



# MANLY FRESHWATER CATHOLIC PARISH

Mary Immaculate and St John the Baptist Churches

**Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time – 16th June 2024**



**Pastoral  
Discernment**  
Northern Beaches

**MANLY FRESHWATER  
PARISH CONSULTATION**

**You are invited to be a part of the  
Pastoral Discernment Forum.**

**Sunday 16 June 2024 at 11:30am – 12:30pm in Mary Immaculate Church Hall**

**Sunday 23 June 2024 at 10am – 11am in St John the Baptist Church Hall**

## **What is the Pastoral Discernment Process For?**

The project aims to understand the challenges and opportunities of our deanery so that we can participate more fully in mission.

Our conversations will inform the development of Bishop Anthony's pastoral mission implementation plan, and they will inform the work of our own parish pastoral council.

## **Questions for Discernment**

1. How can we connect with people who don't identify with a religion and involve them in mission?
2. What ministries are needed to meet the spiritual and pastoral needs of families?
3. What avenues for mission can we provide for young people on the Northern Beaches?
4. How can we improve our outreach to people experiencing disadvantage, and issues like domestic and family violence, mental health and wellbeing challenges, or the effects of the housing affordability crisis?
5. How can we enhance and strengthen Catholic communities on the Northern Beaches?

**We look forward to seeing you at one of our Consultation Forums.**

You can find out more about the Northern Beaches Pastoral Discernment Project here:

<https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/mission/pdnb>

For more on our parish's participation, contact Sandie Cornish at [sandie.cornish@gmail.com](mailto:sandie.cornish@gmail.com)



## **VINNIES WINTER APPEAL**

The theme of our appeal this year is the "**Working Homeless**".

With your support we will make a difference to people's lives.

These are the ways you can support our appeal...

- Using the envelopes on the pews.
- Scanning our QR code
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We would like to thank you all for many years of support in helping those in need. You do make a huge difference in our parish community. *God bless Bruce and Mick*

## LET US PRAY FOR

16 June 2024

**Recently Deceased:** Mary Helena Mann

**Anniversary:**

**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; Pat Smith; John Connors; Don Hews; Joan Jacobs; Paul Donnelly; Julie Wallis; Lyn Hillard; Ian Flynn; Jake Usher; Wayne Smedley; Apolinar Anasarias; Kay Flenady; Annette Frances O'Leary; Anna Kalayzich; Veronica Rinaldo; Chinnamma Puliparambil; Rena Cull; John Santos; Shirley Ford; Mary Hetenyi; Ana Maria Saladana

## Dates to remember...

### • Pastoral Discernment Forums

Manly: 16 June 11:30am Freshwater 23 June 10am

• **Alpha continues** Monday 17 June 7pm

• **Spanish Prayer Group** Friday 14 June 6pm

• **Youth Group (Yrs 7 – 12)** Sunday 16 June 7pm – 9pm

### • **Cenacle of Our Lady**

Manly: Tues 9:45am; Freshwater: Wed 9:45am



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

Many of you have not been able to come back to Mass on Sunday for different reasons. If you would like one of the Priest to visit you at home, please ring the parish office on 9977 5822.



## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION IN MANLY ON WEDNESDAYS – 6pm – 7.30pm

Quiet Prayer, Adoration and reconciliation will be available

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



## Pope Francis Prayer Intention for June – For migrants fleeing their homes.

We pray that migrants fleeing from war or hunger, forced to undertake journeys full of danger and violence, find welcome and new opportunities in the countries that receive them.

## YOUTH GROUP GATHERING



We welcome all youth who are in High School (Yr 7 – Yr 12) to come along and join the Manly Freshwater Parish Youth Group which is held every **1st and 3rd Sunday** following the 6pm Mass (7pm – 9pm). Join us for free food and drinks, table tennis, basketball, party games, talks and new friends! Feel free to check out our instagram or send us an email!

