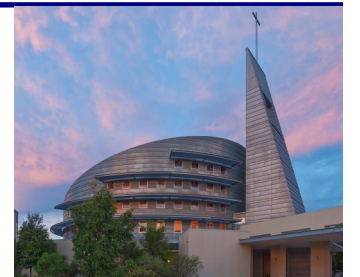




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"He must increase, I must decrease" (Jn 3:30)



3rd August 2025
18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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MASS TIMES & OTHER WORSHIP

Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil - 5.00pm

Sundays - 7.30am, 9.15am and 5.00pm

Weekday Masses

Monday - Friday: Morning prayer at
8.15am followed by the Mass at
8.30am

Saturdays & Public holidays - 9.00am

Healing Service

First Friday of the month during Mass
at 4.00pm

Nursing Home Masses:

Hillview House—3rd Thurs of the month
10.30am

Peninsula Village—4th Thurs of the
month 10.00am

BlueWave—2nd Fri of the month
9.30am

Reconciliation/Confession

Fridays—9.00am

First Friday of the month - 3.30pm

Saturdays - 9.30am and 4.30pm

Sundays - 7.00am

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday evenings from 7.00pm -
8.00pm

Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Mon—Fri - 8.30am—3.00pm

Christian Meditation

Monday evenings - 6.00pm - 7.00pm

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Today's Gospel passage begins with the narrative of a man who stands up among the multitude and asks Jesus to settle a legal matter concerning a family inheritance. However, Jesus does not address the matter in his reply, but rather urges the people to eschew covetousness, that is, the greed of possession. In order to divert his listeners from this exhausting search for wealth, Jesus tells the parable of the foolish rich man who believes he is happy because he has had the good fortune to reap an exceptional harvest and he feels secure thanks to the goods he has accumulated.

The rich man puts three considerations before his soul, that is, himself: the accumulated goods, the many years that these goods appear to ensure him, and thirdly tranquility and unrestrained enjoyment. But the word that God addresses to him nullifies his plans. Instead of "many years", God points to the immediacy of "this night; tonight you will die." Instead of the "enjoyment of life", He presents him with "surrendering his life; you will render your life to God" with the ensuing judgment. Regarding the reality of the ample goods accumulated on which the rich man had based everything, it becomes shrouded in sarcasm by the question: "and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?" Let us think about quarrels over inheritance, many family quarrels. And how many people; we all know some stories about many people, who turn up at the time of death: nephews, grandchildren come around to see: "what is my share?", and they cart everything away. It is within this contrast that the term "fool" — because he thinks about things that he believes to be concrete but that are fantasy — with which God addresses this man, is justified. He is foolish because in practice he has denied God, he has not taken Him into account.

The end of the parable as recounted by the Evangelist is uniquely effective: "So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God." It is a warning which reveals the horizon towards which we are called to look. Material goods are necessary — they are goods! —, but they are a means to live honestly and in sharing with the neediest. Today, Jesus invites us to consider that wealth can enslave the heart and distract it from the true treasure which is in heaven. Saint Paul also reminds us of this in today's second reading. It says "seek the things that are above.... Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth" (Col 3:1-2).

It is understood that this does not mean estranging oneself from reality, but rather seeking the things that have true value: justice, solidarity, welcome, fraternity, peace, all things that make up the true dignity of mankind. Covetousness of goods, the desire to have goods, does not satisfy the heart, but rather causes more hunger! Love that is understood and lived in [the style of the Gospel] is the source of true happiness, whereas the exaggerated search for material goods and wealth is often a source of anxiety, adversity, abuse of power, war. Many wars begin from covetousness.

May the Virgin Mary help us not to be attracted by forms of security that fade, but rather to be credible witnesses of the eternal values of the Gospel, each day.

<https://catholicsstrivingforholiness.org/pope-francis-on-the-18th-sunday-in-ordinary-time-year-c/>

Parish News:

Confirmation Programme: Please keep the children in your prayers as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this Thursday. There will be a practice in the Church on Monday at 4.00pm. Many thanks to all who have been involved in preparing the children.

