



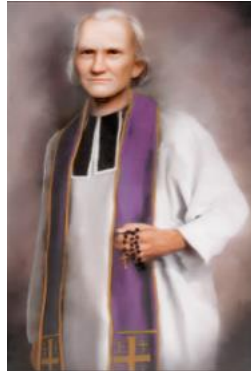
# MANLY FRESHWATER CATHOLIC PARISH

Mary Immaculate and St John the Baptist Churches

**Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 2 March 2025**

## Welcome to Mary Immaculate Church — A Shrine of Hope for Priests and Vocations

A warm welcome to everyone joining us at Mary Immaculate Church, now designated as a Shrine of Hope for Priests and Vocations, for the installation of the relic of St. John Vianney. We extend a special welcome to Bishop Anthony, whose vision and blessing have made this designation possible, as well as to our clergy, parishioners, and all the faithful who have travelled from across our diocese—and beyond—to be part of this prayerful occasion.



We also acknowledge and thank the representatives from the schools within our parish precinct who have joined us in this celebration. A heartfelt thank you to our dedicated volunteers, whose tireless efforts have helped make this day so special, and to the team from our diocesan chancery, especially Mission Broken Bay, for their invaluable assistance.

As we prepare for our sesquicentenary (150 years) in 2026, may this Shrine of Hope be a place of deep spiritual renewal for our parish community and a source of grace and blessing for all pilgrims who visit throughout this Jubilee Year of Hope.

May St. John Vianney, patron of priests, intercede for us all.

*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 4<sup>th</sup> March 2025.

More details on what to expect during the **"Hours of Mercy"** are in the bulletin. We encourage you to take advantage of these spiritual opportunities to encounter God's grace in a profound way. *Fr Chima*

## 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.



## Journey Through Lent — Beginning on Ash Wednesday

Dear Parishioners,  
Lent is a sacred time of renewal, prayer, and reflection as we prepare our hearts for Easter. We invite you to begin this season with us on Ash Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> March, by attending Mass and receiving the ashes as a sign of our repentance and commitment to Christ.

### Ash Wednesday Mass Times:

✚ **Manly:** 9:15am | 12:00pm | 6:00pm (*followed by Adoration till midnight, with Reconciliation available*)

✚ **Freshwater:** 9:15am

Join us in this powerful journey of grace. For details on the Hours of Mercy and other Lenten offerings, please see the parish newsletter.

May this Lent be a time of deep spiritual renewal for us all. *Fr Chima*

**LET US PRAY FOR**

2 March 2025

**Recently Deceased:** Evelyn Newman; Noel Reidy

**Anniversary:** Victor Moyneur; Richard Moyneur

**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; John Santos

**Dates to remember...**

- **Relic Installation Mass & Supper** Sun 2 Mar 6pm
- **Ash Wednesday 5 March Masses**  
Manly: 9:15am; 12noon; 6pm and Freshwater 9:15am
- **Anointing Mass at Freshwater** Fri 7 Mar 9:15am
- **Stella Maris College Mass** Friday 7 Mar 9:30am
- **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.

