

MANLY FRESHWATER CATHOLIC PARISH Mary Immaculate and St John the Baptist Churches

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time – 17th November 2024



Gospel Reflection

The first generation of Christians expected Christ to return in their lifetimes. When their

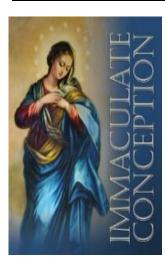
world began to collapse around them under the Roman onslaught of Jerusalem, they wondered in their anguish, *When will Jesus return for us?*

With every experience of loss, with every sign of illness, with every hint of age creeping upon us, we become more and more aware of our mortality. We live on the edge of eternity. Jesus does not deny the pain and anguish of the end (citing in today's Gospel reading the graphic images of the prophet Daniel) nor that the earth will indeed pass away. But the important thing is not when Jesus will come (for we know he will), but our readiness to meet him. *Connectionmediaworks*



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.



YOU'RE INVITED TO our Parish Feast Day & Thank You Celebration

Sunday 8th December at Manly, starting with 10:30am Mass followed by lunch under the Big Tree in the School yard.

Please let the parish office know if you are able to join us by 2/12/24 on 9977 5822

manlyfreshwaterparish@bbcatholic.org.au

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

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

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

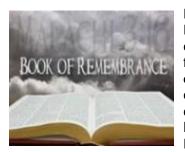
Manly Freshwater Parish promotes SAFEGUARDING which involves the implementation of proactive, common sense and practical ideas that ensure the safety of children and vulnerable adults in our MANLY community

LET US PRAY FOR

17th November 2024 Recently Deceased: Ginette Simpson; Alan Plummer

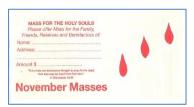
Prayers for the sick in our parish: "Lord, grant them and their carers strength and courage" Stephen Robertson; Maureen Williams; Gerry Wybrandt; Amy Farrow; Patricia Duffy; Florencia Lira; Ken Waller; Mary Helen Fogarty; Belinda Nicholls; Jacqui Dawson; Gerry Ring; Zacchaeus Ratnam; John Connors; Don 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

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. The book is updated every Friday.

The November Mass envelopes are available in



the Church. Please print the names of the deceased on the back the and place in collection plate or drop into the parish office.

Dates to remember...

- Craft Stall Sat 23 & Sun 24
- RCIA Tues 19 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 warmly we 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

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.

THINGS YOU DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT THE MASS

Angels Swirling on the Sanctuary

When I was a little boy, getting ready for school, Mum would always pray with us before we left home a special prayer - the Guardian Angel Prayer.



It was a great prayer, because, although we couldn't come with her to weekday Mass, we prayed that our guardian angels

might go for us, and there make an offering on our behalf.

Looking back, I'm so very grateful because, early on, it gave me a sense of wonder for the angels - that they are all around us – fighting spiritual battles, protecting us from evil, and carrying out God's will in heaven and on earth.

Most especially, I came to realise, angels are there present with us in the Holy Mass. Indeed, just look at the Sanctus the hymn starting with "Holy, Holy, Holy..." It has a special connection to the angels. How, you ask? ...Let's find out.



Well, firstly, the Sanctus is deeply biblical. In Scripture, God is described as 'holy, holy, holy' only twice. The first is in the Book of Isaiah, where the prophet has a vision of God as the Heavenly King, seated in the Temple, where the seraphic angels worship Him and cry aloud "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of angel hosts." The second is in the Book of Revelation, where St John has a vision of God and Jesus Christ the Lamb, seated in Heaven, with the living creatures crying aloud: "Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was, who is, and who is to come." Drawn from these visions, the Sanctus hymn is thus deeply biblical.

And secondly, the Sanctus hymn is sung by the angels. Every Mass, angels and seraphim and cherubim are all there present with us, serving and praising God. As St John Chrysostom puts it: "The angels surround the priest... The whole sanctuary and the space before the altar are filled with the Heavenly Powers come to honour Him who is present on the altar." Indeed, the Sanctus is so special, to prepare for it, Chrysostom writes: "think of the Choirs you are about to enter. Let no one have any thought of earth... [but] let him abide there beside the very throne of glory, hovering with the Seraphim and singing the most holy song of the God of glory and majesty." The saint's message is clear: we Christians do not sing the Sanctus alone, but join in praising God with the heavenly choir of angels.