Morning Tea: There will be a morning tea hosted by St John the Baptist School after 9.15am Mass next Sunday, 10th August. All welcome.

CatholicCare's August Homelessness Week fundraiser: CatholicCare will again be the recipient of an annual fundraiser in August. The fundraiser will take place the weekend of Saturday and Sunday 9th & 10th August to coincide with Homelessness Week and St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Feast Day. Both Catholic Schools and Parishes will fundraise to support our homelessness services across the Diocese including:

- Dom's Place
- Mary Mac's Place
- Street sleeping outreach support
- Transitional accommodation and casework support
- Women's refuge
- Young parents homelessness services and more.

Donor envelopes will be available in the Church on 9th and 10th August. Please return them by 17th August. Thank you.

Cleaners for 8th August: Frances Giunta, Carmen T Hernandez, Maria Wickens, Cheryl Sillick.

Readers for 9th & 10th August:

Saturday 5.00pm—Jane Somerville, Jane Rutherford

Sunday 7.30am—Greg Gibson, Phoebe Glacken, Isaak Giunta

Sunday 9.15am—SJB School

Sunday 5.00pm—Kris Aitken, Pio Savea, Armella Dogillo


Servers for 9th & 10th August:

Saturday 5.00pm—Jeff Freeman, Joel Bajo

Sunday 7.30am—Jose Torres

Sunday 9.15am—Bernie French, Joesie Cameron

St John the Baptist Chamber Choir: Our organist Gerard Nicholls has established the St John the Baptist Parish Chamber Choir with an emphasis on involving younger Catholics in the music of the Liturgy (though not excluding older Catholics). Their first Mass will be at the 5pm Vigil on Saturday 9th August and the vigil on the first Saturday of the month thereafter. They will be accompanied by our new parishioner and distinguished organist, Godelieve Ghavalas.

 **Baptism:** We warmly welcome Leah and Max who will be Baptised this weekend.

Children's Liturgy of the Word: Children's liturgy of the Word takes place during the 9.15am Mass on the 2nd, 3rd & 4th Sundays of each month, except during school holidays. There will be no Children's Liturgy on 10th August. The normal schedule will resume the following week.

St John the Baptist Men's Group: Meetings to be held the 1st and 3rd Monday of the month from 7pm-8pm in the Leo Mahon Room. Next meeting 4th August. For further information contact Allan Moore 0492 988 168.

Readers' Roster: A new readers' roster is available from the Servers' Sacristy.

Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven,
may the faith you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of charity enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed hope
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.
May those seeds transform from within
both humanity and the whole cosmos
in the sure expectation
of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever. Amen.

VOCATIONS

ANSWERING THE CALL:


a celebration of faith and hope

Seminarians' Benefit Gala Dinner

Date: Friday 22 August, 2025 **Venue:** The Epping Club, 45-47 Rawson St, Epping 2121 **Time:** 7pm-11.30pm

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04/08/2025

JUBILEE OF PRIESTS

St Mary's Catholic Church, Manly

To celebrate the Jubilee of Priests, Bishop Anthony Randazzo invites you to join him for an evening of prayer and fellowship. This will be a unique opportunity to meet priests from our diocese.

5:00 pm Keynote talk
6:00 pm Mass of St John Vianney
7:00 pm Dinner in parish hall

6 Raglan St, Manly

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LITURGY OF THE WORD

Reading 1: Eccl 1:2, 2:21-23

Vanity of vanities, says Qoheleth, vanity of vanities! All things are vanity! Here is one who has laboured with wisdom and knowledge and skill, and yet to another who has not laboured over it, he must leave property. This also is vanity and a great misfortune. For what profit comes to man from all the toil and anxiety of heart with which he has laboured under the sun? All his days sorrow and grief are his occupation; even at night his mind is not at rest. This also is vanity.

Responsorial Psalm:

R. In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

You turn us back into dust, and say: "Go back children of the earth." To your eyes a thousand years are like yesterday, come and gone, no more than a watch in the night.

R. In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

You sweep us away like a dream, like grass which springs up in the morning. In the morning it springs up and flowers: by evening it withers and fades.

