



MANLY FRESHWATER CATHOLIC PARISH

Mary Immaculate and St John the Baptist Churches

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 16 February 2025



The Shrine of Hope for Priests & Vocations at Mary Immaculate, Manly, invites all the faithful to the:

INSTALLATION OF THE RELIC OF
ST JOHN VIANNEY
on
SUNDAY 2 MARCH AT 6:00PM MASS

Join Bishop Anthony Randazzo and the clergy of Broken Bay for this special celebration, including Mass, veneration of the relic, and a blessing.

All parishioners, families, students, and pilgrims are welcome as we entrust our clergy and future vocations to St John Vianney's intercession.

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Prayer for the Jubilee Year of Hope



Inspired by the Life and Witness of St. John Vianney

Heavenly Father, in this Jubilee Year of Hope, we thank You for the gift of our parish, Manly Freshwater, chosen as a shrine of hope for priests and vocations. Through the intercession of St. John Vianney, the faithful shepherd of souls, renew in us a deep love for the priesthood and a commitment to fostering holy vocations in our community.

Lord, may this parish be a beacon of hope, where priests find strength and renewal, where Your faithful discover peace and encouragement, and where hearts are inspired to answer Your call with courage and joy.

Teach us, through the example of St. John Vianney, to love prayer deeply, to serve with humility, and to bring Your mercy and hope to those who seek You.

We entrust Manly Freshwater Parish and this Jubilee Year of Hope to Your loving care, confident that You will guide us to renewal and bless us with abundant vocations, through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Jubilee 2025
PILGRIMS OF HOPE

**Mary Immaculate Church
Manly - New Mass Times
and "Hours of Mercy"
A Jubilee Year of Hope
Initiative**

As part of our commitment to being a **Shrine of Hope for Priests and Vocations** during this Jubilee Year of Hope, our Parish Pastoral Council has introduced new opportunities for prayer and spiritual renewal.

◆ **New Early Morning Masses** – To accommodate those unable to attend our regular 9:15 am weekday Mass, during the Jubilee Year of Hope, we will offer **7:00 am Mass every Tuesday and Friday**. This provides an opportunity for some working parishioners to begin their day with the Eucharist.

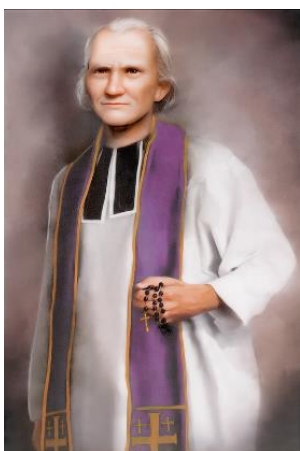
◆ **"Hours of Mercy"** – **Every First Wednesday** – On the **first Wednesday of each month, from 6:00 pm to midnight**, we will hold a special time of grace and prayer. The evening will begin with **Mass**, followed by **Eucharistic Adoration**. This extended time of prayer allows us to deepen our relationship with God and receive the gift of **Plenary Indulgences**.

◆ **Regular Wednesday Adoration** – On all other Wednesdays, Adoration will continue as usual from **6:00 pm to 7:30 pm**.

The commencement for these new initiatives is from Tuesday 4th March 2025.

More details on what to expect during the **"Hours of Mercy"** will be shared soon. We encourage you to take advantage of these spiritual opportunities to encounter God's grace in a profound way.

Fr Chima



Invitation to the Installation of the Relic of St John Vianney

This relic of the patron saint of priests will be installed in our Church as an intentional place for prayer and spiritual support of clergy, seminarians, and all

those discerning their vocation. St John Vianney's life of holiness, tireless dedication to the Sacrament of Confession, and love for the priesthood continue to inspire many baptized members of the Church today.



**HAVE YOU
CONSIDERED
BEING A
EUCCHARISTIC
MINISTER OR
READER AT MASS?**

As we start a new year, we are looking to hold training for new Eucharistic Ministers and Readers. If you are interested in this very important and fulfilling ministry, please contact the parish office 9977 5822 to register.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2025



The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated in the Parish on Thursday 1st May. If your child is in **Year 3** or above and is **Baptised Catholic**, he/she is eligible to enrol in the Sacramental program which begins with **Confirmation**.

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**Confirmation Parents Information
Evenings this Tuesday at Manly 7pm**

- **Manly: Tuesday 18 February at 7pm**
- **Freshwater: Thursday 27 February at 7pm**



The Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion will be held in Term 2. We will be holding our Parent Information Evening on

the following dates:

- **Manly: Tuesday 18 March at 7pm**
- **Freshwater: Thursday 27 March at 7pm**

If your child is in Year 4 and has received the Sacrament of Confirmation and you wish them to take part in this program it is essential, you attend one of these sessions. If you have any queries, please email michelle.ellis@bbcatholic.org.au



**Older
Children's
Baptism
Program**

In the coming weeks we will be holding a **'Children's Baptism'** preparation program for children from 6-12 years of age. To be eligible to join the program at least one parent needs to be a baptised Catholic. If you would like to know more about what is involved, please contact the Parish Office 9977 5822.