So then, what shall we do this Mass?

Well, firstly, look up and see the angels on the sanctuary. As we start singing the "Holy, Holy, Holy", look up to the sanctuary, and with spiritual eyes, see there, gathered with the priest around the altar, the whole choir of angels, ready to serve and bear our offerings up to God the Father. Join in with them, singing the praises of God – the Sanctus!

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And secondly, after singing, kneel down to welcome Christ **Our Lord.** What fitting words for us to conclude the Sanctus - "Hosanna in the highest" - because, like Jesus' welcome into Jerusalem, we too now welcome Him in a special way. Alongside the angels, we kneel down and await the coming of Christ – the moment where heaven meets earth – the moment where the Word becomes flesh.

We are now ready – for the Consecration.

- God bless you, Seminarian Matthew.

COME AND SEE – INVITING YEAR 6

Calling all Year 6 students to come along to our next Youth Group on Sunday 1st December at 6pm Mass followed by Youth Group with games, pizza, fun and great talks.



REMEMBRANCE DAY



Fr Marek attended the Remembrance Day service at the Manly War Memorial on The Corso on Monday and laid a fresh wreath on behalf of Manly Freshwater Parish.

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.



25th December 2024 – 11am – 1pm

It's beginning to feel a lot like Christmas with only 5½ weeks to go, so it is time for us to start planning for our Annual Christmas Day Lunch.

Each year the Parish hosts a Lunch on Christmas Day for those who will be spending Christmas Day alone with around 150 guests coming along to enjoy a festive lunch. This year we will be serving an option of a sit down or take away picnic lunch.

If you would like to donate goods for the Picnic Packs we will be including some of the following:

- Box of chocolates
- Cans of soft drink coke, lemonade, fanta, sugar free drinks
- Fresh Fruit
- Cash donations will be used to purchase the Hams, Turkey, Salads, Bread Rolls, Desserts and anything we are short of

Please leave all donations in the Parish Office Monday to Thursday.

We thank you your generosity which enables the Parish to offer some Christmas joy for all who come along.

RED Wednesday - 20 November



RED Wednesday is an international initiative of Aid to the Church in Need. It is a day to stand up for faith and freedom and gather to pray for those who suffer and are

persecuted for their faith. This year on **RED Wednesday**, Bishop Anthony will celebrate Mass in Our Lady of Dolours Church Chatswood at 7pm. A very warm invitation is extended to all.Please see details and further information <u>here</u>.



We're excited to share that our Young Adults **Group** is making a shift! Instead of just one social gathering and one formation niaht,

we're now offering two formation nights and social meetups whenever we can. We've noticed a real desire for deeper, more meaningful faith formation, and we want to feed that hunger.

Our first extra formation night took place last weekend, as part of our preparation for what we hope will be our first-ever Young Adults retreat. It was a great start, though we totally forgot to snap a photo! But hey, at least we have proof of our kitchen-cleaning skills.





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



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.



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

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.



CHRISTMAS

CRAFT STALL

Sat 23rd & Sun 24th November after each Mass

Lots of new gift ideas this year including nativity sets, sheep, angels and so many more wonderful handmade favourites. Join us for a cuppa and festive treat.

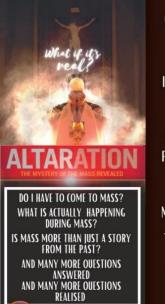
All Welcome











COMMENCING: 28 October Program

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

MEETING ROOM







🚰 Manly Freshwater Parish





Sisters of the Immaculata Discernment Retreat

We would like to invite any young women who are interested in discerning religious life and our community to a

"Come and See" discernment

weekend from Friday 29th November -Sunday 1st December 2024.

Any vocation is first discovered by sitting at the feet of Jesus and listening to Him, so this weekend will be a wonderful opportunity to go deeper in His love and take time to discern God's will for your life.

The weekend will be an opportunity to adore the Lord and learn to listen to God's voice as well as experience the prayer, community, charism and life of the Sisters of the Immaculata.

If you would like to come for the weekend, please contact us at <u>vocations@immaculata.org.au</u> for more information. Please note that there are limited spaces available. Please pass this on to any young women who you might think are interested.