Email: [manlyfreshwatercatholicityouth@gmail.com](mailto:manlyfreshwatercatholicityouth@gmail.com)

Instagram: manlyfreshwater\_catholicityouth

## THINGS YOU DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT THE MASS

Matthew sends his apologies as he has been attending the Clergy Conference all week and didn't get his weekly column written.



Look out for next weekend's bulletin for his interesting commentary about the Mass.

## FUNERALS NEXT WEEK



**ROBIN EDEN** long time parishioner at Manly died on 4 June 2024 and her Prayer Service will be held on Monday 17 June at 1pm at Frenchs Forest Cemetery Chapel followed by a burial.

**CAMILLA MONTALDI** long time parishioner died on 1 June 2024 and her Requiem Mass will be held on Wednesday 19 June at 10:30am at Manly.

**AUDREY SPARKES** long time parishioner at Freshwater died on 5 June 2024 and her Requiem Mass will be held on Wednesday 19 June at 1:30pm at Freshwater.

Please keep the Robin, Camilla & Audrey and their families in your prayers.

## PARISH WEEKLY EVENTS

- Cenacle of Our Lady: Tues 9:45am Manly Church
- Craft Group: Tues 10:00am 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: Manly & Freshwater Conferences 2nd Mon each month 5:30pm

**Livestreaming on Facebook** Sunday 8:30am Mass  
[manlyfreshwaterparishfacebook/videos](https://www.facebook.com/manlyfreshwaterparish/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.*



## PARISH GIVING

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**
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### HAS YOUR CREDIT CARD EXPIRED?

If you donate to the Parish using your credit card please let us know if you have a new card or the card has expired by contacting the Parish Office 9977 5822 or email

[manlyfreshwaterparish@bbcatholic.org.au](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.

## PIETY STORE

**Movie of the month** Arn Knight Templar - a lavish historical epic based in Sweden and the Holy land in the middle ages. A story of love, survival and faith, rated MA. Only \$10 @ the piety store.

**CD of the month** St Paul - virtual tour of his life and teachings. Listen to Steve Ray's fascinating insights on this remarkable man, Saint Paul. Only \$5 @ the piety store.

## FR MAREK

celebrated his 24<sup>th</sup> Priestly Anniversary on Monday 10 June 2024.

Please keep Fr Marek in your prayers.



## FEAST OF ST ANTHONY OF PADUA THIS WEEKEND

At St John the Baptist Church, Freshwater. Program as follows...

- 1:00pm Confessions
- 1:30pm Holy Mass celebrated by Fr Anthony Fregolent with blessing of the bread and children during the Mass.
- 3:30pm Holy Procession accompanied by the Italian Brass Band of Giuseppe Verdi and escorted by the Italian Carabinieri in their colourful uniforms.

## GOSPEL REFLECTION



Farming is a matter of hard work and patient faith: All the farmer can do is plant the seed and nurture it along with water and care; God's unseen hand in creation transforms the tiny seed into a great harvest. Today's Gospel parables of the sower and the

mustard seed, then, are calls to patience, hope and readiness.

The mustard seed – that tiny speck containing the chemical energy to create the great tree – is a natural parable for the greatness that God raises up from small beginnings.

Jesus may have been directing his words to the Zealots, a Jewish sect that sought the political restoration of Israel. Many Zealots were terrorists, employing murder and insurrection to destabilize the Roman government. The Zealots dreamed of a Messiah who would restore the Jewish nation. Jesus, however, calls them to see their identity as God's people not in terms of political might but of interior faith and spiritual openness to the love of God.

## FR CHIMA'S INSTALLATION CELEBRATION

Last Sunday our parish community came together to celebrate the Installation of Fr Chima Ofor as our new parish priest

Bishop Anthony celebrated the Mass with Fr Chima and Fr Marek. It was a happy and joyous occasion with over 400 at the Mass and over 200 attending the lunch.

Thank you to all the hospitality team headed up by Kim McGrath, Jen Tucker and Merle Zemek. The team and their helpers worked tirelessly for several weeks and especially on the day.

