

MANLY FRESHWATER CATHOLIC PARISH Mary Immaculate and St John the Baptist Churches

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 13th June 2021

Gospel: Farming is a matter of hard work and patient faith: All the farmer can do is plant the seed and nurture it along with water and care; God's unseen hand in creation transforms the tiny seed into a great harvest. Today's Gospel parables of the sower and the mustard seed, then, are calls to patience, hope and readiness.

The mustard seed – that tiny speck containing the chemical energy to create the great tree – is a natural parable for the greatness that God raises up from small beginnings.

Jesus may have been directing his words to the Zealots, a Jewish sect that sought the political restoration of Israel. Many Zealots were terrorists, employing murder and insurrection to destabilize the Roman government. The Zealots dreamed of a Messiah who would restore the Jewish nation. Jesus, however, calls them to see their



identity as God's people not in terms of political might but of interior faith and spiritual openness to the love of God.

Reflection: We are called to seek the wisdom of God with the patience and dedication of the sower; we are entrusted with the work of making the reign of God a reality in our own lives with the gentle but determined faith of the mustard seed.

Christ asks us to embrace the faith of the sower: to "plant" seeds of peace, reconciliation and justice wherever and whenever we can in the certain knowledge that, in God's good time, our plantings will result in the harvest of the kingdom of God.

With the patience and hope of mustard seed faith, our smallest acts of compassion and generosity, in our unnoticed and unheralded offerings of affirmation and support, we can transform the most barren of places into great gardens of hope.

Though we "know not how" God makes the grain grow and the sun rise and the rain fall, we do know **why:** the perfect and complete love that is and of God, love that compels God to set all of creation into motion and to breathe that love into our souls and set us this life of ours. Realizing the "why" should inspire us to mirror God's love in our care for creation and our work to provide its gifts for all our sisters and brothers. .

 First Collection for the support of our Priests.

 Second Collection for maintenance, repairs and running costs of our Parish.

 Pope Francis Prayer Intention for June: The Beauty of Marriage Let us pray for young people who are preparing for marriage with the support of a Christian community: may they grow in love, with generosity, faithfulness and patience.

 We're COVID SAFE
 LVE STREAMING OF MASS

 Facebook – manlyfreshwaterparish Sunday 8:30am Mass

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 community

LET US PRAY FOR

13th June 2021

Recently Deceased: John Humphreys; Paul Dankmeyer; Keith Spring; Lois Medcalf; Lorna Burrows; Mirella Sarhan

Anniversary:

Prayers for the sick in our parish: Gavin Greenwood, Brian Gregan, Mark Taylor; Kay Flenady; Leon Cochrane; Robina Dwyer; Prionsias Kearney; Brian Davies; Debbie Vernon; Lauren Hannahan; Rosalba Galuis; Judith McKenzie; Jonathan Keil; Wayne Smedley; Margaret Burridge; Jill Carmichael; Stephen Robertson; Richard & Cynthia Connolly; Maureen Williams; Gerry Wybrandt; Amy Farrow; Patricia Duffy; Florencia Lira; Ken Waller; Mary Helen Fogarty; Sheila Lee; Chrissy Brunsdon; Belinda Nicholls; Jacqui Dawson; Marty O'Donnell; Pat Smith; Bozena (Boni)Covic

PARISH SOCIAL MEDIA

Parish facebook: facebook.com/manlyfreshwaterparish Parish website: bbcatholic.org.au/manlyfreshwater



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.



EUCHARISTIC ADORATION & DIVINE HOLY MERCY HOUR Manly each Wednesday at 6pm with Divine Mercy Hour from 7pm to 8pm



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 along your knitting or other craft if you wish.



Lectio Divina Read his story in the Gospels. Spend time with him. Lectio Divina groups meets Tuesday 7.30pm in the Parish Centre and Wednesdav

mornings at 10am in the Parish Centre.





St John the Baptist Primary School Monday 21/6 from 9am - 10am St Mary's Primary School Mondays 9am - 10am

We invite you and your child to come and play, learn and connect with other 3-5 yr olds from our local area. Our Playgroups are facilitated by teachers each week. Parents/carers are required to remain onsite with their children during the Playgroup sessions.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Clergy Conference 14th – 17th June. There will be no 9:15am Morning Mass on those days at either Church.



Covid-19 Updated Requirements

To assist us with maintaining our attendance registers you now have the option of scanning the QR code with

your Phone to register your details to enter the Church.

