



MANLY FRESHWATER CATHOLIC PARISH

Mary Immaculate and St John the Baptist Churches

Sixth Sunday of Easter – 5th May 2024



Gospel Reflection

Chapters 13 through 17 of John's Gospel, Jesus' Last Supper discourse, might be described as Jesus' last will and testament to his fledgling church.

Continuing last Sunday's theme of the vine and branches, Jesus speaks of the love of God as the bonding agent of the new Israel. The model of love for the faithful disciple – "to love one another as I have loved you" – is extreme, limitless and unconditional. The love manifested in the Gospel and the resurrection of Christ creates an entirely new relationship between God and humanity. Again Christ, the obedient Servant Redeemer, is the great "connector" between God and us.

In Christ, we are not "slaves" of a distant divine Creator but "friends" of God who hears the prayers and cries made to him in Jesus' name. As "friends of God," we are called to reflect that love to the rest of the world. *Connectionmediaworks.com*



Mother's Day – bring a flower for Our Lady



We invite you to bring a flower from your garden to place at Our Lady's Shrine as a special thank you to her for being our Spiritual Mother. Vases will be available at both Churches for you to place your flower.



CRAFT STALL MANLY

Sunday 5th May

8:30am – 12noon

Come along and visit our **Mother's Day Craft Stall** for something different. Great gift ideas and winter warmers with lots of novelty craft items which have never been seen before - teacup succulents, face washes, hat holders, hand towels, teapot cosies, cup warmers, key rings and more!!! Funds raised will go to 'Mum for Mum' - supporting the transition to parenthood (www.mumformum.org.au)

We thank our very talented 'craft ladies' for sharing their crafts with us so we may enjoy their handy work!



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

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



FUNERAL for Shirley Kendall, who was a long time Freshwater parishioner will be held on Friday 10th May at 10:30am at St John the Baptist Church.

Please keep Shirley and her family in your prayers.



Diocesan Mass Count during May

As you are aware the Diocesan Mass Count takes place over four weekends in May. 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.

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

LET US PRAY FOR

5th May 2024

Recently Deceased: Bishop Peter Ingham;
Shirley Kendall

Anniversary: Peter Prager

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; Bill Hipkiss; Veronica Rinaldo; Chinnamma Puliparambil; Rena Cull; John Santos; Shirley Ford; Mary Hetenyi

Dates to remember...

• **St Paul's College Yr 12 Mother's Day Mass**

10th May 9:15am

• **Spanish Prayer Group** Fri 10th May at 6pm

• **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.



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: manlyfreshwatercatholicyouth@gmail.com

Instagram: [manlyfreshwater_catholicyouth](https://www.instagram.com/manlyfreshwater_catholicyouth)

SAVE THE DATE - 9th June 2024

The parish will be celebrating Fr Chima's Installation as Parish Priest with Bishop Anthony Randazzo.

Date: Sunday 9th June 2024

Time: 10:30am Mass followed by lunch

Where: St Mary's Church, Manly



Pope Francis Prayer Intention for May - For The Formation Of Men And Women Religious And Seminarians

Let us pray that men and women religious and seminarians, grow in their own vocational journey through human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, that leads them to be credible witnesses of the Gospel.



Fr Chima celebrated his birthday last week. Feel free to wish him a happy birthday and please keep him in your prayers.

THINGS YOU DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT THE MASS

Dear friends, I was only a small boy when I first served up on the altar, and began learning how to be a good servant of the liturgy. I still remember the lessons from my parish priest - everything from how to genuflect on the correct knee, ringing the bells at the right (and wrong) time, getting drenched by the holy water asperges, and competing with my brother to make the fewest mistakes while serving.



Only later did I begin to appreciate the beauty, truth and goodness contained in what it was I was doing. Since joining the seminary, I've grown in a richer appreciation for what it is we celebrate each Sunday, and accordingly, my love for the sacred liturgy has grown ever deeper. The Mass is a treasure chest full of gold and jewels, if only but we knew it.

So many Catholics I meet, sitting at Mass on Sunday, are asking the question: "What am I actually doing here?"

