

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

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time – 23 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

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.

6 Raglan St, Manly, 2095, NSW

Mass will be followed by a light supper.

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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.

Installation of the Relic of St. John Vianney & Beginning of Lent

We warmly invite you to the Installation of the Relic of St. John Vianney during the 6:00 pm Mass on Saturday, 2nd March at Mary Immaculate Church, Manly. As our church has been designated a Shrine of Hope for Priests and Vocations for the Jubilee Year of



Hope, this is a special opportunity to gather in prayer and reflection.

We look forward to welcoming Bishop Anthony Randazzo, clergy, and lay faithful from parishes across our diocese and beyond for this momentous occasion.

This celebration will also help prepare our hearts for the Lenten season, which begins with Ash Wednesday on 5th March. Lent is a time of renewal, and what better way to begin than by seeking the intercession of St. John Vianney, a model of faith, prayer, and dedication to God?

Also, a reminder of our new weekday Mass times: Tuesdays and Fridays at 7:00 am.

We hope you can join us for this blessed occasion as we embark on this season of faith, hope, and renewal together. Fr Chima



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

LET US PRAY FOR **Recently Deceased:**

23 February 2025

Anniversary: Reuben Mavromatis

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; Jake Usher; Wayne Smedley; Apolinar Anasarias; Kay Flenady; Annette Frances O'Leary; Anna Kalayzich; Veronica Rinaldo; Rena Curll; Shirley Ford; Ana Maria Saladana; Peter Hoang Ngoc Thai

Dates to remember...

- Confirmation Parent Night @ Freshwater Thu 27 Feb 7pm
- SMM Class Mass Thurs 27 Feb 9:15am
- PPC Meeting Thurs 27 Feb 5:30pm
- Relic Installation Mass & Supper Sun 2 Mar 6pm
- Cenacle of Our Lady Manly: Tues 9:45am; Freshwater: Wed 9:45am



Sacrament of confession/reconciliation is available in Manly every Saturday from 10am to 11am and Wednesday from 6pm to 7pm.

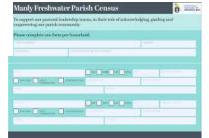


EUCHARISTIC ADORATION IN MANLY ON WEDNESDAYS 6pm – 7.30pm **Quiet Prayer, Adoration and** reconciliation will be available

6pm – 7pm concluding with **Benediction**

Welcome to Our Parish!

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



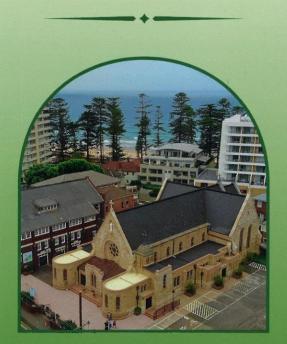
MASTORAL CAN'T GET TO MASS ON SUNDAY AND WANT TO RECEIVE HOLY **COMMUNION?**

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

Information Brochures are now available in the Churches, please take a copy.



SHRINE OF HOPE FOR PRIESTS AND VOCATIONS



JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE 2025



Children's Liturgy is held on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month during the 10:30am Mass.

the entrance of the Churches.

Children's Activity pages available at



Children's Mass books are now available at the entrances of the Church for use during the Masses. Please return after the

Mass.

Mass booklets can be purchased from the Piety Store for \$10.00



The Pope's Prayer Intention for the month of February –. For vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those

young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.





LENT 2024

Ash Wednesday Masses – 5 March

Manly: 9:15am, 12noon and 6pm

Freshwater: 9:15am



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WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2025



The Cook Islands

'I made you wonderful'

Friday 7 March 2025 at 10am at Manly Presbyterian Church 56 Raglan St, Manly

ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN



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.

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**.

Confirmation Parents Information Evening on Thursday 27 February at Freshwater at 7pm.



TheSacramentsofReconciliation and First HolyCommunionwillbeheldinTerm 2. We willbeholdingourParentInformationEveningon

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.



HAVE YOU CONSIDERED BEING A EUCHARISTIC 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.

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



This weekend St John the Baptist and St Mary's Primary Schools will be celebrating their first Family Masses for 2025.



PARISH MORNING TEAS

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



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: <u>manlyfreshwatercatholicyouth@gmail.com</u> Instagram: manlyfreshwater_catholicyouth

PARISH SOCIAL MEDIA

Parish facebook: facebook.com/manlyfreshwaterparish

Parish website: bbcatholic.org.au/manlyfreshwater

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

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



have faith? Why do I pray? How does God guide us?

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

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





ST JOHN THE BAPTIST SCHOOL OPENING & LEADERSHIP MASS ST MARY'S SCHOOL OPENING MASS



SHRINE OF HOPE PILGRIMS During the week we welcomed our first pilgrim group from Mt Druit with Fr Youssef Hares Elias.



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...

- 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.

