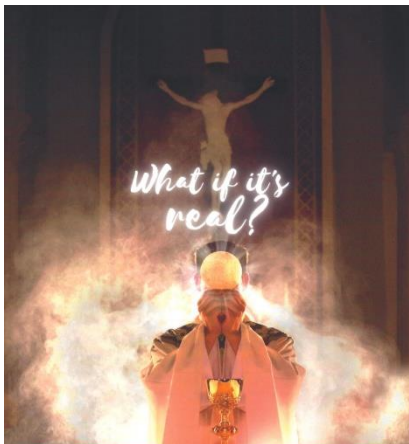
**BROKEN BAY NEWS  
SEPTEMBER EDITION  
NOW AVAILABLE  
IN THE CHURCH**

**KIDS ACTIVITY BULLETINS ARE AVAILABLE  
AT THE ENTRANCES TO THE CHURCH**

Matthew is attending the Ignite Conference with the Youth Group and Young Adults this week so was unable to include his weekly message.




Please keep all those who are attending the Ignite Conference in your prayers.



COMMENCING:  
28 OCTOBER  
PROGRAM  
IS MADE UP OF  
5 SESSIONS  
HELD  
ON MONDAYS  
FROM 7.30PM  
TO 9PM  
AT PARISH  
MEETING ROOM

**ALTARATION**  
THE MYSTERY OF THE MASS REVEALED

DO I HAVE TO COME TO MASS?  
WHAT IS ACTUALLY HAPPENING DURING MASS?  
IS MASS MORE THAN JUST AN OLD STORY?  
AND MANY MORE QUESTIONS ANSWERED

 MANLY FRESHWATER PARISH

**Altaration** addresses head-on one of the biggest problems we all face: how do we learn to appreciate the awesome beauty and mystery of the Mass...and to actually look forward to attending and participating?

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The goal of **Altaration** is not to fill our heads with information but to pierce our hearts with transformation.

**Come and join Fr Marek on Monday 28th October at 7:30pm in the Parish Meeting Room – 5 sessions for 1.5 hours.**

Please contact the parish office 9977 5822 or [manlyfreshwaterparish@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:manlyfreshwaterparish@bbcatholic.org.au) if you are interested.

Ministers of  
Communion  
for the Sick

We would like to recommence 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 interested 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



### 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 11th October

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 7:30pm 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](mailto:manlyfreshwatercatholicyouth@gmail.com)

Instagram: [manlyfreshwater\\_catholicyouth](https://www.instagram.com/manlyfreshwater_catholicyouth)



### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION IN MANLY ON WEDNESDAYS

**6pm – 7.30pm Quiet Prayer,  
Adoration and reconciliation will be  
available 6pm – 7pm concluding with  
Benediction**



### DAYLIGHT SAVINGS REMINDER SUNDAY 6TH OCTOBER 2024 Clocks turn forward 1 hour



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](mailto:manlyfreshwaterparish@bbcatholic.org.au)



### 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.

### 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](mailto:registrations@bbcatholic.org.au) or 02 8379 1673 for enquiries or to register. **Flyer**



### VACATION CARE SEP & OCT 2024

St Mary's Catholic School Manly 7:30am – 6:00pm

0409 455 359 [oshc.manly@catholiccaredbb.org.au](mailto:oshc.manly@catholiccaredbb.org.au)

27/9 Movie and fimo clay

30/9 Handball & handburgers

1/10 Roller Skating

2/10 Sensory play with sandy twist

3/10 Breakdancing

4/10 Bubble Bonanza

7/10 Public Holiday

8/10 Tie Dye

9/10 Mystery Day

10/10 Halloween Fun

11/10 Halloween Fun

14/10 Master Chef Day



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...

- 1. 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](mailto:manlyfreshwaterparish@bbcatholic.org.au)

### DIRECT DEBIT FROM BANK ACCOUNT

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.



### Prayer for the Synod

As we embrace this Synodal Process, this prayer invites the Holy Spirit to be at work in us so that we may be a community and a people of grace.

*We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name.*

*With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it.*

*We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions.*

*Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right.*

*All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen*

### Our Lady of Fatima Mass and Fundraiser.

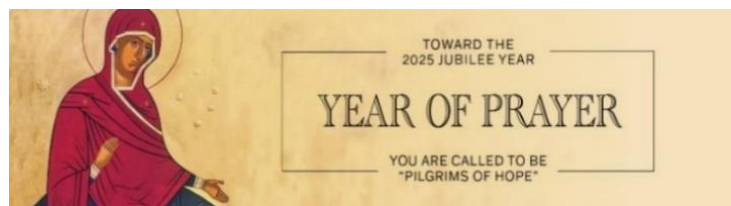


Proceeds to St Kevin’s Church Dee Why.

