



MANLY FRESHWATER CATHOLIC PARISH

Mary Immaculate and St John the Baptist Churches

Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 9th June 2024

INSTALLATION MASS

Rev Fr Chima Ofor

Dear Brethren in Christ,

It is with great joy and gratitude that I write to you on the occasion of my installation as your new parish priest. Today is a momentous day for our parish, a day filled with the promise of new beginnings and renewed commitment to our shared mission.

First and foremost, I extend a heartfelt welcome to Bishop Anthony, who has graciously come to install me in this sacred role. Your presence, Bishop Anthony, is a profound blessing to us all, and we are deeply honoured by your guidance and support. Your leadership inspires us to deepen our faith and live out our call to discipleship with renewed vigour.

To all the parishioners who have eagerly looked forward to this occasion and who gather here today to witness this important event, thank you. Your presence is a testament to the strength and unity of our parish community. I am deeply moved by your warmth and welcome, and I am excited to embark on this journey of faith with you.

I also want to extend my sincerest gratitude to everyone who worked tirelessly to make this ceremony a success. Your efforts reflect the spirit of service and love that defines our parish.

As I step into this role, I carry with me hopes and dreams for our parish. Together, I believe we can create a vibrant community where our mission and discipleship glorify God in all we do. It is my fervent prayer that our parish becomes a place where people come to encounter Christ in profound and transformative ways.

Let us strive to be a beacon of light and hope, reaching out to those in need and welcoming all who seek solace and strength in our midst. Together, we can build a community grounded in faith, love, and service, a community that reflects the heart of Christ and the mission of His Church.

I look forward to journeying with you, growing in faith and love, and witnessing the incredible work God will do in our lives and in our parish. May the Sacred Heart of Jesus guide us, and may we always seek to honour and glorify God in all that we do.

Fr Chima

You are invited to join us for this celebration this Sunday 9 June at 10:30am Mass followed by lunch.



Manly Freshwater Parish's participation in the Northern Beaches Pastoral Discernment Project

Bishop Anthony has invited us to participate in a process of pastoral discernment for the Northern Beaches Deanery. It will inform the development of the Diocese's pastoral mission implementation plan.

We will be holding listening and dialogue forums in our parish using the same process as the Synod on Synodality - Conversation in the Spirit. We will share our experiences, listen to one another, and to the Holy Spirit, and engage in dialogue. From these conversations we will develop our submission to the pastoral discernment process.

These forums will be held on Sunday 16th June at 11:30am in Manly Church Hall and Sunday 23rd June 2024 at 10am in Freshwater Church Hall

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

CLERGY CONFERENCE – WEEKDAY MASSES

All the Clergy in the Diocese will be attending the annual Clergy Conference next week.

There will be **NO** 9:15am Masses next week from Tuesday 11th to Friday 14th June.

There will be Adoration next Wednesday but no reconciliation.

Please keep Fr Chima, Fr Marek and all the clergy in your prayers.

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

9th June 2024

Recently Deceased: Camilla Montaldi; Audrey Sparkes; Robyn Eden

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...

- **Alpha continues** Monday 17 June 7pm
- **Spanish Prayer Group** Friday 14 June 6pm
- **Pastoral Discernment Forums**
Manly: 16 June 11:30am Freshwater 23 June 10am
- **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: manlyfreshwatercatholicyouth@gmail.com

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



NEW ROSARY BEADS NOW AVAILABLE IN THE PIETY STORE AT MANLY

THINGS YOU DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT THE MASS.

The truth worth dying for.



When Hollywood actor Jack Nicholson, in the 1992 blockbuster 'A Few Good Men', boomed that famous line across the military courtroom, I believe he issued a prophecy:

"You can't handle the TRUTH!"

Seems, nowadays, people don't like the word *truth*.

Nowadays, whenever we declare something to be *true*, or when we say I firmly *believe* in something, I notice many people get – *uncomfortable*. Indeed, people often feel the need to make excuses for such statements – "Well that's *your truth*, I have *my truth*."

... as if the truth is no longer objective, no longer something that *binds us* together.

And sure, we can talk about all the debates on the *truth* of gender and sexuality, marriage and family, life and healthcare – these are important issues. But the fact is, these issues are *downstream* from a greater one; one that Catholics declare every Sunday.