Because of this, over the coming weeks, I'll share with you some short snippets on 'Things You Didn't Know About The Mass'. My hope is that, by giving you a few little gems I've learned, you too will grow in greater knowledge of the sacred liturgy, be drawn in deeper love and intimacy with our Lord Jesus Christ, and travel ever more eagerly in pursuit of our one true goal in life: Heaven.

I look forward to sharing with you. God bless you.

Seminarian Matthew.



DEFIBRILLATOR DEMONSTRATIONS

Raising Awareness and Education with the 3- Simple Steps to Potentially Save a Life in case of a Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA) outside a Hospital.

The parish are holding a refresher demonstration on how to use the defibrillators which are installed at both Churches.

It's free and everyone is welcome...

Manly: Sunday 12th May at 11:30am

Freshwater: Sunday 19th May at 10am

It is easy and very educational!!!



PASTORAL WORKS MAY APPEAL

"Your generosity with our Pastoral Works Appeal helps us go further and wider in helping our community in Broken Bay, and more deeply connect us to our vision and the Mission of Jesus Christ. I am deeply grateful for your support." *Most Rev Anthony Randazzo*

Envelopes will be available in the pews.

Donations are 100% tax deductible.

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 27 MAY 2024

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

Registration essential - electronic and paper options are available

Confirmation

The Parish Preparation program commenced last weekend with 97 young people registered to be Confirmed by Bishop Anthony on Saturday 18th May.

During this session we talked about the 7 Sacraments, looking especially at Baptism and Confirmation.

The Children shared the stories of the Saints they have chosen and it was wonderful to see how serious the children were in selecting their saint.

Here are a few of the names:

Mary, Cornelius, Abigail, Clara, Christopher, Cecilia, Luke, Angela Merici, Mary MacKillop, Gianna, Isaiah, Sebastian, Hubert, Michael, Rose, George, Francis of Assisi, Dorothea, Erasmus, Grace, Joan, Marie Madeleine.



At this week's session we will be learning about the Gifts and Fruits of the Holy Spirit.

Let's take some time this week to remember the Gifts we received at our Confirmation!

The Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit

Wisdom: The gift to seek God first in all things and to see life from His perspective.

Understanding: The gift of enlightenment to grasp God's truth.

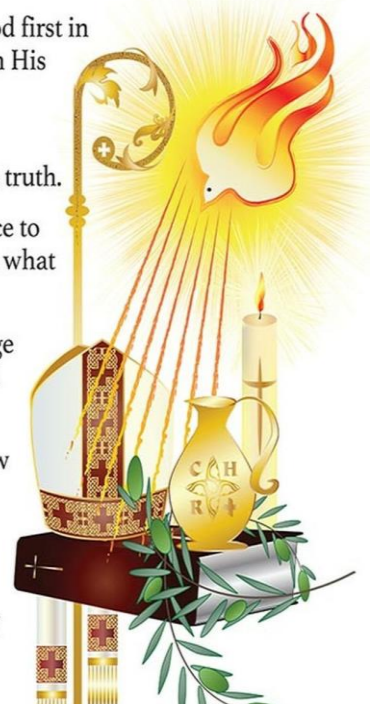
Counsel: The gift of guidance to make good decisions and do what pleases God.

Fortitude: The gift of courage and strength to overcome all obstacles in following Jesus.

Knowledge: The gift to know God and know myself.

Piety: The gift to enjoy God and the service of God.

Fear of the Lord: The gift of reverence and respect towards God.



Jason Evert
IN THE DIOCESE OF BROKEN BAY

Finding your soulmate without losing your soul

Catholic husband, father, author & founder of Chastity Project and the host of "Lust is Boring" Podcast.

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The Diocese of Broken Bay is excited to invite you to an exclusive event featuring renowned speaker **Jason Evert**.

Join us on **Wednesday, 22 May 2024**, at The Light of Christ Centre, Yardley Ave; Waitara.

Festivities and food trucks will be available from 6.00 pm, with Jason's talk on "Finding Your Soulmate Without Losing Your Soul" starting at 7:00 pm.