God bless, The Sisters of the Immaculata



Joseph House | House of Discernment for Men Applications 2025 Now Open!

Joseph House is a place of intentional discernment. Residents engage in daily prayer, fraternity, and spiritual formation, helping them realise the universal call to holiness received at Baptism and discern God's specific plan for their lives. This is achieved while they continue with their regular employment, studies, and social activities.



Vocations Office Events

Scan, Connect, Engage! Use our QR Code for all Vocation Office Events! It's your ticket to seamless entry and instant updates. Scan now and join us on the journey of faith! <u>Website</u>

Email: Vocations.ministry@bbcatholic.org.au Ph: 02 8379 1626 | 0418 522 449

Safeguarding Awareness 2024



Voice of the vulnerable with a focus on domestic and family violence

Earlier this year CatholicCare workers Danielle Habib and Natasha Harmon specialists in domestic and family violence delivered training to our clergy. In response to one of the suggestions of our clergy, our Safeguarding Office

worked with CatholicCare to develop this poster. The QR Code on this poster and below links to the CatholicCare domestic and family violence webpage.

To access the video of **Bishop Anthony speaking about Domestic and Family Violence**, please visit <u>https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/safeguarding/a-</u> <u>catholic-response-to-domestic-violence</u>





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.



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



EUCHARISTIC ADORATION IN MANLY ON WEDNESDAYS 6pm – 7.30pm

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

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.

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time- Year B

First Reading

Daniel 12:1-3 (JB)

A reading from the prophet Daniel

When that time comes your own people will be spared.

'At that time Michael will stand up, the great prince who mounts guard over your people. There is going to be a time of great distress, unparalleled since nations first came into existence. When that time comes, your own people will be spared, all those whose names are found written in the Book. Of those who lie sleeping in the dust of the earth many will awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting disgrace. The learned will shine as brightly as the vault of heaven, and those who have instructed many in virtue, as bright as stars for all eternity.'

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

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 15:5, 8-11 (JB)

R. Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.

O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup; it is you yourself who are my prize. I keep the Lord ever in my sight: since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. R.

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad; even my body shall rest in safety. For you will not leave my soul among the dead, nor let your beloved know decay. R.

You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, at your right hand happiness for ever. R.

Second Reading

Hebrews 10:11-14, 18 (JB)

A reading from the letter of to the Hebrews

By a single offering he has achieved the eternal perfection of those who are sanctified.

All the priests stand at their duties every day, offering over and over again the same sacrifices which are quite incapable of taking sins away. Christ, on the other hand, has offered one single sacrifice for sins, and then taken his place for ever, at the right hand of God, where he is now waiting until his enemies are made into a footstool for him. By virtue of that one single offering, he has achieved the eternal perfection of all whom he is sanctifying. When all sins have been forgiven, there can be no more sin offerings.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Luke 21:36 (JB)

Mark 13:24-32 (JB)

Alleluia, alleluia! Be watchful and pray constantly, that you may be worthy to stand before the Son of Man. Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark He shall gather his elect from the four winds.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'In those days, after the time of distress, the sun will be darkened, the moon will lose its brightness, the stars will come falling from heaven and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory; then too he will send the angels to gather his chosen from the four winds, from the ends of the world to the ends of heaven.

'Take the fig tree as a parable: as soon as its twigs grow supple and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. So with you, when you see these things happening: know that he is near, at the very gates. I tell you solemnly, before this generation has passed away all these things will have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

'But as for that day or hour, nobody knows it, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son; no one but the Father.'

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 **St Mary's Primary School** 7256 2135 Principal: Paul McGuire

Weekend Masses:

Manly: Saturday Vigil 6:00pm

Tuesday - Friday 9:15am

Freshwater: Saturday Vigil 5:00pm

Sunday 9am

Weekday Masses: Manly & Freshwater

Baptisms: please contact the parish office

Reconciliation: Manly Sat 10am - 11am

St John the Baptist Primary School 9939 6699 Principal: Alicia van der Merwe

Sunday 8:30am, 10:30am, 6:00pm

St Paul's Catholic College 7256 2112 Head of College: Mark Robinson

Stella Maris College 9977 5144 Principal: Elizabeth Carnegie