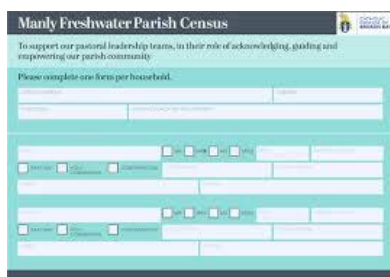


Adoration

**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](mailto:manlyfreshwaterparish@bbcatholic.org.au)

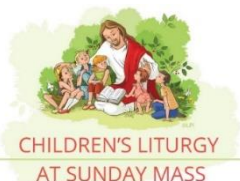
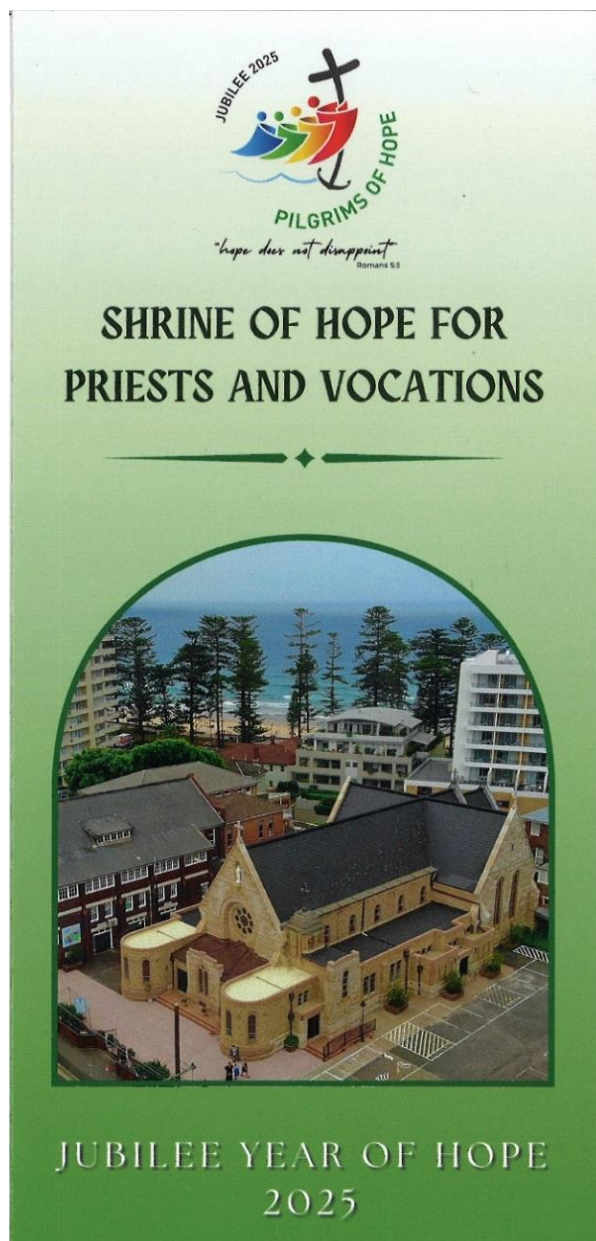


**CAN'T GET TO MASS ON SUNDAY AND WANT TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION?**

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

**MARCH MINISTRY ROSTER WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCHES**

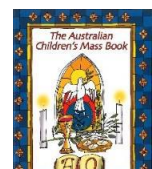
**Information Brochures are now available in the Churches, please take a copy.**



**CHILDREN'S LITURGY AT SUNDAY MASS**

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

**Children's Activity pages** available at the entrance of the Churches.



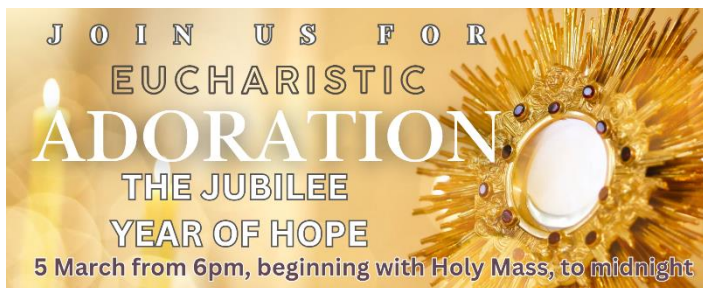
**Children's Mass books** are now available at the entrances of the Church for use during the Masses. Please return after the Mass.

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



**The Pope's Prayer Intention for the month of March – For families in crisis.** Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.





**“Hours of Mercy” – beginning on Ash Wednesday 5 March and 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**.

6pm – 6:45pm Holy Mass

6:45pm – 7:30pm Exposition and usual Adoration

7:30pm – 8pm Rosary with Lectio Divina Group

8pm – 8:30pm Silent Adoration

8:30pm – 9pm Rosary to the Holy Spirit with Larissa

9pm – 9:15pm Silent Adoration

9:15pm – 10pm Praise and Worship in Spanish with Spanish Prayer Group

10pm – 10:15pm Silent Adoration

10:15pm – 10:45pm Divine Mercy in my Soul with Fr Marek

10:45pm – 11pm Silent Adoration

11pm – 11:45pm Vocations and Young Adults with Fr Joey Frez and Fr Sam French

11:45pm – midnight Benediction

Confession will be available at every full hour from 7pm to 11pm

Tea and coffee available from 9pm to 11:30pm in the parish centre.

## Stations of the Cross

will be held each Friday during Lent –

- Freshwater at 9:45am
- Manly at 7pm followed by the Lenten Program in the Parish Centre



## Morning Tea this Sunday at Manly following the 8:30am Mass

and 3rd Sunday after 10:30am Mass

**FRESHWATER:** every Sunday after the 9am Mass.

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

**MASS NEXT FRIDAY 7<sup>th</sup> MARCH** will be at 9:30am for the Stella Maris Commissioning New Principal with Bishop Anthony.



Vox Populi

26 February 2025

People around the world are united in prayer for Pope Francis who remains in hospital in a critical but stable condition.

The news of the 88-year old Pope’s respiratory illness, worsened by double pneumonia, infection and kidney complications, has promoted an outpouring of affection by the individual faithful and Christian communities.

Hundreds of people, many pilgrims visiting Rome during this Holy Year, have gathered since the Pope’s admittance to hospital nearly two weeks ago to pray and light candles in St Peter’s Square. This week, the Cardinals living in Rome have been leading a nightly Rosary, the first one led by the Vatican Secretary of State, Cardinal Pietro Parolin.