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Every Sunday, Catholics stand up and together recite the Creed. The Profession of Faith. You know the one - "I believe in one God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth..." Catholics here declare a *whole* list of things to be true. One God. Creator Father. Redeemer Son. Holy Spirit. One Church. Forgiveness of sins. Life everlasting.

Every line, indeed every word, that we recite in the Creed - is the result of vigorous debate over the centuries, as well as fervent prayer, intelligent study, all guided by the Holy Spirit, culminating in the Nicene-Constantinople Creed of the Council of Chalcedon in 451 AD.

Lives have been lost defending these truths.

Whether it be against the Gnostics in the first century who denied Jesus was man, the Arians in the fourth who denied Jesus was God, or the Pelagians in the fifth who taught humans could earn their way to Heaven themselves – only the heroic virtue of those Christian faithful who stood up for these *truths* – can we still stand up and declare them today.

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Still, you might say, is the Creed really worth dying for, though?

Friends, take a look at our world right now. Never before has there been so much confusion, so much wandering, listlessness, starving for meaning and purpose. I see it in young people all the time. They seek the truth.

This world is missing the truth. This world is missing God.

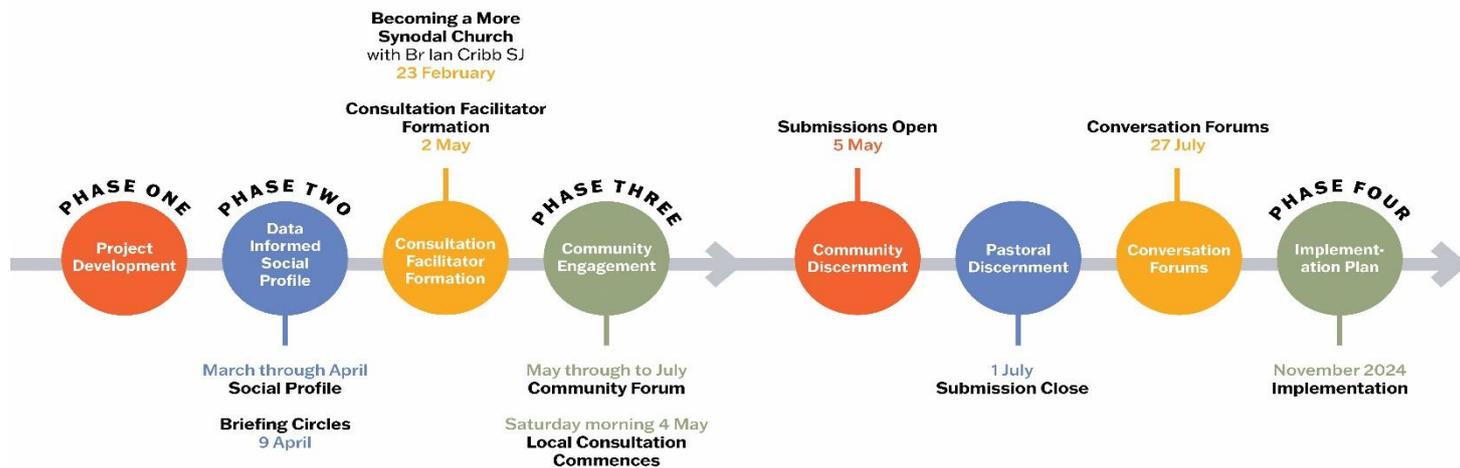
So today, dear friends, in the midst of a world intent on destroying the very idea of *truth*, including the most fundamental truth of *God* – here we stand boldly together as Catholics, and declare the truth. Guided by the Holy Spirit, the Creed we recite is the truth!

So proclaim it boldly. Because you stand alongside a whole congregation of believers, living and dead, and with them, you speak the truth.

Not *your truth*. Not *my truth*. *The truth*.

May God bless you. *Seminarian Matthew*

Pastoral Discernment Northern Beaches Project Update



SUBMISSIONS ARE NOW OPEN!

The Community Engagement phase of the project has now commenced, and you are invited to participate!

Do you have ideas as to how we, as a community, can renew the life of the Church, recognizing and appreciating the gifts that the Holy Spirit has bestowed upon the Northern Beaches region?

