



MANLY FRESHWATER CATHOLIC PARISH

Mary Immaculate and St John the Baptist Churches

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time – 10th November 2024



Gospel Reflection

Preaching in the Jerusalem temple days before the Last Supper and his crucifixion, Jesus indicts the scribes for their lavish but empty show of faith. The scribes, in their haughty and arrogant attitude, are the antithesis of what Jesus wants his disciples to be.

In Jesus' time, scribes, as the accepted experts of the Law, could serve as trustees of a widow's estate. They took a portion of the estate, as their fee. Obviously, scribes with a reputation for piety were often entrusted with this role. With their ability to manipulate the interpretations of the Law to their advantage, the system was rife with abuse.

Throughout Scripture, widows were portrayed as the supreme examples of the destitute and powerless (today's first reading from the 1 Kings is an example). Jesus again makes a considerable impact on his hearers, then, by lifting up a widow who has nothing as an example of faithful generosity. Only that which is given not from our abundance but from our own need and poverty – and given totally, completely, humbly and joyfully – is a gift fitting for God.

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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.

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.

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](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

WEEKDAY MASSES

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

Manly: Tuesday, Thursday & Friday

Freshwater: Wednesday

"Connecting to the Mission of Jesus Christ!"
NOVEMBER 2024 APPEAL

PASTORAL WORKS Broken Bay

Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD) Hospital Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care

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

TOWARD THE 2025 JUBILEE YEAR

YEAR OF PRAYER

YOU ARE CALLED TO BE "PILGRIMS OF HOPE"

LET US PRAY FOR

10th November 2024

Recently Deceased: John Hearn

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

THINGS YOU DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT THE MASS

The Detective's Ear: First and Second Readings

I loved watching Poirot growing up.

The Belgian detective. A man of style and perspicacity, he solved some of the toughest murder mysteries imaginable – all with his characteristic pomp and refinement.

The actor who plays him is of course David Suchet. To my delight, I recently discovered he's a devout Christian – and with his deep bass voice, brilliantly narrates the four Gospels. Seriously, I love listening to him. He brings the Gospels to life, and with so much profundity and depth in the books, I could listen all day.



It begs the question, though, with so much wisdom contained in the Gospels, why must we listen to the other books of the Bible? If the Gospels are the closest witness to the life and teachings of Jesus Christ, then why must we hear the first and second readings in Mass? Let's find out...

† † †

First Reading – The first readings are usually taken from the Old Testament because, from the very beginning, Christian liturgy was rooted in Jewish worship. In the synagogues, rabbis would proclaim readings from the Law and the Prophets, followed by instructions for worshippers. Famously, Jesus himself taught from the prophet Isaiah in his hometown of Nazareth (Luke 4).

Emerging from this tradition, the Church preserves this custom, and Catholics to this very day listen to and cherish the books of the Old Testament, which contain a wonderful treasury of prayers, sublime teachings about God, and most importantly, prophetically prepare us for the Gospel – "the coming of Christ, the redeemer of all." (DV, 15)

Second Reading – The second readings, meanwhile, are taken from Acts and the Epistles (especially St Paul). In the early Church, the local bishop would choose the readings for Mass, and after he felt enough had been proclaimed, he spoke aloud *Deo gratias* ("Thanks be to God").

Over time, the readings in Mass were eventually set by the Church, with the second reading upheld as critical for instructing the faithful on how to follow Christ, explaining doctrines of salvation faith and grace, outlining the structure and mission of the Church, and demonstrating the ongoing power of the Holy Spirit. Such lessons remain ever poignant for us today, drawing us 'underwater' – a deeper engagement with the life and teachings of Jesus Christ.

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So then, dear friends, what shall we do this Mass?

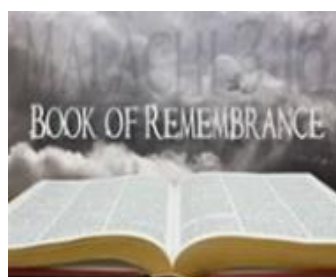
Well, firstly, spend just two minutes with the readings before Mass. How often do we get to the end of the readings in Mass, and realise we didn't hear a word? Ah, in this ever-distracted, media consumed world, how easy it is! But let us not give up... for there is a simple fix. Before Mass, just spend *two* minutes with the readings. Just two minutes. I promise you, not only will you enjoy greater focus, but you'll draw so much more out of the readings in Mass.

And secondly, listen for the secret. Every time you come to Mass, Our Lord desires to share with you something – a message, a secret, something that He wants you to know. And so, be curious. Be curious for what He wants to share with you... because to hear His voice is to know your Path to Heaven. This week, let not a single seed fall away.

What does Our Lord want to share with you this week?

-- God bless you. Seminarian Matthew

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



During the month of November, we prayer for our deceased family and friends. The **Parish Book of Remembrance** will be on display in the Churches during November. The book is updated every Friday.

MASS FOR THE HOLY SOULS
Please offer Mass for the Family,
Friends, Relatives and Benefactors of:

Name: _____
Address: _____
Amount \$ _____

"It is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead,
that they may be freed from their sins."
1st Corinthians 12:10

November Masses

The **November Mass envelopes** are available in the Church. Please print the names of the deceased on the back and place in the collection plate or drop into the parish office.

Dates to remember...

- **RCIA** Tues 12 Nov 7pm
- **Spanish Prayer Group** Friday 22 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



You're Invited to the **CCD Annual Mass** on Saturday 16 November at 11:30am, OLR Cathedral, Waitara

The CCD Annual Mass is our opportunity to recognise 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 an award to one of our catechists for 60 years of service. We also recognise 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. Light refreshments will be served after Mass.

