



# MANLY FRESHWATER CATHOLIC PARISH

Mary Immaculate and St John the Baptist Churches

**First Sunday of Lent – 18<sup>th</sup> February 2024**



## Gospel Reflection

Every liturgical year, the Lenten season begins in the wilderness. Mark's brief account of Jesus' 40 days in the wilderness takes place immediately after Jesus' baptism. "Driven by the Spirit," Jesus' going to the desert is an act of obedience to the Father. This is a time for contemplation and discernment regarding the tremendous task before him.

The word *Satan* comes from the Hebrew word for *adversary*. Satan serves as the "adversary" of God, advocating those values that contradict and oppose the love and mercy of God. Mark's portrait of Jesus in the desert is one of a Messiah coming to terms with the paradox of the human condition.

Jesus begins his ministry in Galilee proclaiming "fulfillment": God's long-awaited promised Messiah has come. [connectionsmediaworks.com](http://connectionsmediaworks.com)



## THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March

Come along to our Mass of Thanksgiving for Fr David. This will be an opportunity to meet and welcome our new parish priest Fr Chima and Fr Marek our new Assistant Priest. Also we welcome Matthew French who is in his 4th year of seminary studies and in pastoral placement here at Manly Freshwater Parish.

When: Sunday 10 March at 10.30am Mass at Mary Immaculate Manly. This will be followed by lunch under the fig tree in the school yard.

Please RSVP to the Parish Office for catering purposes.

We need volunteers to set up and serve lunch – if you can assist, please contact the Parish Office 9977 5822.



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



## LENT 2024

### Stations of the Cross

each Friday during Lent

- Freshwater at 9:45am
- Manly at



For Christians, Lent is an important time of reflecting on the suffering and death of Jesus so as to enter into the joy of his

Resurrection. **Starting Thursday 7pm, 22 February 2024 until 21 March 2024**, we will be having a Lenten prayer and reflection group.

In this group, we will reflect on the Gospel reading of the Sunday prior through the assistance of Bishop Robert Barron who invites us to enter more deeply into the prayerful nature of the season of Lent.

## PROJECT COMPASSION



This year, Project Compassion brings you the stories of three resilient women: Ronita from the Philippines, Leaia from Samoa and Memory from Malawi. While from three different corners of the world and facing vastly different challenges, they are all united by one dream: to create a better world *for all future generations*.



**Please donate to Project Compassion.**

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](https://www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion) or by calling 1800 024 413.

*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.*



## RECENTLY DECEASED

Joanne Marina Moffat, dearly loved daughter of Sally from Freshwater Church sadly died last week. Joanne's Requiem Mass will be held on Friday 16th February at 11am at St John the Baptist Church, Freshwater.

Please keep Joanne and her family in your prayers.

**LET US PRAY FOR** 18<sup>th</sup> February 2024

**Recently Deceased:** Joanne Marina Moffat; Jennifer Langford, Joan McInerney

**Anniversary:** Liam Ajaka

**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; Sheila Lee; Paul Donnelly; Julie Wallis; Lyn Hillard; Ian Flynn; Jake Usher; Wayne Smedley; Shirley Ford; Apolinar Anasarias; Kay Flenady; Annette Frances O'Leary; Anna Kalayzich; Bill Hipkiss; Veronica Rinaldo; Chinnamma Puliparambil; Paul Gallagher; Jim Turley; Rena Curll; Maria Vasile; John Santos

## Dates to remember...

- **20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass of Manly Craft Group**  
Tuesday 20 Feb at 9:15am
- **SMM Class Mass** Thurs 22 Feb at 9:15am
- **Spanish Prayer Group** Fri 23 Feb at 6pm
- **Stations of the Cross during Lent** Fri 23 Feb  
Freshwater at 9:45am Manly at 7pm
- **Sacramental Program Masses** Sat 24 Feb  
Freshwater: 10am, Manly: 4pm
- **SMM Family Mass & BBQ** Sun 25 Feb 6pm
- **Cenacle of Our Lady** SMM Tues 9:45am,  
SJB Wed 9:45am

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER** Service will be held at Seaforth Anglican Church, 3 French's Forest Rd Seaforth at 10 am on **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024**. This year the service theme "Bear with one another in love" has been written by the Christian women in Palestine, written years before the current conflict.



**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.

**LENT**  
Pray + Fast + Give



## Bishop Anthony Randazzo's Lenten Message 2024

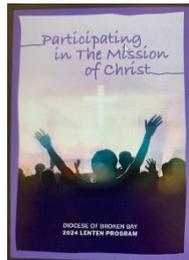
My dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

Each year the Church offers us the opportunity to journey towards the joyous solemnity of Easter. The season of Lent affords us the chance to reflect on our lives and our response to the call to participate in the Mission of Christ.

