

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 2nd July 2023



Gospel Reflection

Today's Gospel is the conclusion of Matthew's collection of Jesus' missionary discourses, in which Jesus speaks of the sacrifice demanded of his disciples and the suffering they will endure for their faith. In today's pericope, Jesus clearly is not attacking family life; he is warning his disciples of the conflict and misunderstanding they will experience for their proclaiming the word. To be an authentic disciple of Jesus means embracing the suffering, humility, pain and selflessness of the cross; to be an authentic disciple of Jesus means taking on the often-unpopular role of prophet for the sake of the kingdom; to be an authentic disciple of Jesus means welcoming and supporting other disciples who do the work of the Gospel. connectionsmediaworks.com



Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday – 2nd July

Acknowledgement of Country:

We Acknowledge the Traditional Custodians who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Trait Islander Peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of reconciliation. (A new life in Christ/Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday Resource Kit 2023)

Livestreaming on Facebook Sunday 8:30am Mass manlyfreshwaterparishfacebook/videos

VINNIES WINTER APPEAL

We would like to thank everyone for their continuing support of Vinnies. Just a few facts about how your kind donation helps those in need.

Broken Bay Central Council which we belong to for the winter period between June and August 2022 provided \$232,000 worth of assistance to people experiencing disadvantage including \$90,000 worth of assistance for food. There are 10 Central Councils in NSW and combined they provided \$2,600,000 worth of assistance including \$1,371,000 in food. As you can see there is an enormous need for our help. This year's appeal is high lighting "Older women experiencing homelessness".

At the heart of homelessness is poverty. In 2016 40% of women over 55 lived under the poverty line Through our specialist homelessness and domestic

violence services we are continuing to support these women as well as carrying on with our work helping all those in need. Please keep everyone in your prayers. Envelopes are on the pews or you can use the Vinnies QR code. Cheers Bruce and Mick





ST JOSEPH'S MEN'S GROUP

Monthly meeting will be held on Thursday 6th July at 7pm in the parish centre. All Welcome.



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 a Tap N Go facility available at Manly and Freshwater churches.

Thank you for your generosity!

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.

We of Manly Freshwater Parish acknowledge the Kay-ee-my people, on whose ancestral lands we gather to worship today.

LET US PRAY FOR Recently Deceased:

2nd July 2023

Anniversary: Prayers for the sick in our parish: "Lord, grant them and their carers strength and courage" Margaret Burridge; 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; Donnacha Donnelly; Paul Donnelly; Julie & Rodney Wallis; Lyn Hillard; Ian Flynn; Jake Usher; Wayne Smedley; Shirley Ford; Apolinar Anasarias; Kay Flenady; Annette Frances O'Leary

Dates to remember...

- St Joseph's Mens Group Thurs 6th July 7pm
- Anointing Mass Fri 7th July 9:15am Mass
- Cenacle of Our Lady Manly Tues 9:45am
- Lectio Divina Tues 7:30pm and Wed 10am
- Eucharistic Adoration in Manly Wed 6pm 7:30pm



EUCHARISTIC ADORATION IN MANLY ON WEDNESDAYS

Quiet Prayer & Adoration 6:00pm - 7pm

Scripture Reflection on the Eucharist & Benediction 7pm - 7:30pm

Divine Mercy Chaplet will be said starting at 6pm

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.

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.



WORLD YOUTH DAY

It was a great turn out at the Curry & Pasta night last Saturday. Thank you to everyone who attended to support the

fundraiser. Special thanks to all those who prepared meals and served on the night. The money raised at the dinner will go towards helping Josh, Richard and Sampson attend WYD Lisbon in July 2023, where the boys will be representing our parish.

We will update you on how much the parish has raised to support the boys in attending WYD.



CHANGES TO PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Jenny will be on annual leave from Mon 26th June and returns Mon 10th July. The parish office will be

closed Monday 31st June and Monday 3rd July. Paula Martin will be back working in the parish office on the Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday for the 2 weeks. Friday's the office is closed as previously.