We enjoyed a home-made feast of curries, dahl, stroganoff, vegetables & noodles and finished off with beautiful desserts. Fr Chima selected an array of red and white wines which was greatly appreciated. Please keep Fr Chima in your prayers.





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To express interest or ask questions you may contact: [marek.woldan@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:marek.woldan@bbcatholic.org.au)

To express an interest in the Pilgrimage or for more information please contact Fr Marek Woldan on [marek.woldan@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:marek.woldan@bbcatholic.org.au). The parish office has copies of the pilgrimage itinerary and what to expect. Come in and pick up a copy.

## Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time– Year B

### First Reading

*Ezekiel 17:22-24 (JB)*

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

*I have made the small tree great.*

The Lord says this: 'From the top of the cedar, from the highest branch I will take a shoot and plant it myself on a very high mountain. I will plant it on the high mountain of Israel. It will sprout branches and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Every kind of bird will live beneath it, every winged creature rest in the shade of its branches. And every tree of the field will learn that I, the Lord, am the one who stunts tall trees and makes the low ones grow, who withers green trees and makes the withered green. I, the Lord, have spoken, and I will do it.'

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** *2 Corinthians 5:6-10 (JB)*

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

*Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing the Lord.*

We are always full of confidence when we remember that to live in the body means to be exiled from the Lord, going as we do by faith and not by sight - we are full of confidence, I say, and actually want to be exiled from the body and make our home with the Lord. Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing him. For all the truth about us will be brought out in the law court of Christ, and each of us will get what he deserves for the things he did in the body, good or bad.

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

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live for ever.

Alleluia!

### Gospel

*Mark 4:26-34 (JB)*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

*The mustard seed, the smallest of all the seeds, grows into the biggest shrub of all.*

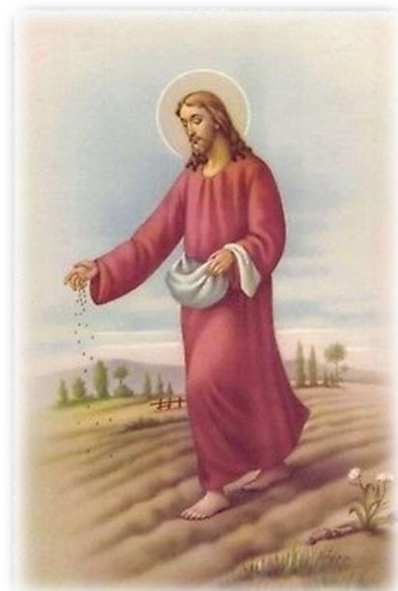
Jesus said to the crowd, 'This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man throws seed on the land. Night and day, while he sleeps, when he is awake, the seed is sprouting and growing; how, he does not know. Of its own accord the land produces first the shoot, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the crop is ready, he loses no time; he starts to reap because the harvest has come.'

He also said, 'What can we say the kingdom of God is like? What parable can we find for it? It is like a mustard seed which at the time of its sowing in the soil is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet once it is sown it grows into the biggest shrub of them all and puts out big branches so that the birds of the air can shelter in its shade.'

Using many parables like these, he spoke the word to them, so far as they were capable of understanding it. He would not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything to his disciples when they were alone.

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

**Presbytery:** 9977 2100

**After Hours Sick Calls:** 0499 910 010

**Parish Pastoral Council:**

Michael McGrath (Chair); Ivica Covic (Deputy  
Chair); John Zemek (Deputy Chair); Val Buono;

Patricia Carroll Margaret Dent; Robert Marshall;  
Peter Nacard, Ian Press, Katalina Taefotu

### Weekend Masses:

**Manly:** Saturday Vigil 6:00pm

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

**Freshwater:** Saturday Vigil 5:00pm & Sunday 9am

**Weekday Masses:** Manly & Freshwater

Tuesday – Friday 9:15am

**Baptisms:** please contact the parish office

**Reconciliation:** Manly Sat 10am – 11am

**St Mary's Primary School** 7256 2135

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