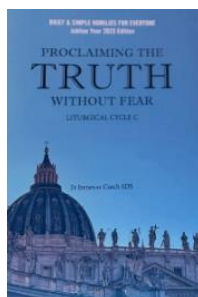
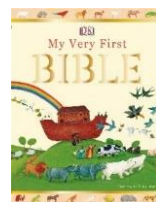
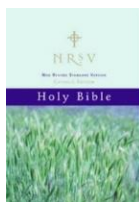
**Places of Pilgrimages
Jubilee of Hope 2025**

The three diocesan "Jubilee Shrines of Hope" which will form significant places of pilgrimage, worship, prayer, and hope for God's people in Broken Bay during the Jubilee Year

- The **Parish of Gosford** with the **Relic of Saint John Paul II** a **Shrine of Hope** for our families.
- The **Parish of Chatswood** with the **Relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis** a **Shrine of Hope** for our young people.
- The **Parish of Manly Freshwater** with the **Relic of Saint John Vianney** will **Shrine of Hope** for our Priests and Vocations.

Piety Store

BIBLE SALE CONTINUES Last weekend for discounted Bibles.



Fr Ireneusz Czech's Jubilee Year 2025 Homilies Book.

Proclaiming the Truth without Fear, by Fr Ireneusz is a collection of brief and simple homilies for this Liturgical Year. All proceeds will go to support Salvatorian seminarians .

Price: \$50.00 per copy

Movie of the month: *The story of Saint Brigid of Ireland* - Considered the most popular saint in Ireland (born 451AD). This documentary explores the incredible life of this Saint and the continued devotion to her intercession. Only \$10 at the piety store.

CD of the month: *Shameless* – seeing yourself as God sees you – Jeff Cavins
Living a shameless life is a key to happiness and peace. An engaging talk to help gain a deeper understanding of shame and engaging the struggles of the heart. Only \$5 at the piety store.

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 Vincent de Paul Conferences:
Manly 1st Mon each month 5:30pm
Freshwater 2nd Mon each month 5:30pm



PARISH MORNING TEAS

MANLY: First 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**



The Craft Group meets each week on Tuesday mornings from 10am to 12noon in the Parish Center. We invite you to come along for a cuppa and a chat in a friendly relaxed environment. Bring your knitting or other craft if you wish.



Lectio Divina Read his story in the Gospels. Spend time with him. Lectio Divina groups meet in the Parish Centre on Tuesday evenings at 7:30pm and Wednesday mornings at 10am.



YOUTH GROUP

1st and 3rd Sunday of the Month following the 6pm Mass (7pm – 9pm).

We welcome all youth who are in High School (Yr 7 – Yr 12) to come along and join the Manly Freshwater Parish Youth Group. 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)



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



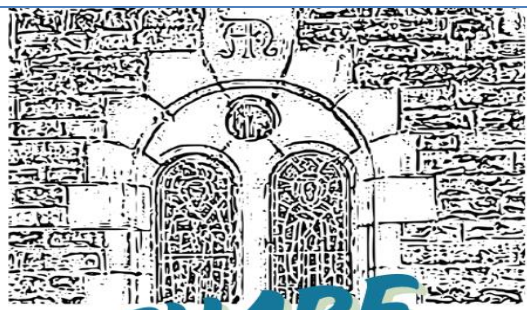
HAS YOUR CREDIT CARD EXPIRED?

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.



SHARE Your MANLY-FRESHWATER MEMORIES

More than one memory is welcome.
Try to include people's names in the comments.

Priests: e.g., I remember Fr..... Something about his ministry /year

Activities: e.g., I was part of the CYO in (date) and some activities were...

Groups: e.g., I belonged to these groups (when they met and what they did.)

Sacraments: e.g., I made my first communion/confirmation/wedding /(Date)

Events in the parish that were significant to you?

What do you remember about the **Church?** e.g., The colours, the statues, the size, decorations? Mass times or attendance numbers?

Dear Parishioners,

Thank you for sharing memories of Manly-Freshwater Parish.

This research will be used as part of a history of the parish publication in 2026 celebrating 150 years of the Parish.

The research is conducted by Patty Thomas.

BEd, ACU, Strathfield, Grad Dip Theology, Notre Dame, Sydney.

Please complete your memories in a word document & scan photos and email them to either <https://www.dropbox.com/request/CEypnfAUZXwTFinwXpZt>

or email them to manlymemories.rcc@outlook.com

or contact Patty Thomas 0408 690 156

Thank you for your participation.

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING IN THE PARISH THIS WEEK

We held our first **Baptism preparation program** for families who will Baptise their babies in the coming weeks.



CCD – Laurie Riley led the catechists in prayer before speaking to them about the upcoming year.



St Pauls College celebrated their Opening Mass, welcoming in the new year as a Co-educational College.

