



MANLY FRESHWATER CATHOLIC PARISH

Mary Immaculate and St John the Baptist Churches

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 23rd June 2024



**Pastoral
Discernment**
Northern Beaches

**MANLY FRESHWATER
PARISH CONSULTATION**

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

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



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
- Direct Debit into our bank account.

Manly: BSB 062 000 Account 19889862 Branch 42551

Freshwater: BSB 062 000 Account 19889862 Branch 42550



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*

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.

LET US PRAY FOR

23 June 2024

Recently Deceased: Katrina Nadschlaeger

Anniversary: Ante Strinic

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

Freshwater 23 June 10am

• Alpha continues Monday 24 June 7pm

• St Paul’s College Feast Day Mass

Friday 28 June 9:15am

• Spanish Prayer Group Friday 21st June 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.



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

THINGS YOU DIDN’T KNOW ABOUT THE MASS

The secret hidden in the altar.

When it comes to showing physical affection, Australians can be... a little restrained.



Sure, we have our own way of showing love. We’ll tease, and play games, be cheeky, and joke around. And hey, I love that. I love that about Australians. We show affection through *words*.

But still... For anyone who’s been to Latin America, or Europe, or even the Middle East – you quickly realise how comfortable other cultures are in showing *physical affection*. To be physically affectionate is natural.

A handshake? Easy. A hug? No big deal. A kiss? That’s normal.

And yet for most Australians, we are a little more reserved when it comes to showing physical affection. Sure, we might kiss our close family and friends on the cheek, but a stranger? Hmmm, maybe, maybe not. Depends on the situation. I guess the point I’m trying to make is, a *kiss* is one of the most loving gestures we can make. It’s different. A kiss is special.

...So what’s this got to do with the Mass?

† † †

Friends, at the very start of Mass, one of the first things the priest does is kiss the altar. Before he even speaks a word, the priest processes into the church, bows upon reaching the sanctuary, and then gives the altar a kiss.

Why though? Why does he do this?

Well, two reasons. Firstly, the altar symbolises Christ. The altar is a symbol for Christ. That is why it is usually made of marble – Christ is the “living stone” of the Church (1 Peter 2:4). It is also why we cover the altar with a white cloth – it reminds us of the burial cloth under which Christ was laid. And so the priest kisses the altar, because he fervently desires to show his love and devotion to our Lord. To kiss the *altar* is to kiss *Christ*.

Secondly, every altar contains the relics of a saint or martyr. During the first centuries, when the Church suffered horrific persecution, Masses were celebrated in secret, underground in the catacombs, on stone slabs over the tomb of a martyr. However, in the fourth century, when Emperor Constantine legalised Christianity, the Mass moved above-ground, but the tradition of the martyrs remained. Even to this day, every altar must contain the relic of a saint or martyr. And so the priest kisses the altar to reverence those saints and martyrs.

† † †

And so, dear friends, what can I say... But don’t miss it.

Don’t miss your opportunity this week to kiss Christ. To show your great love for Him. Who could forget the kisses of the sinful woman at the Pharisee’s house, who didn’t cease to kiss Jesus’ feet, washing them with her tears? Were not her sins forgiven her, because of her love?

Be not ashamed to kiss Christ. When the priest kisses the altar this Sunday Mass, unite yourself in this moment. Make yours this kiss of Christ.

Because, the truth is... Our Lord earnestly desires it.
God bless you. Seminarian Matthew

PARISH GIVING

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES for the new financial year are available for collection at both Churches. Please consider creating a monthly automatic debit by contacting the Parish Office on 9977 5822.

As we are slowly becoming a cashless society, we would like to remind you that we have Tap N Go facilities available at Manly and Freshwater. Thank you for your generosity.



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.



FEAST OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST

Dear Parishioners,

As we approach the Feast of St. John the Baptist, I invite you to join us in celebrating and praying for our parish community of Freshwater. Although the feast falls on Monday, June 24, we will joyfully commemorate it together on Sunday, June 23.