In a message sent from hospital, the Holy Father thanked everyone for their prayers saying they were a great comfort.

He asked for the prayers to continue as they are “armour for every shepherd.”

Pope Francis is the 266<sup>th</sup> pontiff having been elected 12 years ago following the resignation of Pope Benedict XVI.

Pray for the Vicar of Christ on earth.

## 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**.



**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](mailto:michelle.ellis@bbcatholic.org.au)

**Project Compassion Sunday**

This Lent, we are called to *Unite Against Poverty* through Caritas Australia's Project Compassion.

Your generous support this Lenten Season will enable Caritas Australia to provide life-changing support to vulnerable communities in need.

**Please donate today.**

You can support Project Compassion 2025 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code below

Or online at: [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion)

Or by calling: 1800 024 413

Thank you for standing with us, as we *Unite Against Poverty this Lent*.



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POVERTY**  
this Lent

**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.

**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.

**POPE FRANCIS'  
Advice for Lent**

Fast from **hurting** words and say kind **words**.

Fast from **sadness**  
and be filled with **gratitude**.

Fast from **anger** and be filled with **patience**.

Fast from **pessimism** and be filled with **hope**.

Fast from **worries** and **trust in God**.

Fast from **complaints**  
and **contemplate** simplicity.

Fast from **pressures** and be **prayerful**.

Fast from **bitterness**  
and fill your heart with **joy**.

Fast from **selfishness**  
and be **compassionate** to others.

Fast from **grudges** and be **reconciled**.

Fast from **words**  
and be silent so you can **listen**.

**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](mailto:manlyfreshwatercatholicyouth@gmail.com)

Instagram: manlyfreshwater\_catholicyouth

**PIETY STORE**

**Movie of the month** - The miracles of Padre Pio

Renowned as the greatest wonder-working saint in modern history. This documentary explores; Padre Pio's stigmata, levitations, prophecies, bilocations and the remarkable intercessory miracles and favours attributed to him. Only \$10 @ the piety store.

**CD of the month** - The sacrament of penance - Fr William Casey

An excellent description of the sacrament of reconciliation. "Sin clings to us, have it removed and feel so much better!" take advantage of this sacrament. Only \$5 at the piety store.

**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.



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



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

WATCH KNOW MORE BOOK





SCAN ME SCAN ME 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

### 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

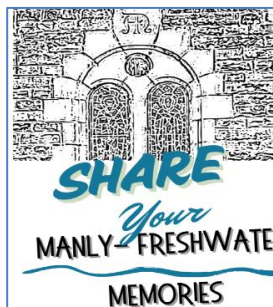
- Anointing Mass: Manly & Freshwater 1st Friday 9:15am
- Parish Pastoral Council: contact Parish Office
- St Vincent de Paul Conferences:  
 Manly 1st Mon each month 5:30pm  
 Freshwater 2nd Mon each month 5:30pm

### PARISH SOCIAL MEDIA

**Parish facebook:** facebook.com/manlyfreshwaterparish

**Parish website:** bbcatholic.org.au/manlyfreshwater

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



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.

BE, 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](mailto:manlymemories.rcc@outlook.com) or contact Patty Thomas 0408 690 156

Thank you for your participation.



**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.



**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.

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



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

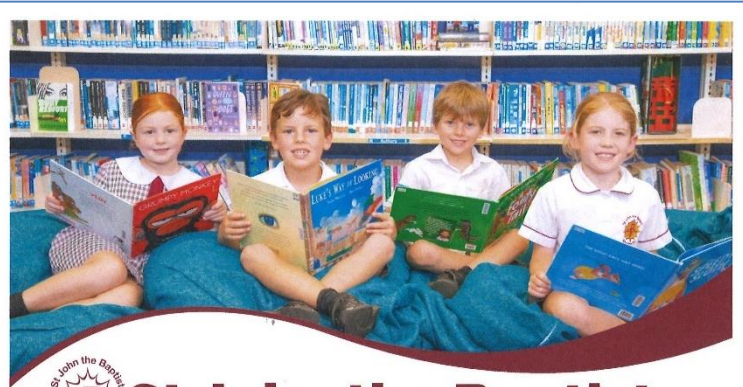
**HAS YOUR CREDIT CARD EXPIRED?**

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](mailto: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.



**St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School Freshwater**

**School Tours**

**5th, 6th, 7th March 2025 9 am-10 am**



A challenging, yet inclusive curriculum to enable each student to thrive.



Our Catholic foundation underpins our approach for wholistic education.

