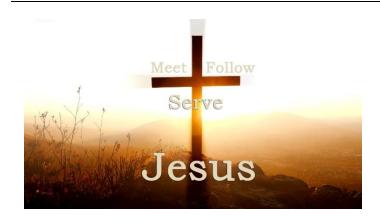


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Mary Immaculate and St John the Baptist Churches

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 20th October 2024



Gospel Reflection

In the Gospel reading a few weeks ago (just a chapter ago in Mark's Gospel), Jesus admonished his disciples for their pointless argument among themselves as to who was the most important. James and John apparently did not get the message.

In today's Gospel account, the two sons of Zebedee – who, with Peter, make up Jesus' inner circle - ask for the places of honor and influence when Jesus begins his reign. James and John proclaim their willingness to "drink the cup" of suffering and share in the "bath" or "baptism" of pain Jesus will experience (the Greek word used is **baptizein**, meaning to immerse oneself in an event or situation). Jesus finally tells them that the assigning of such honors is the prerogative of God the Father.

Most readers share the other disciples' indignation at the incredible nerve of James and John to make such a request (Matthew, in his Gospel, casts the two brothers in a better light by having their mother make the request -- Matthew 20: 20.) Jesus calls the disciples together to try again to make them understand that he calls them to greatness through service. Jesus' admonition to them is almost a pleading: If you really understand me and what I am about, if you really want to be my disciple, if you really seek to be worthy of my name, then you must see the world differently and respond to its challenges with a very different set of values. The world may try to justify vengeance rather than forgiveness, to glorify self-preservation over selflessness, to insist on preserving the system and convention for the sake of compassion and justice - but it cannot be that way with you. . Connectionmediaworks

CHANGES TO 9:15AM MASS THURSDAY 24 OCT there will be NO 9:15am Mass at Freshwater.

RECONCILIATION on Saturday 26th October will be held at 9am - 10am

CATHOLIC MISSION CHURCH APPEAL 2024



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to the banquet

Pope Francis chose as this year's theme for the Day "Go and invite everyone to the Banquet".

Below is the link for the Holy Father's message for World Mission Day.

Message of the Holy Father for World Mission Day 2024 (vatican.va)



This week, you're invited to partner with the Church in deliver Mongolia to help essential services to people who need it most. Lack of access and social stigma mean that some of the most vulnerable people are not

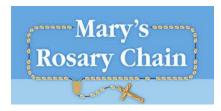
getting the support they require.

The House of Mercy will provide a haven for many people, including those affected by homelessness and domestic violence. Without your partnership, people in need will go without the assistance they require.

During World Mission Sunday, we are called to "Invite others to the banquet", and we invite you to share the warmth of God's love with our brothers and sisters who need it most in Mongolia. You can support this work by using the appeal envelope, going online at catholicmission.org.au/mongolia, or scanning the QR code. Your gift will also assist many other Church programs around the world.

We thank Daniel White from Catholic Mission who has kindly spoken at our Masses this weekend.





We welcome Jeffrey from Mary's Rosary Chain who will be giving away free rosary cards and rosary beads after each Mass this weekend in Manly.

If you would like to take extra for your family and friends, you are most welcome.

LET US PRAY FOR

20th October 2024

Recently Deceased: Mary Josephine Pereira; Jon Mitchell

Anniversary: Myree Randazzo; John Beninati

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 Curll; John Santos; Shirley Ford; Ana Maria Saladana; Rita Hogan

Dates to remember...

- Reconciliation next Sat 26 October will be at 9am - 10am
- SMM Class Mass Thurs 24th Oct 9:15am
- St Paul's Yr 7 at Mass Manly Fri 25th Oct 9:15am
- RCIA Tues 22nd Oct 7pm
- Spanish Prayer Group Friday 25th Oct at 6pm
- Cenacle of Our Lady

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

 Children's Liturgy commences in Manly Sunday 27th October at 10:30am Mass



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 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.

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



Children's Liturgy will be held on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month during the 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.



