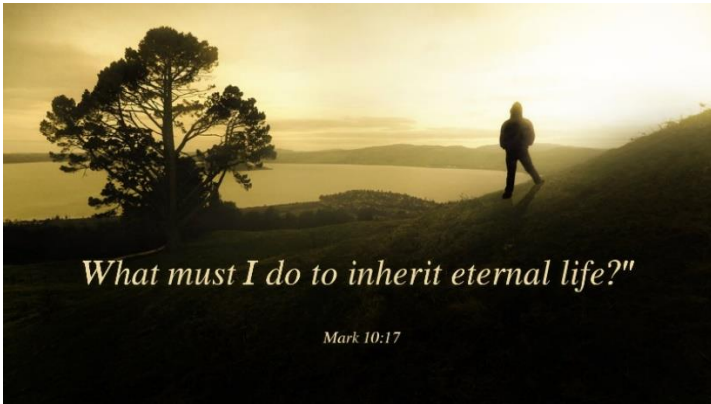




MANLY FRESHWATER CATHOLIC PARISH

Mary Immaculate and St John the Baptist Churches

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 13th October 2024



Gospel Reflection

The young rich man in today's Gospel is one of the most sympathetic characters in the Jesus story. Clearly, Jesus' teachings and healings have touched something in him, but his enthusiasm outdistances his commitment. Assuring Jesus that he has kept the "you shall NOTS" of the Law, Jesus confronts the rich young man with the "you SHALLS" of the reign of God: "Go and sell what you have and give it to the poor."

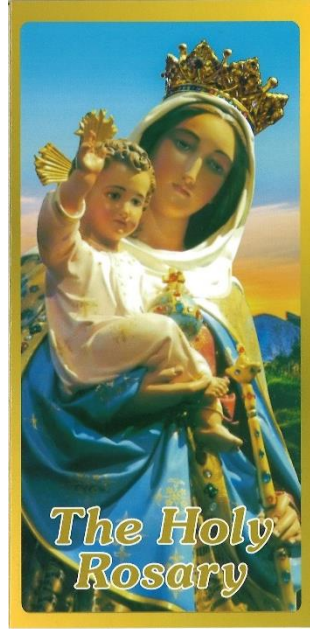
And, as Mark describes it, the man's face fell and "he went away sad." He can't bring himself to do it. His faith is not strong enough to give up the treasure he possesses for the "treasure in heaven." The young man walks away, sad certainly, and perhaps feeling even somewhat disillusioned that his hero Jesus is not what he thought and hoped he would be.

Then Jesus, speaking to his disciples, turns another Jewish belief upside down. Popular Jewish morality was simple: prosperity was a sign that one had found favor with God. There was a definite "respectability" to being perceived as wealthy and rich (how little things have changed). Great wealth, Jesus points out, is actually a hindrance to heaven: Rich people tend to look at things in terms of price, of value, of the "bottom line." Jesus preaches detachment from things in order to become completely attached to the life and love of God.

Throughout the Gospel, Jesus points to the inadequacy of viewing religion as a series of codes and laws. The young man was no different than his contemporaries in seeing one's relationship with God as based on a series of negatives ("you shall not"). Discipleship is not based on NOT doing and avoiding but on DOING and acting in the love of God. Jesus calls us not to follow a code of conduct but, rather, to embrace the Spirit that gives meaning and purpose to the great commandment.

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OCTOBER, MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY



"The Rosary is the most beautiful and richest in graces of all prayers; it is the prayer that touches the Heart of the Mother of God...and if you wish peace to reign in your homes, recite the family Rosary." Pope Saint Pius X

During October you can pick up a free copy of the Holy Rosary Leaflet from Piety Store – listing the four Mysteries, Prayers of the Rosary, Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary, How to Pray the Rosary.

Rosary beads are half price along with a bag with every purchase



Pope Francis Prayer Intention for October – For a Shared Mission.

We pray that the Church continue to sustain in all ways a Synodal lifestyle, as a sign of co-responsibility, promoting the participation, the communion and the mission shared among priests, religious and lay people.

"Pope Francis has called upon the Church to embrace Synodality, which involves journeying together as a fundamental way of being. Synodality emphasises listening, dialogue and discernment". Bishop Anthony August 2024



Children's Liturgy will commence this 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.

LET US PRAY FOR 13th October 2024

Recently Deceased: Nicola Panetta; Terry Stapleton;

Anniversary: David Paul, Chloe Chiarella

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...

- **Spanish Prayer Group** Friday 11th Oct at 6pm
- **Cenacle of Our Lady**
Manly: Tues 9:45am; Freshwater: Wed 9:45am
- **Children's Liturgy commences in Manly**
Sunday 13th October 10:30am Mass
- **SJB Class Mass** Friday 18 Oct 9:15am



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.