Contact your Parish Priest to discover ways you can contribute to this exciting initiative.

All voices are important as we discern the way forward together. Individuals and community groups are invited to participate in the project's consultation phase to respond, reflect, and share insights to shape a Pastoral Discernment Submission for Bishop Anthony's consideration.

Pastoral Discernment Northern Beaches Consultation Questions **and** Consultation Facilitator resources can be accessed at; <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/mission/pdnb/consultation-resources>

Resources include PDNB Consultation Questions translated into *Italian, Spanish, Portuguese & Filipino*

Submissions close on **1 July 2024**.

For more on our parish's participation, contact Sandie Cornish at sandie.cornish@gmail.com



Gospel Reflection

A central theme of Mark's Gospel is how Jesus' hearers (especially the Twelve) fail to comprehend the deeper meaning of his words and actions. The wild charges made by the scribes and the apologies offered by his family in today's Gospel indicate just how misunderstood Jesus was by those closest to him:

The Jesus who calls his disciples to be a united "house" and community is dismissed by his own "house" as "out of his mind." Apologizing for his exorbitant claims about himself and his challenging their most cherished traditions and revered institutions, his family attempts to bring Jesus home.

The Jesus who cast out demons and cured the sick is charged with being possessed himself. The scribes cannot grasp the single-minded dedication of Jesus to the will of God without the "filters" of their interpretations and direction; hence, he must be an agent of Satan, the prince of demons. (Remember that whatever the people of Gospel Palestine could not understand or explain was considered the work of "demons.")

The Jesus who comes to be a vehicle of unity among God's people calls on his hearers to be united in faith and spirit in him in seeking God's will in all things. The Gospel Jesus destroys the barriers created by race, culture, wealth and social status. He speaks of a new, united human family: the family of God. To fail or refuse to build God's kingdom of grace is to "blaspheme" against the Spirit of God: to be so mired in cynicism and skepticism that we refuse to embrace the possibilities for realizing the hope of God's grace. For Jesus, the crushing pessimism that God's grace is inaccessible to us condemns us to lives of sadness and isolation, not the lives of meaning and joy God envisions for us.

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**

- **2nd collection Parish Bank Account** Funds the running of the Parish

Account Name: Manly Freshwater Parish
Bank Name: Commonwealth Bank
Account # 100002025 BSB: 062 784

- **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.

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.

Appeal envelopes will be available on the pews.

There will also be a QR code and we will have our bank details as well if you would like to do a direct debit.

Thank you for your support now and over the past years.
God Bless Bruce and Mick



FEAST OF ST ANTHONY OF PADUA Sunday 16th June 2024

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.

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



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**

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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

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To express interest or ask questions you may contact: 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. The parish office has copies of the pilgrimage itinerary and what to expect. Come in and pick up a copy.

Last Sunday the young adults joined in the Walk with Christ in the City.



Last Monday we held our 2nd Alpha Night in the Parish Meeting room. The next Alpha Night will be held on Monday 17 June at 7pm.



PROPERTY FOR LEASE

REDUCE THE BURDEN OF SCHOOL DROPOFF!!!

Just one of the benefits of leasing the revamped former St John the Baptist Presbytery at Freshwater which is adjacent to the Parish primary school and Church.

Cleverly reinvented with bright open living spaces for today's modern family, this single level home has been freshly painted throughout and has a brand-new kitchen. Placed on enclosed private level lawns (ideal for the kids and the dog), it rests in a quiet leafy pocket adjacent to the school and within walking distance of the village and beach.

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The property is available for lease and currently being presented through Clarke and Humel.

<https://www.clarkeandhumel.com.au/renting/for-lease/15-johnson-street/>

John Zemek on behalf of the Parish Finance Committee

VOCATIONS!



IS GOD CALLING YOU TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN VOCATIONS MINISTRY?

SERRA VOCATIONS MASS AND DINNER MEETING

Father Stephen Wayoyi, Assistant Priest at St Agatha's Parish Pennant Hills and Assistant Diocesan Vocations Director will be celebrating Mass for Serra at Our Lady of Dolours Church 94 Archer Street Chatswood on Thursday 27th June 2024.

The evening commences with Mass at 6.00 PM followed by a light meal and a short meeting.