YOU DO NOT need to register to attend Mass each week. The limit is 380 people attending Mass at Manly and 150 people attending Mass at Freshwater.



Welcomers URGENTLY needed at both Churches to assist with the QR Code registrations before each Mass. Please contact the parish office

9977 5822.



CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Will be continue this Tuesday at 6pm in the Parish Centre at Manly. Anyone interested in this form of silent prayer is most welcome to attend. Enquiries: Hazel Cottee 0402 052 088

"Be still and know that I am God" Psalm 46: vs 10



Guardian of the Hail, Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you

Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage and defend us from every evil. Amen **Pope Francis**

Safeguarding: When safeguarding is embedded in Parish leadership, governance and culture; members of the Parish recognise that it is a shared responsibility to safeguard children, young people and adults at risk.



We pray to you, Blessed Mother, that you might untangle the knots that oppress us so that we can witness with joy to your Son and our Lord, Jesus Christ.

CLERGY CONFERENCE – NO weekday Masses Fr David, Fr John and Martino will be attending the Broken Bay Diocese Clergy Conference from 14th - 17th June. There will be NO 9:15am Morning Mass on these days at either Church.



Fr John will be celebrating his 50th birthday next Thursday. We wish him a happy day!

William Outch is celebrating his 90th Birthday next Wednesday. William

has been a Freshwater parishioner for 48 years and a great supporter of the Parish and Vinnies.

Please keep William and Fr John in your prayers.

Young Adults Group 18 to 35



Meet on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each Month.

On the **24th June** we will meet in the Parish Centre for

Spiritual Discussions and Reflection.



Youth Group for those in High School meet on the 3rd Sunday of each month following the Youth Mass at Manly at 6pm

Archdiocese of Sydney Youth Camp

Sydney Catholic Youth are hosting a **4 day youth** camp from **July 5-8** for students in **Yr 7-12** at the Benedict XVI Retreat Centre. Come along to make friends with other young Catholics and participate in the Sacraments, Praise & Worship, Prayer & Adoration, games, social activities, small group discussions, guest speaker talks and much, much more!! For more information contact SCY (9307 8152) or the Manly Freshwater Youth Ministry (Facebook: Manly Freshwater Catholic Youth. Instagram: manlyfreshwater_catholicyouth).



FEAST OF ST ANTHONY OF PADOVA

This Sunday **13th June 2021** is the annual celebration at St John the Baptist Church, Freshwater.

The program for the day is as follows:

- 1:00pm Confession
- 1:30pm Holy Mass celebrated with blessing of the bread and children during the Mass by Fr Anthony Fregolent



Vinnies Winter Appeal 2021

Vinnies Winter Appeal will be held next weekend 19th and 20th June.

Envelopes will be available for you to take home today if you wish and return next

weekend. Donations are tax deductible.

Thanking you for your continued support.

Mick O'Farrell (Freshwater Conference) Bruce Whittet (Manly Conference)



MANLY PIETY STORE

Manly Piety Store has a good selection of books and statues of St Joseph.

Movie of the month St Barbara convert and martyr of the early church (2012) Set in 303 AD ancient Rome, a beautiful Italian

movie during times of great persecution and life in the early underground Church. Only \$10 at the piety store.

CD of the month The Body and Blood of Christ – Dr Scott Hahn. As we celebrate the feast of "Corpus Christi" this is a powerful reminder on the" real presence" of Jesus Christ in the eucharist and the biblical basis for this divine truth. Only \$5 at the piety store.

Open after all weekend Masses



If you participate in our Planned Giving Program using weekly envelopes, the new envelopes are ready for collection in both

Churches after Masses this weekend. They are in

alphabetical order.

Thank you for your continued support.

If you are unable to find your envelopes or if you would like to join our Planned Giving Program please contact the Parish Office on 9977 5822.



One community of the Church, helping our families grow.

CHARITABLE WORKS FUND APPEAL We are currently holding our 3rd and final Appeal for this financial year. Thank you to all those who have already generously contributed. Our shortfall to date for this Appeal is \$5,000.00 Donations to this Appeal are 100% Tax Deductible You can donate in three ways:

- 1) Complete the CWF collection envelope in your pew;
- 2) Online at www.bbcatholic.org.au/give;
 - u/give;
- 3) Or scan the QR code don't forget to select Manly Freshwater Parish

Thank you for your contributions towards the pastoral works of the Church. .