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

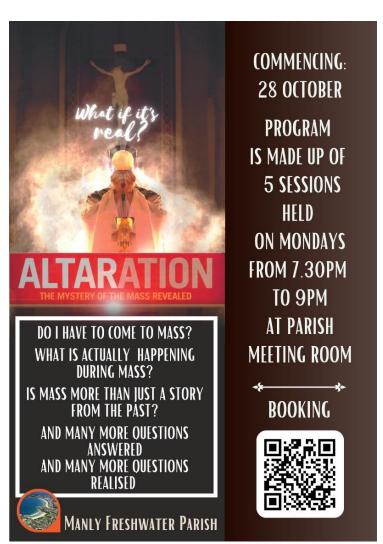
Livestreaming on Facebook Sunday 8:30am Mass manlyfreshwaterparishfacebook/videos

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.

KIDS ACTIVITY BULLETINS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE ENTRANCES TO THE CHURCH



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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

manlyfreshwterparish@bbcatholic.org.au



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





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 – NO NUTS (e.g. mini chocolates, lollies, chips, crackers etc) they can be left in the containers in 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!

 $Email: \underline{manly freshwater catholic youth@gmail.com}\\$

Instagram: manlyfreshwater_catholicyouth



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
- 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
 - Parish Giving (2nd collection) Funds the running of the Parish
 Account Name: Manly Freshwater Parish

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

• Clergy Giving (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

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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.



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.



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-ofprayer or on the <u>Diocese YouTube channel</u>



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.

"Let's take an active part in the entire Church's synodal journey of "walking together", listening, participating and engaging in open dialogue, so as to be attentive to the quiet voice of the Holy Spirit".

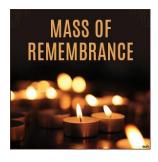
Pope Francis September 2024

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

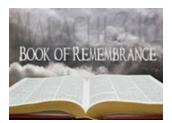


At our Remembrance Mass on All Souls Day, Saturday 2nd November at 10am we will remember and pray for all the faithfully departed of your families and our Parish community.

We invite you and your family to one of the Masses.

All Saints Day Mass Friday 1st November at 9.15am at Manly and Freshwater.

All Souls Day Mass Saturday 2nd November at Manly 10am followed by morning tea.



BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

During the month of November, we remember our loved ones who have died. To add the names of your loved ones to our

Parish Book of Remembrance which will be on display in the Churches during November please contact the Parish Office on 9977 5822 or email manlyfreshwaterparish@bbcatholic.org.au



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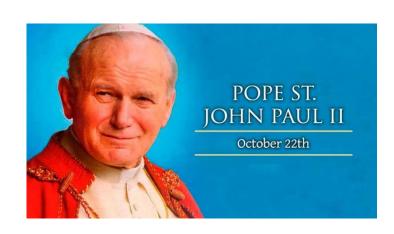
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Full name: Karol Józef Wojtyła

Born: 18 May 1920, Wadowice, Poland

Died: 2 April 2005 (age 84 years), Apostolic Palace,

Vatican City

On 16 October 1978, Cardinal Wojtyła was elected Pope and on 22 October he began his ministry as universal Pastor of the Church. Pope John Paul II made 146 pastoral visits in Italy and, as the Bishop of Rome, he visited 317 of the current 322 Roman parishes.

Prayer to Saint John Paul II

St. John Paul, from the window of Heaven, grant us your blessing! Bless the Church that you have loved served, and guided, pushing Her with courage towards the paths of the world to bring Christ to all and all to Christ. From the window of Heaven, where we see you next to Mary, send down upon us all the blessing of God.

Amen

From the official prayer released by the Vatican on the canonisation of JP II on 27 April 2014.



National Children's Week commences on October 19th, 2024, and is a key safeguarding date for 2024. The event is celebrated with a theme that is based on an Article from United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC).

This year the theme is based on the UNCRC Article 24 "the right of children to a clean and safe environment". The aim is for all Australians to recognise the importance of safe environments for children, ensuring they attain the highest standard of health.

National Children's Week highlights that all children and young people can participate in and make a valuable contribution to their society. The link below has been created by the Children's Week Council of Australia Children's Week Council of Australia (children's-week.org.au)

Children are Australia's greatest natural resource.

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Vox Populi 16 October 2024

The Synod on Synodality has been in full swing for two weeks now, with the

participants focusing on a range of issues, all centred around creating a more Synodal Church.

Bishop Anthony Randazzo and Kelly Paget have been kept busy with full daily schedules and little time for a break during the day.

A particular focus for both of them is to highlight the unique issues faced by the Oceanian and Australian Churches. For many people across Australia and across Oceania, they live on the periphery of society.