In 2024, the Lenten season coincides with the invitation from the Holy Father, Pope Francis, to dedicate ourselves to a Year of Prayer in preparation for the Jubilee Year of 2025. The Holy Father's desire is that this time of prayer be fruitful to reawaken and revitalise the desire to be in the presence of the Lord, to listen to Him and adore Him, as we unite together in a great symphony of prayer.

My hope is that this Lenten resource will be a powerful experience of prayer with Scripture, opening up the well of our hearts to the Word of God. I pray also that the Word be planted in our lives and transform them.

Therefore, for each and every one of you, I pray that this Lenten period may be a time of meaningful prayer, and that we respond to the invitation to step more intimately into the Mission entrusted to us by Jesus, whose resurrection restores us all to communion with the Father.



The Bishop's Lenten Program booklets "Participating in The Mission of the Church" will be available at the

Church entrances. This book can be used individually or in small groups



**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.



**Pope Francis Prayer Intention for February - For the gift of diversity in the Church.** We pray that the Holy Spirit

may help us to recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community and to discover the richness of different traditions and rituals in the Catholic Church.

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. **Directly into Parish Bank Accounts**

6. **2nd collection Parish Bank Account**

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Account Name: Manly Freshwater Parish

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7. **1st collection** Supports our Priests

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## PARISH CRAFT GROUP CELEBRATING 20 YEARS

Happy 20th Anniversary to all its members. The Parish Craft Group started on the 22/02/2004. We met every Tuesday from 10am-12 noon and still continue to do so.

Our first meeting was spent making greeting cards. This expanded into Christmas decorations, embroidery, painting, rug making, beading, knitting and crochet. We also ran cooking demonstrations once a month. Back in the day we had a few men participating (you are still welcome).

Many of our creations are displayed at our regular market stalls and continue to support a number of charities. The group encourages participation whether you have the skills or not. Pop in for a cup of tea and a chat.

To celebrate the occasion, on Tuesday 20 February, the regular 9.15am Mass at Manly will be offered for current, past, and deceased members.

Please join us for a cuppa and chat following the Mass!!!

## An important notice for all catechists and helpers at Manly West Public School and Manly Village Public School.

On Thursday 22nd February at 10am in the Parish Meeting Room Laurie will be handing out the Green or Yellow CCD Authorization Cards to be signed. Bring your expired card to be handed in at this meeting. The student’s books are also available to be collected at this time. There will be a form to be completed by all teachers and helpers on the day.

- Manly West Orientation Day: Thurs 29 Feb 9:30am.
- Manly West Classes Commence: Thurs 7 Mar usual times.

Manly Village information is not yet available. Laurie will forward this when she has received it from the school. Following our meeting on 22 February, you are invited to have lunch together at Balgowlah RSL Club at 12noon.

For more information phone Laurie 9949 7750

## Catechist Blessings will take place this weekend at all the Masses.



## Spanish Prayer Group

Next meeting will be held on Friday 23 Feb.

Meetings are held on the 2nd & 4th Friday each month at 6pm – 7:30pm in the Parish Meeting Room.

**ALL WELCOME!**



**The Craft Group** meets each week on Tuesday mornings from 10am to 12noon in the Parish Center. We invite you to come along for a cuppa and a chat in a friendly relaxed environment. Bring your knitting or other craft if you wish.



**Lectio Divina** Read his story in the Gospels. Spend time with him. Lectio Divina groups meet in the Parish Centre on Tuesday evenings at 7:30pm and Wednesday mornings at 10am.



**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION IN MANLY ON WEDNESDAYS – 6pm – 7.30pm**  
**Quiet Prayer & Adoration** 6pm – 7pm concluding with **Benediction**



If you are a new parishioner to Manly Freshwater Parish, we invite you to complete a Parish census form. This will assist us in updating our records to include you and your family in our parish community activities. The census form can be found on the back wall of the Church or at the side door entrance and may be left in the collection plate.



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Friday 8th March 2024

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## 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.

## 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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**MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS  
FOR LENT 2024**

**Through the Desert God Leads us to  
Freedom**

*Dear brothers and sisters!*

When our God reveals himself, his message is always one of freedom: "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery" (*Ex 20:2*). These are the first words of the Decalogue given to Moses on Mount Sinai. Those who heard them were quite familiar with the exodus of which God spoke: the experience of their bondage still weighed heavily upon them. In the desert, they received the "Ten Words" as a thoroughfare to freedom. We call them "commandments", in order to emphasize the strength of the love by which God shapes his people. The call to freedom is a demanding one. It is not answered straightaway; it has to mature as part of a journey. Just as Israel in the desert still clung to Egypt – often longing for the past and grumbling against the Lord and Moses – today too, God's people can cling to an oppressive bondage that it is called to leave behind. We realize how true this is at those moments when we feel hopeless, wandering through life like a desert and lacking a promised land as our destination. Lent is the season of grace in which the desert can become once more – in the words of the prophet Hosea – the place of our first love (cf. *Hos 2:16-17*). *God shapes his people, he enables us to leave our slavery behind* and experience a Passover from death to life. Like a bridegroom, the Lord draws us once more to himself, whispering words of love to our hearts.