PARISH FINANCES - As we move more and more into a cashless society, many parishioners prefer to contribute to parish electronically.

We now have easy options as set out below to help you give this way.

New: Scan to Donate using the QR code below to access our BPoint Donation page (please note this is not the code used as you enter the Church for signing). You will then be able to click the BPoint logo on the webpage to take you to the payment page. This secure system provided by the Commonwealth Bank Australia will give you the option of having your receipt emailed to you.





Tap and go machines at the Church entrances.

Collection plates (1st and 2nd collection) at the Church entrances.

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 Parish Bank Account

Supports our Priests Account Name: Manly Freshwater Parish Pastoral

Bank Name: Commonwealth Bank Account# 13958002 BSB: 062 784





ST JOSEPH'S MENS GROUP met last Thursday. It was great to see so many come along for Holy Mass followed by a BBQ and fellowship.

Our Next gathering will be held on Thursday 1st July and we invite men of all ages to come along.





Your generosity towards our Parish can go on forever when you include a bequest in your Will. Once your family is taken care of,

a residual gift of your estate can be left to the Church to ensure our Parish and Faith is also looked after. For more information on how you can leave a gift of Faith in your Will, please contact Fr David on 9977 5822. Thank you for your consideration.

Home Visits – If you are still unsure about attending Masses and you would like a home visit from one of our Priests please contact the parish office 9977 5822 to organise a time. They would be very happy to see you.

PARISH WEEKLY EVENTS

- Christian Meditation: Tues 6pm in the Parish Centre
- Craft Group: Tues 10:00am in the Parish Centre
- Divine Will Prayer Group: Mon 11:00am in the Parish Centre
- Eucharistic Adoration: Manly Adoration on Wed 6pm with Divine Mercy Hour from 7pm – 8pm
- Lectio Divina: Tues 7.30pm and Weds 10am in the Parish Centre
- Piety Store: call Parish Office
- Reconciliation: Manly: Sat 10am 11am
- RCIA: Contact the Parish Office 9977 5822

PARISH MONTHLY EVENTS

- Baptisms: By appointment enquires to Parish Office
- Crazy Whist: last Tuesday each month 10am Parish Centre
- Parish Pastoral Council: contact Parish Office
- St Joseph's Men's Group 1st Thurs each month
- St Vincent de Paul: Manly & Freshwater 2nd Mon each month at 5:30pm

St Mary's School News...



Calling all crafty creatures! We need your help!

Next term, on Thursday 5th August, Mrs Conn will be running a Godly Play kit making workshop

with facilitators from CSBB. The Godly Play approach helps children to explore their faith through story, to gain religious language and to enhance their spiritual experience through wonder and play.

All materials will be supplied, however, if you have any fabric off cuts or felt, please bring them along.

If you would like to come along and spend some time getting creative over a cup of tea in the St Mary's Parish Hall from 9am on Thursday 5th August, please contact the St Mary's school office on 9977 2225 or <u>smm@dbb.catholic.edu.au</u>

Kind regards Alexis Conn (REC)

St John the Baptist School News...



St John the Baptist Catholic School is Enrolling Now for Kindergarten 2022 and selected class in Years 1 to 6. Please call 9939 6699 for an Application Form and to book a tour.

IT Savvy Seniors @ SJB An introduction to iPads and iPhones for Seniors



When: Tuesday 15th & 22nd June 2pm- ;2.45pm Where: St John the Baptist Freshwater Hall Who: Manly Freshwater Parish Community

Sessions would suit those who are at a beginner to intermediate level of experience with using Apple iPads or iPhones.

Skill focus:

- Apple apps: Camera, Safari, Calendar, Camera, Notes
- Browsing the internet using Safari or Chrome App
- Settings- change font size, using talk to text and speech functions etc.
- How to use QR Codes

Facilitators: Year 5 teachers & students

Please RSVP by phoning the school office on: 9939-6699

Most Rev Anthony Randazzo Bishop of Broken Bay Message for BBNeighbourhoods 08 June 2021

My dear sisters and brothers in Christ, Next Sunday, 13 June, is the feast of Saint Anthony of Padua. He is my baptismal Patron Saint, and on my recent round of parishes for the conferral of the sacrament of Confirmation, I have discovered that he is the Confirmation Patron Saint of many of our young boys and girls. Because his feast lands on a Sunday this year, we will not be celebrating him in the liturgy, so I thought that I might reflect upon this great Saint in BB Neighbourhoods today.