If you would like to attend, please RSVP by 8 November to ccdadmin@bbcatholic.org.au for catering purposes. Click the link below for more details. [Invitation](#)

PIETY STORE

Movie of the month - Saint Bridget of Sweden

A documentary on an incredible 14th century Saint. Wife, mother and mystic who received divine revelations on the afterlife. Only \$10 at the piety store.

CD of the month - Purgatory – from the other side – Karlo Broussard

For thousands of years Saints and Holy souls have revealed a cleansing process before entering heaven and also the importance of prayers for the dead.. This is also supported by Biblical texts. Only \$5 at the piety store.



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



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



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION IN MANLY ON WEDNESDAYS 6pm – 7.30pm

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



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
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 - **Clergy Giving (1st collection)**
Supports our Priests
Account: Manly Freshwater Parish Pastoral
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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.



PARISH MORNING TEA

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

FRESHWATER: every Sunday after the 9am Mass in the parish hall.

HOLY WINS CELEBRATION



We are very grateful that our parish heard the call to celebrate the Saints on All Hallows Eve this year. "Holy Wins" turned out to be a very special event for families of our parish and also those who travelled from afar. Music, dancing, games, delicious food, lots of lollies were all just a part of the very meaningful program. Children and some adults also, arrived dressed up as their favourite Saint. During the guessing game "Who am I?", everyone had a chance to present their chosen Saint whilst the audience successfully guessed each one. The evening concluded with a procession to the Church where all present joined in prayer, a litany to the Saints and veneration of a Holy relic from St Therese of Lisieux. Thank you to Fr Marek, all the young adults, volunteers behind the scenes and wonderful families for supporting this event. What a great celebration it was.

Kind regards & God bless, Luke





Thank you for your generous donation of treats which made our children so excited. Any leftovers will go to Children's Liturgy.



ALTARATION EVENING

Last Monday we held our 2nd Altaration evening which again gathered a great number of parishioners. We watched a great video on the importance of Mass, then broke up into smaller groups for discussion.





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!

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

HAVE YOU EVER ASKED YOURSELF: HOW CAN I MAKE CHRISTMAS BETTER FOR OTHERS? HERE IS ONE OF THE ANSWERS: WE ARE SEARCHING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO VISIT OUR NURSING HOMES FOR

register before 24th November

SCAN ME

Christmas Carols

All it takes is one hour practice and one hour visit

MANLY FRESHWATER PARISH

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

DO YOU HAVE A HEART THAT WANTS TO BRING JESUS TO OTHERS?

WHY NOT BECOME AN EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION AND BRING JESUS TO OUR PARISHIONERS IN THEIR HOME OR NURSING HOME?
WE WILL ORGANISE THE TRAINING FOR YOU

SIGN UP HERE

or contact our office

MANLY FRESHWATER PARISH



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

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time– Year B

First Reading *1 Kings 17:10-16 (JB)*

A reading from the first book of the Kings

The widow made a little scone from her flour meal and brought it to Elijah.

Elijah the Prophet went off to Sidon. And when he reached the city gate, there was a widow gathering sticks; addressing her he said, 'Please bring a little water in a vessel for me to drink.' She was setting off to bring it when he called after her. 'Please' he said 'bring me a scrap of bread in your hand.' 'As the Lord your God lives,' she replied 'I have no baked bread, but only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am just gathering a stick or two to go and prepare this for myself and my son to eat, and then we shall die.' But Elijah said to her, 'Do not be afraid, go and do as you have said; but first make a little scone of it for me and bring it to me, and then make some for yourself and for your son. For thus the Lord speaks, the God of Israel: "Jar of meal shall not be spent, jug of oil shall not be emptied, before the day when the Lord sends rain on the face of the earth."' The woman went and did as Elijah told her and they ate the food, she, himself and her son. The jar of meal was not spent nor the jug of oil emptied, just as the Lord had foretold through Elijah.

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

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 145:7-10 (JB)*

R. Praise the Lord, my soul!

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free. R.

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down. It is the Lord who loves the just, the Lord, who protects the stranger. R.

The Lord upholds the widow and orphan but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age. R.

Second Reading *Hebrews 9:24-28 (JB)*

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Christ offered himself only once to take the faults of many on himself.

It is not as though Christ had entered a man-made sanctuary which was only modelled on the real one; but it was heaven itself, so that he could appear in the actual presence of God on our behalf. And he does not have to offer himself again and again, like the high priest going into the sanctuary year after year with the blood that is not his own, or else he would have had to suffer over and over again since the world began. Instead of that, he has made his appearance once and for all, now at the end of the last age, to do away with sin by sacrificing himself. Since men only die once, and after that comes judgement, so Christ, too, offers himself only once to take the faults of many on himself, and when he appears a

second time, it will not be to deal with sin but to reward with salvation those who are waiting for him.

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 12:38-44 (JB)*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

This poor widow has put more in than all who contributed.

In his teaching Jesus said, 'Beware of the scribes who like to walk about in long robes, to be greeted obsequiously in the market squares, to take the front seats in the synagogues and the places of honour at banquets; these are the men who swallow the property of widows, while making a show of lengthy prayers. The more severe will be the sentence they receive.'

He sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the treasury, and many of the rich put in a great deal. A poor widow came and put in two small coins, the equivalent of a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, this poor widow has put more in than all who have contributed to the treasury; for they have all put in money they had over, but she from the little she had has put in everything she possessed, all she had to live on.'

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

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