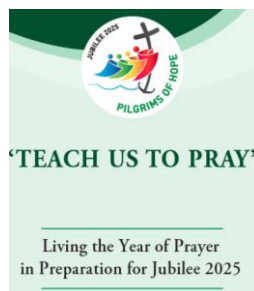
Sunday 13th October at 10.30am Mass followed by Lunch in St Kevin’s Church Hall.

Cost: \$50pp. Includes: 3 Course Meal, Wine and soft drinks. D J and Dancing.

RSVP: Louie Maruca: 0404 655 280



In preparation for the Jubilee Year "Pilgrims of Hope", 2023-24 has been designated the Year of Prayer by Pope Francis, with a particular emphasis 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.



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](#)

# PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND AND MEDJUGORJE – update from Fr Marek



Wadowice – the birthplace of St John Paul II. Here he was baptised and lived till he reached 18.



Lagiewniki – where St Faustina lived and had visions of Jesus.



St John Paul II cassock from 13th May 1981 with the marks of his blood.



Cracow – we visited the parish where St John Paul II was appointed as assistant priest for 2 years, St Mary' Basilica.



Another place from UNESCO list – Salt Mine Wieliczka with many chapels and a restaurant over 100 meters below ground. All the statues and most of the walls are of salt... yet, our lunch wasn't too salty.



## MINISTRY ROSTER – OCTOBER 2024 – MANLY

|                | Ministry    | Week 1<br>5 – 6 October          | Week 2<br>12 – 13 October         | Week 3<br>19 – 20 October                     | Week 4<br>26 – 27 October        |
|----------------|-------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
|                |             | 27 Sun in Ord Time               | 28 Sun in Ord Time                | 29 Sun in Ord Time                            | 30 Sun in Ord Time               |
| 6pm Vigil Mass | Server      | Kazuko Fischer                   | Louise Wareham                    | Louise Wareham                                | Louise Wareham                   |
|                | Readers     | Freya Zemek                      | Bill Tango                        | Rita Bruzzese                                 | Bill Tango                       |
|                | Music       | CD'S                             | CD'S                              | CD'S                                          | CD's                             |
|                | Warden      | John Zemek                       | John Zemek                        | John Zemek                                    | John Zemek                       |
|                | Piety Store | Elizabeth Bray Chiplin           | Merle Zemek                       | Elizabeth Bray Chiplin                        | Merle Zemek                      |
| 8:30am Mass    | Server      | Ken Thompson                     | Matthew French<br>Owen Koster     | Matthew French                                | Matthew French<br>Owen Koster    |
|                | Readers     | Jan Van Den Broek                | Patty Thomas                      | Patty Thomas                                  | Jan Van Den Broek                |
|                | Music       | Parish Choir                     | Parish Choir                      | Parish Choir                                  | Parish Choir                     |
|                | Warden      | Dom Ferragina                    | Dom Ferragina                     | Dom Ferragina                                 | Dom Ferragina                    |
|                | Piety Store | Jan Dorsen                       | Jan Dorsen                        | Jan Dorsen                                    | Jan Dorsen                       |
| 10:30am Mass   | Server      | Louise Wareham                   | Ivica Covic<br>Teresa Hearn       | Matthew French<br>Bernie Lawler               | Ivica Covic                      |
|                | Readers     | Katalina Taefotu<br>Ron Gravolin | Rita Bruzzese<br>Janie Fonua      | Carmel Lawler<br>Katalina Taefotu             | Rita Bruzzese<br>Janie Fonua     |
|                | Music       | Biance Zatz                      | Bianca Zatz<br>Parish Choir       | Tongan Choir                                  | Gina Marshall<br>Bianca Zatz     |
|                | Warden      | Paul Pervan                      | Paul Pervan                       | Paul Pervan                                   | Paul Pervan                      |
|                | Morning Tea |                                  |                                   | Tongan Community                              |                                  |
|                | Piety Store | Kim McGrath                      | Jenny Tucker                      | Kim McGrath                                   | Jenny Tucker                     |
|                | Server      | Matthew French<br>Gabriele Wan   | Matthew French<br>Richard Heasman | Ivica Covic<br>Owen Koster<br>Richard Heasman | Matthew French<br>Gabriele Wan   |
| 6pm Mass       | Readers     | Dean Gale                        | <b>Assistance Required</b>        | Youth Group                                   | Family Mass                      |
|                | Music       | <b>TBC</b>                       | Simon Hyland                      | <b>TBC</b>                                    | Family Mass                      |
|                | Warden      | Joanne Kalayzich<br>Mark Bateman | Joanne Kalayzich<br>Mark Bateman  | Joanne Kalayzich<br>Mark Bateman              | Joanne Kalayzich<br>Mark Bateman |
|                | Piety Store | Aira & Christian Escobio         | Aira & Christian Escobio          | Aira & Christian Escobio                      | Aira & Christian Escobio         |