In Rome not far from where I used to live, there is a beautiful church which is totally Baroque in style. This church is the Portuguese national church in Rome and is known as Sant'Antonio dei Portoghesi (Saint Anthony of the Portuguese). It is, in fact, dedicated to Saint Anthony of Lisbon or as most of the world knows him, Saint Anthony of Padua.

The Portuguese are quite protective of their man who was born in Lisbon in the year 1195. He was the eldest son of an influential family and was baptised Ferdinand. His parents had great plans for him. Accordingly, they provided him with a sound education as they nudged him towards an ecclesiastical or bureaucratic career. Without a doubt he would initially have studied Arts and then pursued Theology and Law.

His parents were to be disappointed however, not due to any failure or laziness on his part, rather because he chose not to follow their dreams for him. Instead, at the age of fifteen, he left home and began the great pilgrimage of faith which led him to the priesthood at 25 years of age.

Saint Anthony is so often remembered for pious reasons, and yet I suspect that the real sanctity of the man lies in his love and devotion to the Word of God.

He travelled through Northern Italy and Southern France, preaching especially in the areas which had been plagued by heresy. He combated both political and moral abuses in the Church as well as the rejection of Church authority and doctrine. I expect that his most powerful weapon against these enemies was his evangelical lifestyle. By living what he preached, he was able to confound heretics and edify the faithful.

Saint Anthony was also renowned as a confessor and minister of reconciliation between peoples. His example of love and acceptance itself became a powerful call to conversion.

One final glimpse at this holy pastor and doctor of the Church will show that he was a man of integrity who defended those who were powerless and incapable of defending themselves. He took to himself the proclamation of the dignity of every person some 700 years before the Fathers of the Second Vatican Council stated their intention "to develop the doctrine of recent popes on the inviolable rights of the human person" (Dignitatis humanae, 1) – a theme which was very close to the heart of Saint John Paul II.

On 13 June 1231, at the age of 36, Saint Anthony gave his final homily. He had travelled thousands of kilometres on his mission, and he had preached to tens of thousands of the faithful.

Saint Anthony is remembered for many reasons, for some it is as the patron saint of the lost, for others he is remembered for good health, for some as one who helps with their faith, and still others as an inspiration for hope. I offer you Saint Anthony as a great saint because he gave his life to the proclamation of the Word of God. He is a saint who can inspire us, clergy and people, the community of the Church of Broken Bay. /

Saint Anthony of Padua, pray for us!

+Anthony

OUTSIDE THE PARISH



Passion for the Earth A Laudato Si Camp for Adults

A program in the spirit of Pope Francis, drawing on new insights from faith and theology leading, through dialogue, towards an Integral Ecology. Where: Wooglemai Environmental Eduaction Centre (45 Sheeheys Creek Rd, Oakdale) Over 3 days – Tues 6/7 10am – Thurs 8/7 2pm Tarriff: \$95 Student Concession: \$75 More info – anitphon1@outlook.com



Fan the Flame Towards Plenary Assembly One October 2021

`This is my blood, the blood of the covenant, which is to be poured out for many' Mark 14:12-16,22-26

The Lord has redeemed all of us, all of us, with the Blood of Christ. And this Blood makes us children of God of the first class! [W]e all have a duty to do good. If we, each doing our own part, if we do good to others ... we will make that culture of encounter.

(Pope Francis Homily, May 2013)

www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fantheflame/

Alive in the Spirit

Virtual Conference 8th – 10th July 2021 **REGISTER NOW!** ALIVE IN THE SPIRIT invites people to **new vision, new energy, new life - to be the community that Christ calls us to be**. The conference aims to bring renewal, connection, inspiration and formation through keynote speakers, workshops, liturgy and prayer.

You are invited to 30+ on-demand workshops and interactive encounters, where you can explore areas of best practice for RCIA, reaching beyond the margins, planning for mission, pastoral care, social justice and much more. It can be accessed individually or run as a personalised experience in your own community. <u>Click here to register</u>