ALPHA IS A SAFE SPACE WHERE YOU CAN ASK
QUESTIONS ABOUT LIFE, FAITH AND MEANING

Alpha
**THERE'S A SEAT FOR
YOU AT THE TABLE**

WATCH



SCAN ME

KNOW MORE



SCAN ME

BOOK



SCAN ME

ALPHA STARTS AT 7PM ON 10 MARCH 2025

Parish Meeting Room, St Mary's Manly, 6 Raglan St

Registration essential - electronic and paper options are available

Alpha is a series of 11 interactive sessions that explore meaning of life and faith. You do not need to commit to attending them all. Just come for the first and see if it's for you.

It has a simple structure:

CONNECT – Connecting with others is important; friends gathered around the kitchen table or meeting for coffee.

It's no different at Alpha. All sessions start with a time to connect, relax and build friendships over a meal.

WATCH – The 30ish-minutes videos are designed to inspire conversation. They explore important issues around faith and unpack the basics of Christianity, addressing questions like: Who is Jesus? How can we have faith? Why do I pray? How does God guide us?

DISCUSS – At the heart of any Alpha is the chance to share thoughts and ideas in small groups. There's no obligation to speak but there's nothing you can't share!

It's a chance to hear from others and contribute your own perspective in an honest and friendly environment.

Booking is essential for catering purposes. You can book via QR cod or paper registration – available at the entrance of the church.

See you there – Monday 10 March 2025 at 7pm in Parish Meeting Room at Manly

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C

First Reading

Jeremiah 17:5-8 (JB)

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

A curse on those who trust in humanity; a blessing on those who trust in the Lord.

The Lord says this: 'A curse on the man who puts his trust in man, who relies on things of flesh, whose heart turns from the Lord. He is like dry scrub in the wastelands: if good comes, he has no eyes for it, he settles in the parched places of the wilderness, a salt land, uninhabited. 'A blessing on the man who puts his trust in the Lord, with the Lord for his hope. He is like a tree by the waterside that thrusts its roots to the stream: when the heat comes it feels no alarm, its foliage stays green; it has no worries in a year of drought, and never ceases to bear fruit.'

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

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 1:1-4 (JB)

R. Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

Happy indeed is the man who follows not the counsel of the wicked; nor lingers in the way of sinners nor sits in the company of scorners, but whose delight is the law of the Lord and who ponders his law day and night. R.

He is like a tree that is planted beside the flowing waters, that yields its fruit in due season and whose leaves shall never fade; and all that he does shall prosper. R.

Not so are the wicked, not so! For they like winnowed chaff shall be driven away by the wind. For the Lord guards the way of the just but the way of the wicked leads to doom. R.

Second Reading

Corinthians 15:12, 16-20 (JB)

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

If Christ is not raised from the dead, your faith is in vain.

If Christ raised from the dead is what has been preached, how can some of you be saying that there is no resurrection of the dead? For if the dead are not raised, Christ has not been raised, and if Christ has not been raised, you are still in your sins. And what is more serious, all who have died in Christ have perished. If our hope in Christ has been for this life only, we are the most unfortunate of all people.

But Christ has in fact been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Luke 6:23 (JB)

Alleluia, alleluia! Rejoice and be glad; your reward is great in heaven. Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 6:17, 20-26 (JB)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Happy are the poor. Woe to the rich!

Jesus came down with the Twelve and stopped at a piece of level ground where there was a large gathering of his disciples with a great crowd of

people from all parts of Judaea and from Jerusalem and from the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon who had come to hear him and to be cured of their diseases. Then fixing his eyes on his disciples he said: 'How happy are you who are poor; yours is the kingdom of God. Happy you who are hungry now: you shall be satisfied. Happy you who weep now: you shall laugh. 'Happy are you when people hate you, drive you out, abuse you, denounce your name as criminal, on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice when that day comes and dance for joy, for then your reward will be great in heaven. This was the way their ancestors treated the prophets. 'But alas for you who are rich: you are having your consolation now. Alas for you who have your fill now: you shall go hungry. Alas for you who laugh now: you shall mourn and weep. 'Alas for you when the world speaks well of you! This was the way their ancestors treated the false prophets.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



Gospel Reflection

In Matthew's Sermon on the Mount, Jesus speaks of "Beatitudes," but in Luke's Sermon on the Plain, Jesus drops a series of bombshells. He takes the accepted standards of the times and turns them upside down: To those who are considered the "haves" of society, Jesus warns "Woe to you!" – wealth and power are not the stuff of the kingdom of God; but to the "have nots," Jesus says, "Happy and blessed are you" – love, humble selflessness, compassion and generosity are the treasure of God's realm. Jesus promises his followers poverty, suffering, persecuting and grief -- but their hope in God will be rewarded with perfect and complete joy. In Luke's Gospel, the "blessed" are those who see beyond their own needs and wants in the present moment to work for a better future not only for themselves but for others – but "woe" to those, Jesus warns, who seek their own "fill" now with no concern for the future or for others.

This will be a constant theme throughout Luke's Gospel: Jesus teaches that wealth and power are not the stuff of the reign of God, but humility, selflessness and compassion are the treasures of God's kingdom.


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St John the Baptist Church

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Parish Pastoral Council:

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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* Tues – Fri 9:15am

Reconciliation: *Manly* Sat 10am – 11am; Wed 6pm – 7pm

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