Mrs Alicia van der Merwe  
**PRINCIPAL**



Our Motto, 'Prepare the Way' - to instil Courage, Compassion and Humility.



Professional Educators partnering with local families to nurture a love for learning.



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**The Australian Holy Shroud Conference (AHSC) 2025** will consist of a keynote dinner, 6pm on Friday 27

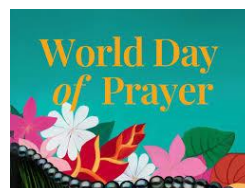
June and a day's program of expert presentations, 9am to 4pm on Saturday 28 June. There will be an option for participants to view a feature film presentation on the Shroud by the director himself, David Rolfe. The Australian Holy Shroud Conference 2025 is the first of its kind to be held in Australia.

Location: Liverpool Catholic Club  
424 - 458 Hoxton Park Rd, Prestons.

Book online at the following website:

<https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1318494>

**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**



# Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C

## First Reading

*Sirach 27:4-7 (JB)*

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

*Do not praise someone before they have spoken.*

In a shaken sieve the rubbish is left behind, so too the defects of a man appear in his talk. The kiln tests the work of the potter, the test of a man is in his conversation. The orchard where the tree grows is judged on the quality of its fruit, similarly a man's words betray what he feels. Do not praise a man before he has spoken, since this is the test of men.

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

## Responsorial Psalm

*Ps 91:2-3, 13-16 (JB)*

**R. Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.**

It is good to give thanks to the Lord to make music to your name, O Most High, to proclaim your love in the morning and your truth in the watches of the night. R.

The just will flourish like the palm-tree and grow like a Lebanon cedar. R.

Planted in the house of the Lord they will flourish in the courts of our God, still bearing fruit when they are old, still full of sap, still green, to proclaim that the Lord is just. In him, my rock, there is no wrong. R.

## Second Reading

*1 Corinthians 15:54-58 (JB)*

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

*Victory has been given to us through Jesus Christ.*

When this perishable nature has put on imperishability, and when this mortal nature has put on immortality, then the words of scripture will come true: Death is swallowed up in victory. Death, where is your victory? Death, where is your sting? Now the sting of death is sin, and sin gets its power from the Law. So let us thank God for giving us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Never give in then, my dear brothers, never admit defeat; keep on working at the Lord's work always, knowing that, in the Lord, you cannot be labouring in vain.

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

## Gospel Acclamation

*Philippians 2:15-16*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life.

Alleluia!

## Gospel

*Luke 6:39-45 (JB)*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*A person speaks from what is in his heart.*

Jesus told a parable to his disciples, 'Can one blind man guide another? Surely both will fall into a pit? The disciple is not superior to his teacher; the fully trained disciple will always be like his teacher. Why do you observe the splinter in your brother's eye and never notice the plank in your own? How can you say to your brother, "Brother, let me take out the splinter that is in your eye," when you cannot see the plank in your own? Hypocrite! Take the plank out of your own eye first, and then you will see clearly enough to take out the splinter that is in your brother's eye.

'There is no sound tree that produces rotten fruit, nor again a rotten tree that produces sound fruit. For every tree can be told by its own fruit: people do not pick figs from thorns, nor gather grapes from brambles. A good man draws what is good from the store of goodness in his heart; a bad man draws what is bad from the store of badness. For a man's words flow out of what fills his heart.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## Gospel Reflection

In the conclusion of the "Sermon on the Plain," Jesus employs a style of preaching known as *charaz* – "stringing beads."

Luke had edited several of Jesus' sayings into three "beads":

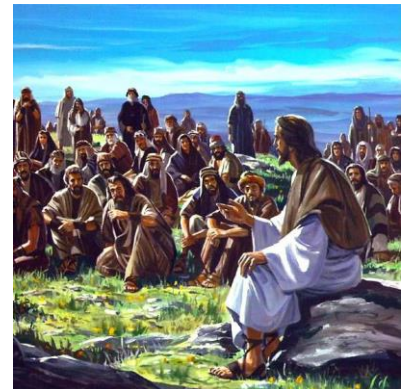
First, becoming a disciple is an ongoing process of seeking and conversion. The disciple never "surpasses" his/her instruction, nor is the disciple ever "better" than those the disciple brings to God.

Second, Jesus calls his disciples not to judge or condemn but to focus their lives on personal conversion and reconciliation with others.

Third, we cannot speak sincerely or effectively of God with our lips unless God is present in our heart. It is the joy and humility in our lives that affirm the power of the Gospel, not mere words or dogmatic constructs.


At some point in every life, the individual must decide what kind of life he/she will live, what values will guide his/her decisions, what kind of person he/she wishes to become. Jesus' parables today all speak of the personal commitment and responsibility God demands of each one of us in making the Gospel the center of our lives.

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