	12th Sun in Ord Time	19th – 20th June 2021
6pm Vigil Mass	Server	Louise Wareham
	Readers	Rita Bruzzese
		Jean Halcrow
	Music	Josh Willards
	AV Screens	Assistance Required
	Welcomers	John Zemek
		Mary Prager
	Piety Store	Merle Zemek
	Flowers	Merle Zemek
	Server	Ken Thompson
SS	Readers	Patty Thomas
	Music	Robert & Gina Marshall
8:30am Mass		Organist
E	AV Screens	Robert Marshall
30a	Welcomers	Laurie de Ambrosis
ö		Clare Carmody
	Diety Stere	Lynne Parks
	Piety Store	Jan Dorsen
	Servers Readers	Martino Hoang
10:30am Mass		Bernie Lawler Janie Fonua
		Carmel Lawler
Σ	Music	Bianca Zatz
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10		Anne Gaughan
	Piety Store	Janie Fonua
6pm Mass	Server	Ivica Covic
		Silvio Porcelli
	Readers	Youth Mass
	Music	Simon & Youth
	AV Screens	Bill Tango
	Welcomers	Youth
	Piety Store	Lynette & Sophie Duffy

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	Ascension of the Lord	15th – 16th May
5pm Vigil	Server	Joanne Druery
	Readers	Shirley Abbott
	Music	CD's
	AV Screens	Bill Kelly
	Welcomers	Shirley Abbott
9am Mass	Server	Francis Raymond
	Readers	Vincent Bokanovic
		Luka Bokanovic
	Music	Pat Brown
	AV Screens	Margi Gruca
	Welcomers	Sally Moffatt
	Morning Tea	Brigid & Lynn
	Altar Society	Patricia & Solo Brown



NOW AVAILALE AT THE CHURCH ENTRANCES

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time – YEAR B

First Reading

Ezekiel 17:22-24 (JB)

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

I have made the small tree great.

The Lord says this: 'From the top of the cedar, from the highest branch I will take a shoot and plant it myself on a very high mountain. I will plant it on the high mountain of Israel. It will sprout branches and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Every kind of bird will live beneath it, every winged creature rest in the shade of its branches. And every tree of the field will learn that I, the Lord, am the one who stunts tall trees and makes the low ones grow, who withers green trees and makes the withered green. I, the Lord, have spoken, and I will do it.'

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm *Ps* 91:2-3, 13-16 (JB)

R. Lord it is good to give thanks to you.

It is good to give thanks to the Lord to make music to your name, O Most High, to proclaim your love in the morning and your truth in the watches of the night. R.

The just will flourish like the palm-tree and grow like a Lebanon cedar. R.

Planted in the house of the Lord they will flourish in the courts of our God, still bearing fruit when they are old, still full of sap, still green, to proclaim that the Lord is just. In him, my rock, there is no wrong. R.

Second Reading 2 Corinthians 5:6-10 (JB)

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

Whether we are living in the body or exiled from *it, we are intent on pleasing the Lord.*

We are always full of confidence when we remember that to live in the body means to be exiled from the Lord, going as we do by faith and not by sight - we are full of confidence, I say, and actually want to be exiled from the body and make our home with the Lord. Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing him. For all the 7 truth about us will be brought out in the law court of Christ, and each of us will get what he deserves for the things he did in the body, good or bad.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live for ever.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 4:26-34 (JB)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

The mustard seed, the smallest of all the seeds, grows into the biggest shrub of all.

Jesus said to the crowd, 'This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man throws seed on the land. Night and day, while he sleeps, when he is awake, the seed is sprouting and growing; how, he does not know. Of its own accord the land produces first the shoot, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the crop is ready, he loses no time; he starts to reap because the harvest has come.'

He also said, 'What can we say the kingdom of God is like? What parable can we find for it? It is like a mustard seed which at the time of its sowing in the soil is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet once it is sown it grows into the biggest shrub of them all and puts out big branches so that the birds of the air can shelter in its shade.'

Using many parables like these, he spoke the word to them, so far as they were capable of understanding it. He would not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything to his disciples when they were alone.

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



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Seminarian: Martino Hoang
Parish Secretaries: Jenny Beninati & Paula Martin
Pastoral Coordinator: Michelle Ellis

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Presbytery: 9977 2100

After Hours Urgent Sick Calls: 0499 910 010

Parish Pastoral Council: Paul Pervan (Chair), Ian Press (Deputy Chair), Margaret Dent (Secretary), Ivica Covic; Joanne Druery; Robert Marshall; Michael McGrath

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

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

Reconciliation: Manly Sat 10am - 11am

St Mary's Primary School 9977 2225 Principal: Paul McGuire

St John the Baptist Primary School 9939 6699 Principal: Alicia van der Merwe

St Paul's Catholic College 9977 5111 Principal: Michael Reid

Stella Maris College 9977 5144 Principal: Elizabeth Carnegie