



MANLY FRESHWATER CATHOLIC PARISH

Mary Immaculate and St John the Baptist Churches

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time – 3rd November 2024



Gospel Reflection

In today's Gospel, Jesus "synthesizes" his message in the "Great Commandment."

The Jews knew these two commandments well. To this day, observant Jews pray twice daily the Shema: to love God "with all your heart, and with all your soul and with all your strength." The word *shema* means "to hear," and comes from the first words of the prayer, "Hear, O Israel . . ." The text for the Shema, which is also inscribed in the "mezuzah," the small container affixed to the door of every Jewish home, is found in Deuteronomy 6: 4-6 (today's first reading). While the Torah outlined a Jew's responsibility to one's neighbors, Jesus is the first to make of these two a single commandment: "There is no other commandment greater than these." The only way we can adequately celebrate our live for God is in extending that love to our neighbors.

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Fr Chima will be on leave from 2nd – 23rd November and will be travelling home after 5 years to visit his family. Please keep Fr Chima in your prayers.



We welcome and thank the Augustinian fathers for their assistance with the weekend Masses during Fr Chima's leave.

We also warmly welcome Fr David Taylor who will be celebrating the Freshwater 5pm Vigil Mass this Saturday and the Manly 6pm Vigil Mass next Saturday.

Please make all our visiting priests welcome.

WEEKDAY MASSES

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

Manly: Tuesday, Thursday & Friday

Freshwater: Wednesday



The Pope's Prayer Intention for the month of November – For Anyone Who Has Lost A Child

We pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community and receive peace and consolation from the Holy Spirit.



MORNING TEA THIS SUNDAY AT MANLY AFTER 8:30AM MASS

MANLY: this Sunday after the 8:30am Mass and 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.



Christmas Day Lunch Planning meeting next Monday
4th November at 6pm in the parish centre.



Our Seminarian Matthew celebrated his 30th Birthday last weekend. We wish him a Happy Birthday and God's Blessings. Please keep Matthew in your prayers.

Diocesan Mass Count during November

As you are aware the Diocesan Mass Count takes place in May. This year there will be a Mass count during November as well. The figures from all the parishes are sent to the Diocese so that together, we may all better serve the People of God in Broken Bay.

PARISH SOCIAL MEDIA

Parish facebook: facebook.com/manlyfreshwaterparish

Parish website: 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

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

LET US PRAY FOR

3rd November 2024

Recently Deceased: Fr Ferruccio Romanin SJ;
Richard Layton; Alexander Boutin

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

Only the names of recently deceased will be published in the bulletin during November.



During the month of November, we pray for our deceased family and friends. The **Parish Book of Remembrance** will be on display in the Churches during November. To add the names of your loved ones please contact the Parish Office on 9977 5822 or email

manlyfreshwaterparish@bbcatholic.org.au

Dates to remember...

- **Christmas Day Lunch Meeting** Mon 4 Nov 6pm
- **RCIA** Tues 5 Nov 7pm
- **SMM Class Mass** Thurs 7 Nov 9:15am
- **Spanish Prayer Group** Friday 8 Nov at 6pm
- **Cenacle of Our Lady**
Manly: Tues 9:45am; Freshwater: Wed 9:45am
- **Children’s Liturgy in Manly**
2nd & 4th Sunday at 10:30am Mass



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



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.

THINGS YOU DIDN’T KNOW ABOUT THE MASS

Make Some Noise: The Great “Amen!”

You ever come across a Catholic word that’s... intimidating?

Try this one: “Doxology.”

Whew, I’m already exhausted. ...But it’s true, while we mightn’t recognise the word, as Catholics we all know it. Because the final doxology is a moment in the Mass – when the priest lifts up the sacred host and precious chalice together, and says: “Through Him, with Him, and in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is Yours, Almighty Father, forever and ever.” “Amen!”

See... I told you that you knew it.

So this week, let’s take a look at the doxology. Specifically, what is it, and why is it called *high point* of the Mass?

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First things first, the final doxology happens at the very end of the Eucharistic Prayer, and is symbolic of the Crucifixion of Jesus. I recently discovered that different parts of the Mass can remind us of events in Jesus’ life. For example:

Entrance Procession – The priest first enters the church, just as Jesus was conceived and first entered the world.

Gloria – The congregation then sings the Gloria, echoing the angels’ song of glory and praise at Jesus’ birth.