Isolation is a very real challenge for many people in the region. In the Pacific, communities are separated by thousands of miles of ocean, while in Australia, people can live several hours away from the nearest major town.

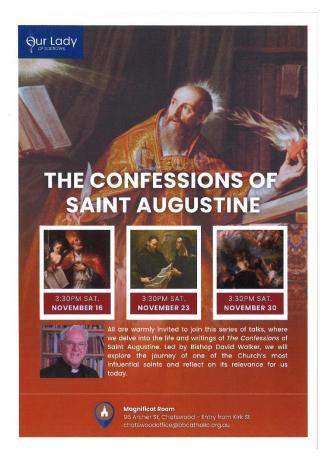
Part of the Synod of Synodality, is to encourage all the People of God to greater participation in the Mission of the Church, no matter where they are in the world.

In his recent trip to Oceania, Pope Francis sought to remind people that no matter how far away they seemed, the Church was always willing to come and find them, and that their voices mattered. Saint John Paul II was particularly prolific in reminding people the Church was truly global, visiting 129 countries during his pontificate.

On Tuesday, the Church will celebrate the Memorial of Saint John Paul II. A Relic of Saint John Paul II was installed on 22 October 2022 and the Parish of Gosford will celebrate the second anniversary of its installation this week.

Bishop Anthony Randazzo announced the Shrine of Saint John Paul II at Gosford would be a Shrine of Hope for families, and a place of pilgrimage, worship, prayer, and hope for God's people in Broken Bay during the Jubilee Year.

As the Synod continues and as we celebrate the Memorial of Saint John Paul II, we should be encouraged to consider how we can participate more actively in the life and mission of the Church, especially as the Jubilee Year approaches.



The Confessions of Saint Augustine – A Series of Talks with Bishop David Walker

Saturday 16th, 23rd & 30th November at 3:30pm

All are warmly invited to join this series of 3 talks, where we delve into the life and writings of *The Confessions* of Saint Augustine. Led by Bishop David Walker, we will explore the journey of one of the Church's most influential saints and reflect on its relevance for us today.

Our Lady of Dolours, Chatswood **Magnificat Room** 96 Archer St, Chatswood - Entry from Kirk St chatswoodoffice@bbcatholic.org.au



Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time- Year B

First Reading

Isaiah 53:10-11

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

If he offers his life in atonement, he shall see his heirs and have long life.

The Lord has been pleased to crush his servant with suffering. If he offers his life in atonement, he shall see his heirs, he shall have a long life and through him what the Lord wishes will be done. His soul's anguish over he shall see the light and be content. By his sufferings shall my servant justify many, taking their faults on himself.

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

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 32:4-5, 18-20, 22

R. Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

The word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love. R.

The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. R.

Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. R.

Second Reading

Hebrews 4:14-16 (JB)

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Let us be confident in approaching the throne of grace.

Since in Jesus, the Son of God, we have the supreme high priest who has gone through to the highest heaven, we must never let go of the faith that we have professed. For it is not as if we had a high priest who was incapable of feeling our weaknesses with us; but we have one who has been tempted in every way that we are, though he is without sin. Let us be confident, then, in approaching the throne of grace, that we shall have mercy from him and find grace when we are in need of help.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Mark 10:45

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Son of Man came to serve and to give his life as a ransom for all.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 10:35-45

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

The Son of Man came to give his life as a ransom for all.

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, approached Jesus. 'Master,' they said to him 'we want you to do us a favour.' He said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?' They said to him, 'Allow us to sit one at your right hand and the other at your left in your glory.' 'You do not know what you are asking' Jesus said to them. 'Can you drink the cup that I must drink, or be baptised with the baptism with which I must be baptised?' They replied, 'We can.' Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I must drink you shall drink, and with the baptism with which I must be baptised you shall be baptised, but as for seats at my right hand or my left, these are not mine to grant; they belong to those to whom they have been allotted.'

When the other ten heard this they began to feel indignant with James and John, so Jesus called them to him and said to them, 'You know that among the pagans their so-called rulers lord it over them, and their great men make their authority felt. This is not to happen among you. No; anyone who wants to become great among you must be your servant, and anyone who wants to be first among you must be slave to all. For the Son of Man himself did not come to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.'

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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