The exodus from slavery to freedom is no abstract journey. If our celebration of Lent is to be concrete, the first step is to desire to *open our eyes to reality*. When the Lord calls out to Moses from the burning bush, he immediately shows that he is a God who sees and, above all, hears: "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry

on account of their taskmasters. Indeed I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey" (*Ex 3:7-8*). Today too, the cry of so many of our oppressed brothers and sisters rises to heaven. Let us ask ourselves: Do we hear that cry? Does it trouble us? Does it move us? All too many things keep us apart from each other, denying the fraternity that, from the beginning, binds us to one another.

During my visit to Lampedusa, as a way of countering the globalization of indifference, I asked two questions, which have become more and more pressing: "Where are you?" (*Gen 3:9*) and "Where is your brother?" (*Gen 4:9*). Our Lenten journey will be concrete if, by listening once more to those two questions, we realize that even today we remain under the rule of Pharaoh. A rule that makes us weary and indifferent. A model of growth that divides and robs us of a future. Earth, air and water are polluted, but so are our souls. True, Baptism has begun our process of liberation, yet there remains in us an inexplicable longing for slavery. A kind of attraction to the security of familiar things, to the detriment of our freedom.

In the Exodus account, there is a significant detail: it is God who sees, is moved and brings freedom; Israel does not ask for this. Pharaoh stifles dreams, blocks the view of heaven, makes it appear that this world, in which human dignity is trampled upon and authentic bonds are denied, can never change. He put everything in bondage to himself. Let us ask: Do I want a new world? Am I ready to leave behind my compromises with the old? The witness of many of my brother bishops and a great number of those who work for peace and justice has increasingly convinced me that we need to combat a deficit of hope that stifles dreams and the silent cry that reaches to heaven and moves the heart of God. This "deficit of hope" is not unlike the nostalgia for slavery that paralyzed Israel in the desert and prevented it from moving forward. An exodus can be interrupted: how else can we explain the fact that humanity has arrived at the threshold of universal fraternity and at levels of scientific, technical, cultural, and juridical development capable of guaranteeing dignity to all, yet gropes about in the darkness of inequality and conflict.

God has not grown weary of us. Let us welcome Lent as the great season in which he reminds us: "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of

slavery" (Ex 20:2). Lent is a *season of conversion, a time of freedom*. Jesus himself, as we recall each year on the first Sunday of Lent, was driven into the desert by the Spirit in order to be tempted in freedom. For forty days, he will stand before us and with us: the incarnate Son. Unlike Pharaoh, God does not want subjects, but sons and daughters. The desert is the place where our freedom can mature in a personal decision not to fall back into slavery. In Lent, we find new criteria of justice and a community with which we can press forward on a road not yet taken.

This, however, entails a *struggle*, as the book of Exodus and the temptations of Jesus in the desert make clear to us. The voice of God, who says, "You are my Son, the Beloved" (Mk 1:11), and "You shall have no other gods before me" (Ex 20:3) is opposed by the enemy and his lies. Even more to be feared than Pharaoh are the idols that we set up for ourselves; we can consider them as his voice speaking within us. To be all-powerful, to be looked up to by all, to domineer over others: every human being is aware of how deeply seductive that lie can be. It is a road well-travelled. We can become attached to money, to certain projects, ideas or goals, to our position, to a tradition, even to certain individuals. Instead of making us move forward, they paralyze us. Instead of encounter, they create conflict. Yet there is also a new humanity, a people of the little ones and of the humble who have not yielded to the allure of the lie. Whereas those who serve idols become like them, mute, blind, deaf and immobile (cf. Ps 114:4), the poor of spirit are open and ready: a silent force of good that heals and sustains the world.

It is time to act, and in Lent, *to act also means to pause*. To pause *in prayer*, in order to receive the word of God, to pause like the Samaritan *in the presence of a wounded brother or sister*. Love of God and love of neighbour are one love. Not to have other gods is to pause in the presence of God beside the flesh of our neighbour. For this reason, prayer, almsgiving and fasting are not three unrelated acts, but a single movement of openness and self-emptying, in which we cast out the idols that weigh us down, the attachments that imprison us. Then the atrophied and isolated heart will revive. Slow down, then, and pause! The contemplative dimension of life that Lent helps us to rediscover will release new energies. In the presence of God, we become brothers and sisters, more sensitive to one another: in place of threats and enemies, we discover companions and fellow travelers. This is God's

dream, the promised land to which we journey once we have left our slavery behind.