Following the meeting Father Stephen and Vocations Officer Michelle Chahine will be providing a Diocesan Vocations Update and Father Joey Frez will be speaking about the vocations activities of Chatswood Parish.

Everyone is welcome. Please "come and see" and learn about the activities of the Vocations Office and Chatswood Parish and receive an update on the progress being made by our now 9 young men on their journey to priesthood.

Please remember to pray every day for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, the consecrated life, ecclesial women, all seminarians, and novices and for the perseverance of existing vocations.

For catering purposes kindly telephone Henry or Anna Leung on 0478 083 116 or email henrywk@yahoo.com.au or telephone Terry Scanlan on 0438 887 295 or email terry_scanlan@bigpond.com if you are planning to attend.

Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time– Year B

First Reading

Genesis 3:9-15 (JB)

A reading from the book of Genesis

I will make you enemies of each other: your offspring and her offspring.

The Lord God called to the man after he had eaten of the tree. 'Where are you?' he asked. 'I heard the sound of you in the garden;' he replied 'I was afraid because I was naked, so I hid.' 'Who told you that you were naked?' he asked. 'Have you been eating of the tree I forbade you to eat?' The man replied, 'It was the woman you put with me; she gave me the fruit, and I ate it.' Then the Lord God asked the woman, 'What is this you have done?' The woman replied, 'The serpent tempted me and I ate.'

Then the Lord God said to the serpent, 'Because you have done this, 'Be accursed beyond all cattle, all wild beasts. You shall crawl on your belly and eat dust every day of your life. I will make you enemies of each other: you and the woman, your offspring and her offspring. It will crush your head and you will strike its heel.'

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

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 129 (JB)

R. With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord, Lord, hear my voice! O let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleading. R.

If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord, who would survive? But with you is found forgiveness: for this we revere you. R.

My soul is waiting for the Lord, I count on his word. My soul is longing for the Lord more than watchman for daybreak. R.

Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption, Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity. R.

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 4:13 - 5:1 (JB)

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

We believe, and therefore we speak.

As we have the same spirit of faith that is mentioned in scripture - I believed, therefore I spoke - we too believe and therefore we too speak, knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus to life will raise us with Jesus in our turn, and put us by his side and you with us. You see, all this is for your benefit, so that the more grace is multiplied among people, the more thanksgiving there will be, to the glory of God.

That is why there is no weakening on our part, and instead, though this outer man of ours may be falling into decay, the inner man is renewed day by day. Yes, the troubles which are soon over, though they

weigh little, train us for the carrying of a weight of eternal glory which is out of all proportion to them. And so we have no eyes for things that are visible, but only for things that are invisible; for visible things last only for a time, and the invisible things are eternal.

For we know that when the tent that we live in on earth is folded up, there is a house built by God for us, an everlasting home not made by human hands, in the heavens.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

John 12:31, 32 (JB)

Alleluia, alleluia!

The prince of this world will now be cast out, and when I am lifted up from the earth I will draw all to myself, says the Lord.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 3:20-35 (JB)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

It is the end of Satan.

Jesus went home, and such a crowd collected that they could not even have a meal. When his relatives heard of this, they set out to take charge of him, convinced he was out of his mind.

The scribes who had come down from Jerusalem were saying: 'Beelzebul is in him' and, 'It is through the prince of devils that he casts devils out.' So Jesus called them to him and spoke to them in parables, 'How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom can not last. And if a household is divided against itself, that household can never stand. Now if Satan has rebelled against himself and is divided, he can not stand either - it is the end of him. But no one can make his way into a strong man's house and burgle his property unless he has tied up the strong man first. Only then can he burgle his house.

'I tell you solemnly, all men's sins will be forgiven, and all their blasphemies: but let anyone blaspheme against the Holy Spirit and he will never have forgiveness: he is guilty of an eternal sin.' This was because they were saying, 'An unclean spirit is in him.'

The mother and brothers of Jesus arrived and, standing outside, sent in a message asking for him. A crowd was sitting round him at the time the message was passed to him, 'Your mother and brothers and sisters are outside asking for you.' He replied, 'Who are my mother and brothers?' And looking round at those sitting in a circle about him, he said, 'Here are my mother and my brothers. Anyone who does the will of God, that person is my brother and sister and mother.'

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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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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