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



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



**Catholic Vocations Broken Bay
Young Adult Event**

Encounter

FRIDAY OCTOBER 18, 6PM

Special Guest Speaker
Seminarian Matthew French

*The Top Ten Things You
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Encounter Young Adults

Join us for our next Encounter Evening: Young Adults Event at St Agatha's Parish, Pennant Hills on Friday, October 18 at 6 pm!

We're excited to have Seminarian Matthew French as our special guest speaker, sharing on the topic: "The Top Ten Things You Didn't Know About Mass."

- Holy Hour 6 pm
- Dinner 7 pm
- Talk + Discussion

RSVP by October 15 to the Vocations Office:

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Livestreaming on Facebook Sunday 8:30am Mass
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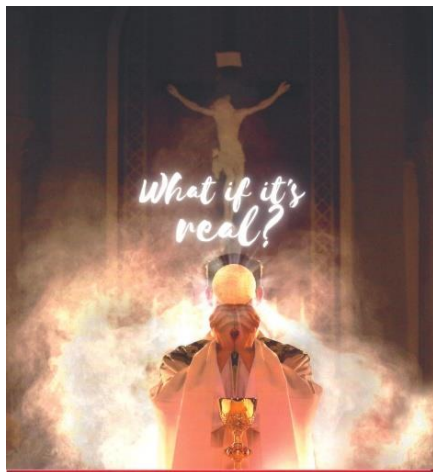
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Parish website: bbcatholic.org.au/manlyfreshwater

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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 A STORY
FROM THE PAST?
AND MANY MORE QUESTIONS
ANSWERED
AND MANY MORE QUESTIONS
REALISED



MANLY FRESHWATER PARISH

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



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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 from
Monday 28th October at 7:30pm – 9pm
in the Parish Meeting Room – 5 sessions**

Bookings via the QR Code or contacting the parish office 9977 5822 or
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**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION IN
MANLY ON WEDNESDAYS
6pm – 7.30pm Quiet Prayer,
Adoration and reconciliation will
be available 6pm – 7pm concluding
with Benediction**

WHY CELEBRATE HALLOWEEN
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**31 October 2024
6.30pm - 8.30pm**



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Dress your children as saints and join us for an evening of food, games, treats and prayer. Let's promote a culture of saints not monsters and death.



We are planning on it being a fun night for the children. If you are able to donate any treats or goodies which can be handed out to the children – eg mini chocolates, lollies, chips, crackers etc they can be left in the baskets at the Church foyer or in the parish office from Sunday 20th October.

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: [manlyfreshwater_catholicyouth](https://www.instagram.com/manlyfreshwater_catholicyouth)

IGNITE YOUTH CONFERENCE TESTIMONIES

The ignite conference was held 2 weeks ago with 1,200 participants. Our parish sponsored 23 youth and young adults.

Ignite was such a fun and memorable experience. I really enjoyed the music it brought so much energy and excitement to the event. One of the highlights for me was the couch session, which I found incredibly touching. Hearing people's stories was both inspirational and moving, reminding me of the strength and resilience we all have. I also appreciated the small group sessions, as they gave us a chance to connect with new people on a more personal level, making the whole experience even more meaningful. *Youth Group member*



Heading into Ignite, I was uncertain and a bit nervous about what to expect. However, now that it's over, I can confidently say that Ignite was an incredible experience, that went far beyond anything I could have imagined. Not only did I connect with fellow Catholics, I was able to build meaningful friendships. This conference brought our Manly Freshwater youth group closer together and allowed us to learn more about one another. Each day offered new opportunities to deepen my understanding of my faith, and through shared prayer, worship, and reflection, I felt my relationship with God grow stronger. The sense of community and spiritual renewal was truly transformative, leaving me more inspired and committed to living out my faith in everyday life. *Joleena: Youth Group member*

The Ignite Conference was an incredibly blessed and moving experience. From the speakers, the songs, ministry and prayer - each day brought us closer to God on a journey of faith designed to invite, challenge and allow an encounter with our living God. It drew together primary schoolers, high schoolers, young adults, leaders, priests and religious from around the country.

It is through encountering the Risen Lord in conferences such as these through worship, preaching and ministry that the Holy Spirit is able to lift our lives out of mediocrity to their full God-given potential.

We would love to extend a massive thank you to our Parish Community of Manly Freshwater for your spiritual generosity through your prayers and material monetary generosity through assisting us with our fundraising efforts. It is you good and holy people that understand that with great power comes great responsibility, and that we have a responsibility as Catholics to share the gift of faith and God's love that has been given to us and not keep it to ourselves. You good and holy people have allowed our young people to encounter the Risen Lord and be transformed through helping them attend the Ignite Conference 2024. God bless you all. *Ivica from Young Adults*





Hazel from our Young Adults decided to express her Ignite experience in a poem form:

Breath 🍃

Deeply rooted, deeply seated
 a wellspring from my heart:
 "You are True."
 "You are Good."
 "You are Beautiful."