## MINISTRY ROSTER – OCTOBER 2024 – FRESHWATER

|           | Ministry      | Week 1<br>5 – 6 October         | Week 2<br>12 – 13 October           | Week 3<br>19 – 20 October  | Week 4<br>26 – 27 October     |
|-----------|---------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|
|           |               | 27 Sun in Ord Time              | 28 Sun in Ord Time                  | 29 Sun in Ord Time         | 30 Sun in Ord Time            |
| 5pm Vigil | Server        | Lou Maruca                      | Ian Press                           | Mick O'Farrell             | Ian Press                     |
|           | Readers       | Amanda Whitfield                | Amanda Whitfield                    | Amanda Whitfield           | Joseph Press<br>Jessica Press |
|           | Music         | CD's                            | CD's                                | CD's                       | CD's                          |
|           | Welcomers     | Shirley Abbott                  | Shirley Abbott                      | Shirley Abbott             | Shirley Abbott                |
|           | Server        | Mick O'Farrell                  | Joanne Druery                       | Francis Raymond            | Amorina Wright                |
| 9am Mass  | Readers       | Patricia Brown<br>Luke Campbell | Vincent Bokanovic<br>Luka Bokanovic | Toni Walsh<br>Pam Brown    | Josh Wright<br>Jasmine Wright |
|           | Music         | Pat Brown                       | Pat Brown                           | Pat Brown                  | Pat Brown                     |
|           | Welcomers     | Sally Moffatt                   | Sally Moffatt                       | Sally Moffatt              | Sally Moffatt                 |
|           | Altar Society | N/A                             | Isabella & Phillip d'Souza          | N/A                        | Jacqui Good<br>Mary Arcus     |
|           | Morning Teas  | Joy family                      | Wright family                       | Angelica & Michael Rosatto | Wright family                 |

If you would like to take part in one of these ministries, please contact the parish office 9977 5822

# Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time– Year B

## First Reading *Numbers 11:25-29 (JB)*

A reading from the book of Numbers

*Are you jealous on my account? Who decrees that all people may prophesy?*

The Lord came down in the Cloud. He spoke with Moses, but took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. When the spirit came on them they prophesied, but not again.

Two men had stayed back in the camp; one was called Eldad and the other Medad. The spirit came down on them; though they had not gone to the Tent, their names were enrolled among the rest. These began to prophesy in the camp. The young man ran to tell this to Moses, 'Look,' he said 'Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.' Then said Joshua the son of Nun, who had served Moses from his youth, 'My Lord Moses, stop them!' Moses answered him, 'Are you jealous on my account? If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets, and the Lord gave his Spirit to them all!'

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

## Responsorial Psalm *Ps 18:8, 10, 12-14 (JB)*

**R. The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.**

The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul. The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple. R.

The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever. The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just. R. So in them your servant finds instruction; great reward is in their keeping. But who can detect all his errors? From hidden faults acquit me. R.

From presumption restrain your servant and let it not rule me. Then shall I be blameless, clean from grave sin. R.

## Second Reading *James 5:1-6 (JB)*

A reading from the letter of St James

*Your wealth is rotting.*

An answer for the rich. Start crying, weep for the miseries that are coming to you. Your wealth is all rotting, your clothes are all eaten up by moths. All your gold and your silver are corroding away, and the same corrosion will be your own sentence, and eat into your body. It was a burning fire that you stored up as your treasure for the last days. Labourers mowed your fields, and you cheated them - listen to the wages that you kept back, calling out; realise that the cries of the reapers have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. On earth you have had a life of comfort and luxury; in the time of slaughter you went on eating to your heart's content. It was you who condemned the innocent and killed them; they offered you no resistance.

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

## Gospel Acclamation *cf John 17:17 (JB)*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your word, O Lord, is truth: make us holy in the truth.

Alleluia!

## Gospel *Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48 (JB)*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

*Anyone who is not against us is for us. If your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off.*

John said to Jesus, 'Master, we saw a man who is not one of us casting out devils in your name; and because he was not one of us we tried to stop him.' But Jesus said, 'You must not stop him: no one who works a miracle in my name is likely to speak evil of me. Anyone who is not against us is for us.'

'If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just because you belong to Christ, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

'But anyone who is an obstacle to bring down one of these little ones who have faith, would be better thrown into the sea with a great millstone round his neck. And if your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life crippled, than to have two hands and go to hell, into the fire that cannot be put out. And if your foot should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life lame, than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. And if your eye should cause you to sin, tear it out; it is better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell where their worm does not die nor their fire go out.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

### **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

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