St. John the Baptist, our patron saint, embodies a profound legacy of faith and witness. His courageous proclamation of repentance and his role in preparing the way for Jesus continue to inspire us. Our forebears, who established our church under his patronage, gifted us with a rich heritage of faith and community. They have passed down to us a vibrant tradition of witnessing Christ through their dedication and missionary spirit.

As we celebrate this feast, let us remember the call to deepen our own journey as missionary disciples. By embracing St. John's example of humility and bold witness, we can be beacons of Christ's love and resurrection power in our own lives. Through our faithful testimony, may more people come to encounter the transformative presence of Jesus.

After Mass on Sunday, please join us for morning tea and fellowship. It's a wonderful opportunity to gather, share, and strengthen the bonds of our parish family. May God bless our community in Freshwater, and may we continue to grow in faith and love, inspired by the enduring witness of St. John the Baptist.

Fr Chima

FUNERAL NEXT WEEK



Katrina Nadschlaeger – loving mum from St Mary's School passed away last Sunday. Katrina's funeral service will be held on Wednesday 19th June at 12:30pm at St Mary's Church, Manly.

Please keep Katrina and her family in your prayers.

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.

ACTIVITIES IN OUR PARISH Pastoral Discernment, St Anthony celebration at Freshwater, Youth group last Sunday and Alpha last Monday.



MINISTRY ROSTER – JULY 2024 – MANLY

	Ministry	Week 1 6 – 7 July	Week 2 13 – 14 July	Week 3 20 – 21 July	Week 4 27 – 28 July
		14 th Sunday in Ord Time	15 th Sunday in Ord Time	16 th Sunday in Ord Time	17 th Sunday in Ord Time
6pm Vigil Mass	Server	Kazuko Fischer	Louise Wareham	Louise Wareham	Louise Wareham
	Readers	Freya Zemek Jean Halcrow	Bill Tango	Rita Bruzzese Jean Halcrow	Bill Tango
	Music	CD'S	CD'S	CD'S	CD's
	Warden	John Zemek	John Zemek	John Zemek	John Zemek
	Piety Store	Elizabeth Bray Chiplin	Merle Zemek	Elizabeth Bray Chiplin	Merle Zemek
8:30am Mass	Server	Ken Thompson	Matthew French Owen Koster	Matthew French	Matthew French Owen Koster
	Readers	Jan Van Den Broek	Patty Thomas	Patty Thomas	Jan Van Den Broek
	Music	Parish Choir	Parish Choir	Parish Choir	Parish Choir
	Warden	Dom Ferragina	Dom Ferragina	Dom Ferragina	Dom Ferragina
	Piety Store	Jan Dorsen	Jan Dorsen	Jan Dorsen	Jan Dorsen
10:30am Mass	Server	Louise Wareham	Ivica Covic Teresa Hearn	Matthew French Bernie Lawler	Ivica Covic
	Readers	Katalina Taefotu Ron Gravolin	Rita Bruzzese Janie Fonua	Carmel Lawler Katalina Taefotu	Rita Bruzzese Janie Fonua
	Music	Tongan Choir	Bianca Zatz Parish Choir	Tongan Choir	Gina Marshall Bianca Zatz
	Warden	Paul Pervan	Paul Pervan	Paul Pervan	Paul Pervan
	Morning Tea			Tongan Community	
	Piety Store	Kim McGrath	Jenny Tucker	Kim McGrath	Jenny Tucker
	Server	Matthew French Gabriele Wan	Matthew French Richard Heasman	Ivica Covic Owen Koster Richard Heasman	Matthew French Gabriele Wan
6pm Mass	Readers	Dean Gale	Sandie Cornish	Youth Group	Family Mass
	Music	Josh Willard	TBC	Simon Hyland	Family Mass
	Warden	Joanne Kalayzich Mark Bateman	Joanne Kalayzich Mark Bateman	Joanne Kalayzich Mark Bateman	Joanne Kalayzich Mark Bateman
	Piety Store	Aira & Christian Escobio	Aira & Christian Escobio	Aira & Christian Escobio	Aira & Christian Escobio