R. In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

Make us know the shortness of our life that we may gain wisdom of heart. Lord relent! Is your anger forever? Show pity to your servants.

R. In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

In the morning, fill us with your love; we shall rejoice and exult all our days. Let the favour of the Lord be upon us; give success to the work of our hands.

R. In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

Reading 2: Col 3:1-5, 9-11

Brothers and sisters: If you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Think of what is above, not of what is on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ your life appears, then you too will appear with him in glory. Put to death, then, the parts of you that are earthly: immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and the greed that is idolatry. Stop lying to one another, since you have taken off the old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed, for knowledge, in the image of its creator. Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcision and uncircumcision, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all and in all.

Alleluia:

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs.

R. Alleluia!

Gospel: Lk 12:13-21

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to share the inheritance with me." He replied to him, "Friend, who appointed me as your judge and arbitrator?" Then he said to the crowd, "Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions." Then he told them a parable. "There was a rich man whose land produced a bountiful harvest. He asked himself, 'What shall I do, for I do not have space to store my harvest?' And he said, 'This is what I shall do: I shall tear down my barns and build larger ones. There I shall store all my grain and other goods and I shall say to myself, "Now as for you, you have so many good things stored up for many years, rest, eat, drink, be merry!"' But God said to him, 'You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you; and the things you have prepared, to whom will they belong?' Thus will it be for all who store up treasure for themselves but are not rich in what matters to God."



**In every age, O Lord,
you have been our refuge.**

Readings for the Week:

Monday, 4th August:

Tuesday, 5th August:

Wednesday, 6th August:

Thursday, 7th August:

Friday, 8th August:

Saturday, 9th August:

Sunday, 10th August:

St John Vianney - Num 11:4-15/Ps 80:12-17/**Mt 14:13-21**

Num 12:1-13/Ps 50:3-7, 12-13/**Mt 14:22-36**

The Transfiguration of the Lord - Dan 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 96:1-2, 5-6, 9/**Lk 9:28-36**

Sts Sixtus II & Cajetan - Num 20:1-13/Ps 94:1-2, 6-9/**Mt 16:13-23**

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop - 1 Kg 17:8-16/Ps 62:1-8/Col 3:12-17/**Mt 6:25-34**

St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross - Deut 6:4-13/Ps 17:2-4, 47, 51/**Mt 17:14-20**

Wis 18:6-9/Ps 32:1, 12, 18-20, 22/Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/**Lk 12:32-48**

Let us keep in our prayers:

Recently Deceased: Rose D'Agostino, Maddalena Muratore, Anne Offen, Tina Stanislas, Joan Weston

Anniversary: Fae Casey, Eileen Floor, Fr Ferdinand Fuhlandorf, Sergei de Souza

Remembrance: Shaunagh Casey, Timothy Thurlow

Sick: Alan Ball, Kathleen Bezzina, Lorraine Blandford, Roberto Bocor, Fr Michael Brady, Rae Busby, Matthew Cooper, Bill de Rooy, Anne-Marie Dixon, Marie Dixon, Iris Drewett, Marie Drewett, Aline Fauvette, Dympna Fitzpatrick, Maureen Fotheringham, Frances Glanz, Jason Harwood, Bill Hunt, Thomas J, Marge Lawrence, Kay McCormack, Betty & Sean McDermott, Ronald Matthews, Theresa Mitchell, Oscar James Moretti, Maureen Mullane, Ada-Primrose Murphy, Marta Panczyna, Fr Reggo, Anthony Salis, Brooke Simmons, Susie Simmons, Joseph Svanberg, Barry Tierney, Patricia Toohey, Donna Vella, Minda Valoba, Josie Weate, Pauline White, Janelle Whiteland, Melissa Wong, Willy Woods, Jonathon Zdilar

Pope Leo's August Intention:
For Mutual Coexistence

Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious or ideological reasons.

PARISH COLLECTIONS

1st collection: Goes to the Clergy Remuneration Fund for the financial support of the priests

2nd Collection: Funds the operational management of the Parish

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