How the stirrings of my heart change like Sydney's
 skies, day and night
 with the sun hiding behind the clouds peeking,
 in between leaves kissing,
 rustling in the cold spring breeze,
 from tall and humble trees
 with strong roots grounded down the earth's
 mighty crust
 as I walk on plain arid lands,
 with heaps of peaks,
 and lots of troughs,
 like a lonely cloud I float and wander,
 as I wonder and ponder
 that all my desires, how small or grand they are,
 for You, they all matter.

And now I want to be so brutally sincere
 in putting out fires of fear
 bringing forth the truth of my heart
 which at times I choose to ignore
 I choose to silence out
 in fear of exposing
 the vulnerability of my desires
 the exposition of my wretchedness
 but out of the silence

when all I can hear
 is the beating of my heart,
 the scattered coughs of pilgrims here and there
 the mechanical rhythmic beat of the fan up the
 ceiling,
 and the creaking sound of the back door closing
 when every knee bowed down
 as I bask in your gaze and calming presence
 meeting me wherever i am,
 igniting fire to my imagination and senses
 when my heart has been so frequently restless
 though at times, I couldn't make sense of my own
 miseries
 I find calm in who You truly are and Your infinite
 mysteries.

I take a deep breath... 🍃

the deepest one I could ever take,
 and breathe beautifully,
 intently, intensely,
 lovingly,
 beneath the cosmic sky
 and distant starlights
 for You're the one I've been longing for
 all this time, all the days of my life.

Deeply rooted, deeply seated
 a wellspring from my heart:
 "You are Truth."
 "You are Goodness."
 "You are Beauty."
 "You are Love."





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**
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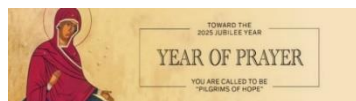


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Please consider changing your giving from a credit card deduction to a direct debit from your bank account. Please contact the parish office to have this set up automatically for you.



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](#)

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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Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time– Year B

First Reading

Wisdom 7:7-11 (JB)

A reading from the book of Wisdom

In comparison to wisdom, I held riches as nothing. I prayed, and understanding was given me; I entreated, and the spirit of Wisdom came to me. I esteemed her more than sceptres and thrones; compared with her, I held riches as nothing. I reckoned no priceless stone to be her peer, for compared with her, all gold is a pinch of sand, and beside her silver ranks as mud. I loved her more than health or beauty, preferred her to the light, since her radiance never sleeps. In her company all good things came to me, at her hands riches not to be numbered.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 89:12-17 (JB)

R. Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!

Make us know the shortness of our life that we may gain wisdom of heart. Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever? Show pity to your servants. R.

In the morning, fill us with your love; we shall exult and rejoice all our days. Give us joy to balance our affliction for the years when we knew misfortune. R.

Show forth your works to your servants; let your glory shine on their children. Let the favour of the Lord be upon us: give success to the work of our hands. R.

Second Reading

Hebrews 4:12-13 (JB)

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

The word of God discerns the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

The word of God is something alive and active: it cuts like any double-edged sword but more finely: it can slip through the place where the soul is divided from the spirit, or joints from the marrow; it can judge the secret emotions and thoughts. No created thing can hide from him; everything is uncovered and open to the eyes of the one to whom we must give account of ourselves.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 5:3 (JB)

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 10:17-27 (JB)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

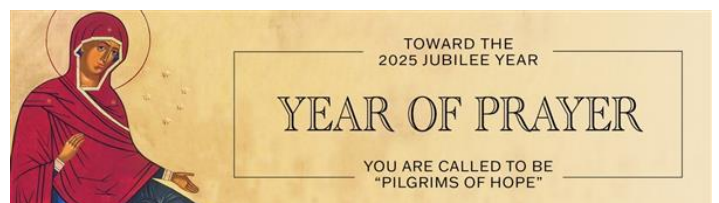
Go and sell whatever you have and come follow me.

Jesus was setting out on a journey when a man ran up, knelt before him and put this question to him, 'Good master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: You must not kill; You must not commit adultery; You must not steal; You must not bring false witness; You must not defraud; Honour your father and mother.' And he said to him, 'Master, I have kept all these from my earliest days.' Jesus looked steadily at him and loved him, and he said, 'There is one thing you lack. Go and sell everything you own and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' But his face fell at these words and he went away sad, for he was a man of great wealth.

Jesus looked round and said to his disciples, 'How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!' The disciples were astounded by these words, but Jesus insisted, 'My children,' he said to them, 'how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.' They were more astonished than ever. 'In that case' they said to one another 'who can be saved?' Jesus gazed at them. 'For men' he said 'it is impossible, but not for God: because everything is possible for God.'


The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.




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Parish Pastoral Council:

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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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