 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

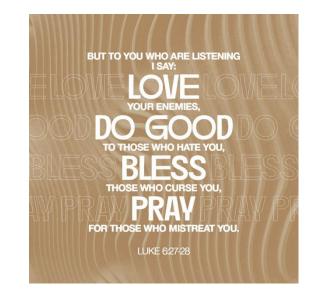
HAS YOUR CREDIT CARD EXPIRED?

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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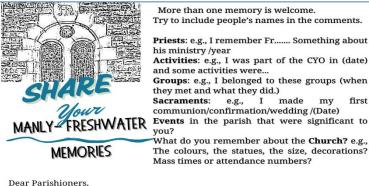
Please consider changing your giving from a credit card deduction to a direct debit from your bank account. Please contact the parish office to have this set up automatically for you.



Gospel Reflection

Continuing his Sermon on the Plain, Jesus again turns upside down another accepted standard of Jewish morality. The principle of "do to no one what you yourself dislike" (as articulated in Tobit 4: 15) was not enough for those who seek to be God's holy people. Jesus demands that his disciples "love your enemies."

The Greek word for love used in this text is agape, a sense of benevolence, kindness and charity towards others. In other words, no matter what a person does to us we will never allow ourselves to seek anything but the highest good for him or her. The radical love of God that is the mark of the Christian is presented clearly and emphatically here. In Luke's Gospel, Jesus calls us not just to passive adherence to the standard of the "Golden Rule," but to actively seek out the good in everyone, to risk being duped or hurt in our compassion and forgiveness of another. The completeness and limitlessness of God's own love and mercy for us should be the measure of our love and mercy for one another. Connectionmediaworks



ear 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.

Note: Readings for the Family Mass will be taken from the Children's Lectionary.

First Reading *1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23*

A reading the first book of Samuel

The Lord has put you in my power, but I will not raise my hand against you.

Saul set off and went down to the wilderness of Ziph, accompanied by three thousand men chosen from Israel to search for David in the wilderness of Ziph.

So in the dark David and Abishai made their way towards the force, where they found Saul asleep inside the camp, his spear stuck in the ground beside his head, with Abner and the troops lying round him.

Then Abishai said to David, 'Today God has put your enemy in your power; so now let me pin him to the ground with his own spear. Just one stroke! I will not need to strike him twice.' David answered Abishai, 'Do not kill him, for who can lift his hand against the Lord's anointed and be without guilt?' David took the spear and the pitcher of water from beside Saul's head, and they made off. No one saw, no one knew, no one woke up; they were all asleep, for a deep sleep from the Lord had fallen on them.

David crossed to the other side and halted on the top of the mountain a long way off; there was a wide space between them. David then called out, 'Here is the king's spear. Let one of the soldiers come across and take it. The Lord repays everyone for his uprightness and loyalty. Today the Lord put you in my power, but I would not raise my hand against the Lord's anointed.'

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

Responsorial PsalmPs 102:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13R. The Lord is kind and merciful.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my being, bless his holy name. My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings. R.

It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion. R.

The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy. He does not treat us according to our sins nor repays us according to our faults. R.

As far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our sins. As a father has compassion on his sons, the Lord has pity on those who fear him. R.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:45-49

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

Just as we have carried the earthly image, we must carry the heavenly image.

The first man, Adam, as scripture says, became a living soul; but the last Adam has become a lifegiving spirit. That is, first the one with the soul, not the spirit, and after that, the one with the spirit. The first man, being from the earth, is earthly by nature; the second man is from heaven. As this earthly man was, so are we on earth; and as the heavenly man is, so are we in heaven. And we, who have been modelled on the earthly man, will be modelled on the heavenly man.

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

Gospel Acclamation

John 13:34 (JB)

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment; love one another as I have loved you.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 6:27-38

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke *Be merciful as your Father is merciful.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I say this to you who are listening: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who treat you badly. To the man who slaps you on one cheek, present the other cheek too; to the man who takes your cloak from you, do not refuse your tunic. Give to everyone who asks you, and do not ask for your property back from the man who robs you. Treat others as you would like them to treat you. If you love those who love you, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what thanks can you expect? For even sinners do that much. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners lend to sinners to get back the same amount. Instead, love your enemies and do good, and lend without any hope of return. You will have a great reward, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.

'Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate. Do not judge, and you will not be judged yourselves; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned yourselves; grant pardon, and you will be pardoned. Give, and there will be gifts for you: a full measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap; because the amount you measure out is the amount you will be given back.'

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

Reconciliation: Manly Sat 10am - 11am; Wed 6pm - 7pm St Mary's Primary School 7256 2135 Principal: Paul McGuire

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

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

John Zemek (Deputy Chair); Val Buono; Patricia Carroll;

Weekday Masses: Manly & Freshwater Tues - Fri 9:15am

St Paul's Catholic College 7256 2112 Principal: Gabie Stojanovski

Rob Irvin; Robert Marshall; Ian Press

Manly: Saturday Vigil 6:00pm

Freshwater: Saturday Vigil 5:00pm

Sunday 9am

Weekend Masses:

Stella Maris College 9977 5144 Principal: Sharyn Quirk