Scripture and Homily – The readings and homily mirror how Jesus began His ministry of preaching and teaching.

Consecration – The words of Consecration recall the Last Supper, where Jesus instituted the Eucharist by breaking bread and sharing the cup.

Final Doxology – And the final doxology. The priest holding up the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ symbolises the Crucifixion of Jesus, where He offers Himself fully up to the Father. The priest lifts up the sacred host and precious chalice, lifts them high up into the air, just as Jesus was lifted high up on the Cross. And in this moment in the Mass, we are reminded of the crucified Jesus who cries out: “Father, into your hands I commend my spirit”, giving Himself fully over – body, blood, soul and divinity – to the Father. Oh, blessed tree! Oh, sweet wood and nails! How precious this Sacrifice, that saves us from death!

...And so, dear friends, what shall we do at this moment?

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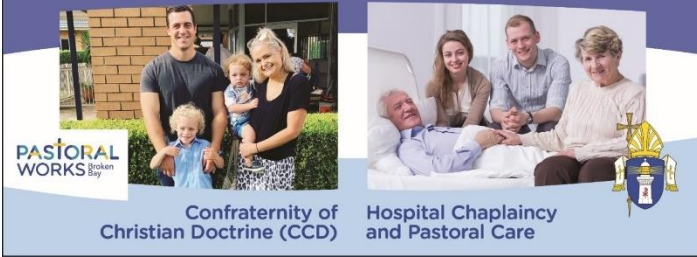
Well, firstly, gaze up at Jesus Christ. We are not mere spectators. No. In this moment, we are instead there with Jesus, kneeling at the foot of the Cross, like Mother Mary and the Apostle John, and we gaze up at Jesus, who offers Himself fully over to the Father. And we too offer Jesus Christ up to the Father, along with the offering of ourselves.

And secondly, declare loudly the great “Amen!” As early as the third century, one of the great privileges of Christians was to declare the great Amen. It has always been declared loudly. The great Amen is so important, because by it we offer all glory and honour to the Father – united once more with Him, through Jesus’ Sacrifice. Because it is through Jesus’ offering on the Cross, that the world is restored, and we are saved. So then let declare loudly - the great “Amen!”

-- God bless you. Seminarian Matthew



“Connecting to the Mission of Jesus Christ!”
NOVEMBER 2024 APPEAL



PASTORAL WORKS BROKEN BAY

PWBB supports two key charitable works in the Diocese: the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD) and our Hospital Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care Program.

Asking for donations is never taken for granted, especially in challenging economic times. However, parishioners have been extremely generous in supporting the diocese's charitable works.

Our Pastoral Works Appeal connects everyone to the mission of Jesus Christ in our Diocese. Every gift or donation brings comfort, friendship, or security and often opens the doorway to a faith-filled life.

Starting Sunday, 3 November, donation envelopes will be available in the Church. Parishioners can also scan the QR code (available in the envelopes or the different parish ads like posters and social media tiles) if they want to donate using the option on our website. Donations can be made anytime, not only during November or May. The Pastoral Works November Appeal is the last one for the 2024 calendar year, and **all donations over \$2 are tax deductible.**

The parish quota for 2024/2025 is \$51,095



CHILDREN'S LITURGY

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



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**
 - **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 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.



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




**COMMENCING:
28 OCTOBER**

**PROGRAM
IS MADE UP OF
5 SESSIONS
HELD
ON MONDAYS
FROM 7.30PM
TO 9PM
AT PARISH
MEETING ROOM**

**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**

BOOKING



MANLY FRESHWATER PARISH

We've been coming to Mass for years. And we are familiar with it. When we are at the Mass, we already know what is going to happen next. But do we know why?

Why do we kneel down, why do we have procession, why do we start every Mass from the sign of the cross? Why Jesus like us to come for Mass, while He is everywhere?

We like to answer these question and many others with you on our Mass reviled course called Altaration, by Ascension Press.

Altaration commences on the 28 October at 7.30pm at Parish Meeting room.

We invite everyone, who would like to have a better understanding on what is happening during every Mass. This time we do not provide dinner. There is no fees. However, for logistics purpose we would like you to register. You can do so using QR code on the poster or by filling registration cards and placing them in the basket.



Our Alteration gathering last Monday night



register before 24th November



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BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

Vocations Office, Mission Broken Bay & Chatswood Parish Collab!