This is a **FREE** event, but seats are limited, so **registration is essential**. Please note that no ticket means no entry. Ticketing is open exclusively to Broken Bay young adults until Tuesday, 30 April.

Don't miss out on getting your tickets, **BOOK NOW!**

To register, please visit

<https://www.trybooking.com/CRFMV>

Food, soft drinks and coffee at attendee's expense

Your Parish giving

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.

SCAN ME

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.

PIETY STORE

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Pastoral Discernment Northern Beaches

Community Forum

All are invited as we launch into the **Community Engagement phase of the Project**

11am - 12pm Saturday 4 May 2024
OLGC Catholic Primary School Hall, 11 Currie Rd, Forestville

Register Here

INVITATION | Pastoral Discernment Northern Beaches | Community Forum | 4 May

An in-person gathering for all in the community to hear what the data is saying, learn of the guiding themes and questions for consultation, and hear of the methodology that will be used to guide community listening and dialogue conversations.

All are invited as we launch into the Community Engagement phase of the Project.

OLGC Catholic Primary School, school hall
11 Currie Rd, Forestville NSW 2087

11 am – 12 pm. Register your attendance here:

<https://forms.office.com/r/W28mjLvNKqFlyer>

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To express interest or ask questions you may contact: marek.woldan@bbcatholic.org.au

To express an interest or for more information please contact Fr Marek Woldan on 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.

St Mary's Primary School, Manly

We cordially invite you to our OPEN DAY on Tuesday 14th May at 9am and 4:30pm.

We offer an inclusive, welcoming, faith-based community, helping your child achieve their best both in the classroom and beyond. We are a small school, with 300 students, based in the heart of Manly, engaging with students and families, to live out our school motto of Listen, Love and Learn.

We are currently welcoming applications for our Kindergarten grades for 2025/2026 and would like to offer you a chance to see our school in action at our Open Day! Please register via the QR code on our flyer.

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Last Friday four of our parish men joined an overnight walking pilgrimage for men in honor of St Joseph the Worker. We started in Austral and walked all the way to Moorebank, visiting five churches on our way. It was exhausting though an uplifting experience of spiritual fellowship. Thank you to all who represented our parish and to Maximus Men's Ministry, which organized this event.



Our Young Adults group just launched their second gathering in a month, which is dedicated to the spiritual and human formation.

On the 27 April we had a time of fellowship, fun, prayer and sharing our faith experience. If you are 18-35 and are looking to engage with your age mates in discovering a relationship with God – we are happy to welcome you.



Sixth Sunday of Easter – Year B

First Reading Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48 (JB)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out upon the gentiles also.

As Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to meet him, knelt at his feet and prostrated himself. But Peter helped him up. 'Stand up', he said 'I am only a man after all!'

Then Peter addressed them: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.'

While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the pagans too, since they could hear them speaking strange languages and proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter himself then said, 'Could anyone refuse the water of baptism to these people, now they have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have?' He then gave orders for them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterwards they begged him to stay on for some days.

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

Responsorial Psalm Ps 97:1-4 (JB)

R. The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

Sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders. His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation. R.

The Lord has made known his salvation; has shown his justice to the nations. He has remembered his truth and love for the house of Israel. R.

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Shout to the Lord all the earth, ring out your joy. R.

Second Reading 1 John 4:7-10

A reading from the first letter of St John

God is love.

My dear people, let us love one another since love comes from God and everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. Anyone who fails to love can never have known God, because God is love. God's love for us was revealed when God sent into the world his only Son so that we could have life through him; this is the love I mean: not our love for God, but God's love for us when he sent his Son to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.

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

Gospel Acclamation John 14:23 (JB)

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

Alleluia!

Gospel John 15:9-17 (JB)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

No one can have greater love than to lay down his life for his friends.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you and your joy be complete. This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you. A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends, if you do what I command you. I shall not call you servants any more, because a servant does not know his master's business; I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. You did not choose me, no, I chose you; and I commissioned you to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last; and then the Father will give you anything you ask in my name. What I command you is to love one another.'

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
- 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

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Pastor Emeritus: Fr David Taylor

Seminarian: Matthew French

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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

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