SUPPORT SUPPORT OUR PARISH & our **PRIESTS FINANCIALLY by using** PARISH 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. Directly into Parish Bank Accounts
- 6. 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

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7. 1st collection Supports our Priests Account: Manly Freshwater Parish Pastoral

Bequests – Remembering your faith community in vour Will!

After providing for family members in your Will, have you ever considered leaving a bequest directly to your local parish or the Diocese of Broken Bay? This is called a legacy or bequest. Over the years, many people who have felt a special connection with their local parish and church have left part of their Estate to their Parish or the Diocese of Broken Bay. Like a gift to a charity, a bequest of any amount to the Church is a way of saying "thank you" for the spiritual nurturing provided to you and your family over the years.

If you would like further information on bequests including how we can acknowledge your generosity in your lifetime, please speak with your Parish Priest or the Broken Bay Diocese Office for Communications on 8379 1664.



WELCOMING FAMILIES FROM St Mary's Manly St Kieran's Manly Vale St John the Baptist Freshwater HOURS 7.30am - 6.00pm During school holidays JULY 2023 PROGRAM

MORE INFO & BOOKINGS Located within the grounds of St Mary's, our vacation service offers a wide range of activities catering to children of differing ages and interests including fun incursions and local excursions each holiday period.

We provide a stimulating and enjoyable environment and activities which harness the children's interests and strengths whilst respecting their need for leisure.

Come and meet our fabulous educators who ach bring their own skills, expertise and passions across a broad spectrum of activities.



Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

First Reading

2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16 (JB)

A reading from the second book of the Kings

That is the holy man of God, let him remain there.

One day as Elisha was on his way to Shunem, a woman of rank who lived there pressed him to stay and eat there. After this he always broke his journey for a meal when he passed that way. She said to her husband, 'Look, I am sure the man who is constantly passing our way must be a holy man of God. Let us build him a small room on the roof, and put him a bed in it, and a table and chair and lamp; whenever he comes to us he can rest there.'

One day when he came, he retired to the upper room and lay down. 'What can be done for her?' he asked. Gehazi (his servant) answered, 'Well, she has no son and her husband is old.' Elisha said, 'Call her.' The servant called her and she stood at the door. 'This time next year,' Elisha said 'you will hold a son in your arms.'

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 88:2-3, 16-19 (JB)

R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord; through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth. Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever, that your truth is firmly established as the heavens. R.

Happy the people who acclaim such a king, who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face, who find their joy every day in your name, who make your justice the source of their bliss. R.

For it is you, O Lord, who are the glory of their strength; it is by your favour that our might is exalted: for our ruler is in the keeping of the Lord; our king in the keeping of the Holy One of Israel. R.

Second Reading

Romans 6:3-4, 8-11 (JB)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Having been buried with him through baptism, we shall walk in a new life.

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life.

But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people. Praise God who called you out of darkness and into his marvellous light.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 10:37-42 (JB) A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Anyone who does not accept his cross is not worthy of me. Anyone who welcomes you, welcomes me.

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me. Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it.

'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me.

'Anyone who welcomes a prophet because he is a prophet will have a prophet's reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man because he is a holy man will have a holy man's reward.

'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.' The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



Ignite 2023

The Diocese of Broken Bay is proud to be hosting one of Australia's most powerful Catholic Conferences - Ignite - from 28 September to 1 October 2023.

Registrations for this year's conference are now open. Evangelisation Broken Bay has a number of subsidies available to support Young Adults and members of the Diocesan community to attend this year's conference. Subsidies will provide a 50% discount on the ticket price for the conference. Please consider members of your community who you feel may benefit from the support of financial subsidy.

To request a discount code, please email Evangelisationea@bbcatholic.org.au

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1 Peter 2:9 (JB)



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St John the Baptist Church cnr Johnson & Oliver St, Freshwater 2096 Presbytery: 9977 2100

After Hours Sick Calls: 0499 910 010

Parish Pastoral Council: Paul Pervan (Chair); Michael McGrath (Deputy Chair); Margaret Dent Principal: Michael Reid (Secretary); Patricia Carroll; Joanne Druery; Val Buono; Ivica Covic; Robert Marshall; Peter Nacard, Ian Press, Katalina Taefotu

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

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