The Church's synodal form, which in these years we are rediscovering and cultivating, suggests that Lent is also a *time of communitarian decisions*, of decisions, small and large, that are countercurrent. Decisions capable of altering the daily lives of individuals and entire neighbourhoods, such as the ways we acquire goods, care for creation, and strive to include those who go unseen or are looked down upon. I invite every Christian community to do just this: to offer its members moments set aside to rethink their lifestyles, times to examine their presence in society and the contribution they make to its betterment. Woe to us if our Christian penance were to resemble the kind of penance that so dismayed Jesus. To us too, he says: "Whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting" (Mt 6:16). Instead, let others see joyful faces, catch the scent of freedom and experience the love that makes all things new, beginning with the smallest and those nearest to us. This can happen in every one of our Christian communities.

To the extent that this Lent becomes a time of conversion, an anxious humanity will notice a burst of creativity, a flash of new hope. Allow me to repeat what I told the young people whom I met in Lisbon last summer: "Keep seeking and be ready to take risks. At this moment in time, we face enormous risks; we hear the painful plea of so many people. Indeed, we are experiencing a third world war fought piecemeal. Yet let us find the courage to see our world, not as being in its death throes but in a process of giving birth, not at the end but at the beginning of a great new chapter of history. We need courage to think like this" (*Address to University Students*, 3 August 2023). Such is the courage of conversion, born of coming up from slavery. For faith and charity take hold, this small child, by the hand. They teach her to walk, and at the same time, she leads them forward. [1]

I bless all of you and your Lenten journey.

Rome, Saint John Lateran, 3 December 2023,  
First Sunday of Advent.

FRANCIS

[1] Cf. CH. PÉGUÉ, *The Portico of the Mystery of the Second Virtue*.

# First Sunday of Lent – Year B

## First Reading *Genesis 9:8-15 (JB)*

A reading from the book of Genesis

*I will recall the covenant between myself and you ... the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh.*

God spoke to Noah and his sons, 'See, I establish my Covenant with you, and with your descendants after you; also with every living creature to be found with you, birds, cattle and every wild beast with you: everything that came out of the ark, everything that lives on the earth. I establish my Covenant with you: nothing of flesh shall be swept away again by the waters of the flood. There shall be no flood to destroy the earth again.'

God said, 'Here is the sign of the Covenant I make between myself and you and every living creature with you for all generations: I set my bow in the clouds and it shall be a sign of the Covenant between me and the earth. When I gather the clouds over the earth and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the Covenant between myself and you and every living creature of every kind. And so the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all things of flesh.'

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

## Responsorial Psalm *Ps 24:4-9 (JB)*

**R. Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.**

Lord, make me know your ways. Lord, teach me your paths. Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: for you are God my saviour. R.

Remember your mercy, Lord, and the love you have shown from of old. In your love remember me, because of your goodness, O Lord. R.

The Lord is good and upright. He shows the path to those who stray, he guides the humble in the right path; he teaches his way to the poor. R.

## Second Reading *1 Peter 3:18-22 (JB)*

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

*The water of the flood is a type of the baptism which saves you now.*

Christ himself, innocent though he was, died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life, and, in the spirit, he

went to preach to the spirits in prison. Now it was long ago, when Noah was still building that ark which saved only a small group of eight people 'by water', and when God was still waiting patiently, that these spirits refused to believe. That water is a type of the baptism which saves you now, and which is not the washing off of physical dirt but a pledge made to God from a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has entered heaven and is at God's right hand, now that he has made the angels and Dominations and Powers his subjects.

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

## Gospel Acclamation *Matthew 4:4 (JB)*

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

## Gospel *Mark 1:12-15 (JB)*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

*He was tempted by Satan, and the angels looked after him.*

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness and he remained there for forty days, and was tempted by Satan. He was with the wild beasts, and the angels looked after him.

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

The Gospel of the Lord

**All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**



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**Presbytery:** 9977 2100  
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**Parish Pastoral Council:** Michael McGrath  
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(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:* Tuesday – Friday 9:15am  
*Freshwater:* Tuesday – Friday 9:15am

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**Baptisms:** please contact the parish office  
*Manly:* 4th Sunday of the month  
*Freshwater:* 2nd Sunday of month

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

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**St Mary's Primary School** 7256 2135  
Principal: Paul McGuire

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