Our Lady of Dolours Chatswood is proud to be hosting *PraiseFest!*

This time we are mixing it up with an extended program, with special extras for both High School Students and Young Adults! Encounter & Mission Broken Bay is joining Chatswood Parish this month for a special collaboration.

Program:

- 4pm: Afternoon tea and Talks (Targeting Senior High, but all welcome)
- 6pm: Dinner (All Welcome)
- 7pm: Praise and Worship, Adoration, and Reconciliation (All Welcome)
- 9pm: Compline (Night Prayer) and Supper (18+ Only) in collaboration with Vocations Broken Bay

Date: Friday, 15 November 2024

Time: 4:00 PM - 10:00 PM

Location: Our Lady of Dolours Chatswood

94 Archer Street, Chatswood NSW 2067

Bookings are essential. Follow the QR code to register today!

Rosary Walk - from time to time some of our parishioners join for a night walk to Shelly Beach with the rosary on the way. If you are interested, please speak to Fr Marek.



JOIN OUR NORTHERN BEACHES

YOUNG ADULTS

COMMUNITY

Every 2nd Saturday at pub/restaurant
Every 4th Saturday at Manly Parish
message: (6 Raglan St)

Fr Marek at 0422532173
or Cam at 0432895304



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)

Which are the most important commandments?



Love GOD
& love your neighbour

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B



Jesus said that the most important commandments were to love God and to love others as we love ourselves. What are some ways we can show our love?

I show love for God when I

I show love for others when I



Whenever we show kindness, love and respect for others, we are loving God. Draw a picture of yourself doing something that shows love for God.

Fill in the missing words to complete the story.

love
second
God
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yourself
teacher
heart
first
asked
commandment

An expert in the Jewish law _____ Jesus, "_____, what is the most important _____?"



Jesus _____: "Love the Lord your _____ with all your _____, soul and mind." This is the _____ and most important commandment. The _____ is like it: "_____ your neighbour as much as you love _____".



Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time– Year B

First Reading *Deuteronomy 6:2-6 (JB)*

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

Hear Israel, you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart.

Moses said to the people: 'If you fear the Lord your God all the days of your life and if you keep all his laws and commandments which I lay on you, you will have a long life, you and your son and your grandson. Listen then, Israel, keep and observe what will make you prosper and give you great increase, as the Lord God of your fathers has promised you, giving you a land where milk and honey flow.

'Listen, Israel: The Lord our God is the one Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength. Let these words I urge on you today be written on your heart.'

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

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 17:2-4, 47, 51 (JB)*

R. I love you, Lord, my strength.

I love you, Lord, my strength, my rock, my fortress, my saviour. My God is the rock where I take refuge; my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold. The Lord is worthy of all praise: when I call I am saved from my foes. R.

Long life to the Lord, my rock! Praised be the God who saves me. He has given great victories to his king and shown his love for his anointed. R.

Second Reading *Hebrews 7:23-28 (JB)*

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

This one, because he remains for ever, has an eternal priesthood.

There used to be a great number of priests under the former covenant, because death put an end to each one of them; but this one, Christ, because he remains for ever, can never lose his priesthood. It follows then, that his power to save is utterly certain, since he is living for ever to intercede for all who come to God through him.

To suit us, the ideal high priest would have to be holy, innocent and uncontaminated, beyond the influence of sinners, and raised up above the heavens; one who would not need to offer sacrifices every day, as the other high priests do for their own sins and then for those of the people, because he has done this once and for all by offering himself. The Law appoints high priests who are men subject to weakness; but the promise on oath, which came after the Law, appointed the Son who is made perfect for ever.

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

Gospel Acclamation *John 14:23 (JB)*

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

Alleluia!

Gospel *Mark 12:28-34 (JB)*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

This is the first commandment, and the second is similar to it.

One of the scribes came up to Jesus and put a question to him, 'Which is the first of all the commandments?' Jesus replied, 'This is the first: Listen, Israel, the Lord our God is the one Lord, and you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: You must love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.' The scribe said to him, 'Well spoken, master; what you have said is true: that he is one and there is no other. To love with all your heart, with all your understanding and strength and to love your neighbour as yourself, this is far more important than any holocaust or sacrifice.' Jesus, seeing how wisely he had spoken said, 'You are not far from the kingdom of God.' And after that no one dared to question him any more.

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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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;
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

St Mary's Primary School 7256 2135
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St John the Baptist Primary School 9939 6699
Principal: Alicia van der Merwe

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