MINISTRY ROSTER – JULY 2024 – FRESHWATER

	Ministry	Week 1 6 – 7 July	Week 2 13 – 14 July	Week 3 20 – 21 July	Week 4 27 – 28 July
		14 th Sunday in Ord Time	15 th Sunday in Ord Time	16 th Sunday in Ord Time	17 th Sunday in Ord Time
5pm Vigil	Server	Mick O'Farrell	Ian Press	Mick O'Farrell	Ian Press
	Readers	Amanda Whitfield	Joseph Press Jessica Press	Amanda Whitfield	Family Mass
	Music	CD's	CD's	CD's	Family Mass
	Welcomers	Shirley Abbott	Shirley Abbott	Shirley Abbott	Shirley Abbott
	Server	Joanne Druery	Mick O'Farrell	Francis Raymond	Joanne Druery
9am Mass	Readers	Patricia Brown Luke Campbell	Vincent Bokanovic Luka Bokanovic	Toni Walsh Pam Brown	Josh Wright Jasmine Wright
	Music	Pat Brown	Pat Brown	Pat Brown	Pat Brown
	Welcomers	Sally Moffatt	Sally Moffatt	Sally Moffatt	Sally Moffatt
	Altar Society	Patricia & Solo Brown	N/A	Isabella & Phillip d'Souza	N/A
	Morning Teas	Joy family	Talerico family	Angelica & Michael Rosatto	Wright family

If you would like to take part in one of these ministries, please contact the parish office 9977 5822

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time– Year B

NOTE: Readings for the Family Masses will be taken from the Children's Lectionary

First Reading *Job 38:1, 8-11 (JB)*

A reading from the book of Job

Here I have set the boundaries of the sea.

From the heart of the tempest the Lord gave Job his answer. He said:

Who pent up the sea behind closed doors when it leapt tumultuous out of the womb, when I wrapped it in a robe of mist and made black clouds its swaddling bands; when I marked the bounds it was not to cross and made it fast with a bolted gate? Come thus far, I said, and no farther; here your proud waves shall break.

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

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 106:23-26, 28-31*

R. Give thanks to the Lord, his love is everlasting.

Some sailed to the sea in ships to trade on the mighty waters. These men have seen the Lord's deeds, the wonders he does in the deep. R.

For he spoke; he summoned the gale, tossing the waves of the sea up to heaven and back into the deep; their soul melted away in their distress. R.

Then they cried to the Lord in their need and he rescued them from their distress. He stilled the storm to a whisper: all the waves of the sea were hushed. R.

They rejoiced because of the calm and he led them to the haven they desired. Let them thank the Lord for his love, the wonders he does for men. R.

Second Reading *2 Corinthians 5:14-17 (JB)*

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

All things are made new.

The love of Christ overwhelms us when we reflect that if one man has died for all, then all men should be dead; and the reason he died for all was so that living men should live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised to life for them.

From now onwards, therefore, we do not judge anyone by the standards of the flesh. Even if we did once know Christ in the flesh, that is not how we know him now. And for anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here.

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

Gospel Acclamation *Luke 7:16 (JB)*

Alleluia, alleluia!

A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people.

Alleluia!

Gospel *Mark 4:35-41 (JB)*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Who can this be? Even the wind and the sea obey him.

With the coming of evening, Jesus said to his disciples, 'Let us cross over to the other side.' And leaving the crowd behind they took him, just as he was, in the boat; and there were other boats with him. Then it began to blow a gale and the waves were breaking into the boat so that it was almost swamped. But he was in the stern, his head on the cushion, asleep. They woke him and said to him, 'Master, do you not care? We are going down!' And he woke up and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, 'Quiet now! Be calm!' And the wind dropped, and all was calm again. Then he said to them, 'Why are you so frightened? How is it that you have no faith?' They were filled with awe and said to one another, 'Who can this be? Even the wind and the sea obey him.'

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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St John the Baptist Church
cnr Johnson & Oliver St, Freshwater 2096

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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