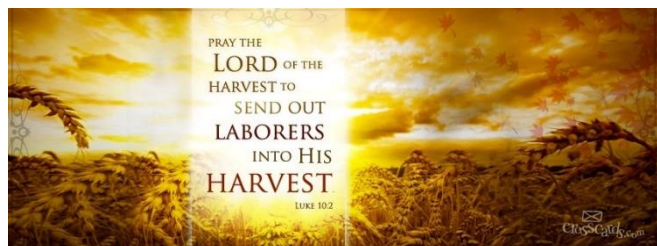




# MANLY FRESHWATER CATHOLIC PARISH

Mary Immaculate and St John the Baptist

14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – 6<sup>th</sup> July 2025



## Gospel Reflection

Jesus commissions 72 messengers to go before him to prepare for his arrival in the towns along his route to Jerusalem. The number 72 symbolized for the Jews the number of the world's Gentile nations. In keeping with Luke's use of symbolic numbers and his Gentile perspective, the 72 disciples represent the new Church's mission to every nation and people under heaven.

Jesus instructs the seventy-two:

- to keep focused on the ways and values of God – travel light, accept the simple hospitality of those you visit;
- to proclaim God's peace "amid wolves";
- to offer hope and healing, not judgment and condemnation;
- to find satisfaction not in what they have done in God's name but to rejoice in what God has done through them.

Jesus' vision of Satan's fall assures the disciples of every age that, despite the dangers of "serpent and scorpion" (First Testament symbols of evil); the good that they do out of faithfulness to their call will ultimately triumph. [Connectionsmediaworks.com](http://Connectionsmediaworks.com)



## SPIRITUAL CONVERSATIONS GROUP

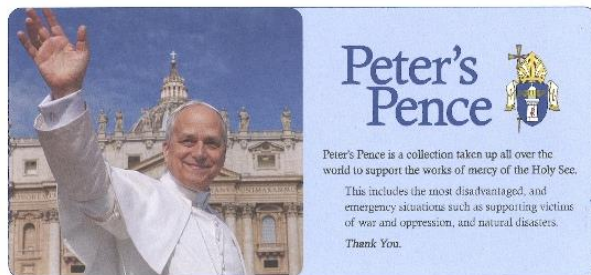
Do you know someone thinking about becoming Catholic?

A new group is starting up for those who are not baptised, or not fully initiated into the Church, and are **interested in exploring the Catholic faith**. This is *not* a general prayer group or ongoing formation class, but a space specifically for those **discerning entry into the Church**.

The group is informal and begins with conversation, a short reflection from Fr Sam, and time for open questions. It's the first step before the formal RCIA program kicks off in September.

The group meets on **Thursday evenings at 7:00pm** at **St Mary's Parish Office**.

If you or someone you know is curious about becoming Catholic, feel free to get in touch with **Fr Sam** at [sam.french@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:sam.french@bbcatholic.org.au).



**Peter's Pence** is a collection taken up all over the world to support the works of mercy of the Holy See.

Donations assist the Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV, support the most disadvantaged, and emergency situations such as supporting victims of war and oppression who are in need of humanitarian assistance, natural disasters, and development.

The concrete participation in the needs of the universal ecclesial community has taken different forms throughout history. These collections and donations by the individual faithful or entire local churches raise the awareness that all the baptised have always been called to materially sustain the work of evangelization and at the same time to help the poor in whatever way is possible.

The practice originated in the Holy Scriptures.

In his public life, dedicated to the proclamation of the Good News, Jesus received material aid to support himself with the group of the twelve Apostles (Lk 8:1-3). With this aid they also assisted those most in need (Jn 12:4-7).

After Pentecost, in the time of the Church, the need was felt to support those who dedicated themselves fully to the proclamation of the Gospel (1 Tim 5:17-18).

Saint Paul, in the Churches he founded, instituted the collection in support of the Mother Church of Jerusalem, which faced serious economic difficulties.

This concrete participation in the needs of the community took on various forms throughout history, giving rise to the awareness that all the baptised are required to support, also materially and according to their means, the work of evangelization and at the same time to assist those most in need everywhere in the world.

Through the Peter's Pence Collection, held every year on the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, 29 June, or the nearest Sunday, we are all invited to pray in a special way for the Pope and to offer our contribution in the Church where we attend Mass.

A little or a lot, it is all welcome. Giving is a gift.

**Anniversary:** Immacolata Valenzise; Leslie Le Surf;

**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; Don Hews; Joan Jacobs; Paul Donnelly; Julie Wallis; Lyn Hillard; Jake Usher; Wayne Smedley; Apolinar Anasarias; Kay Flenady; Annette Frances O’Leary; Anna Kalayzich; Veronica Rinaldo; Rena Curll; Shirley Ford; Ana Maria Saladana; Peter Hoang Ngoc Thai; John Santos; Garry Kirkman; James Douglas; Fiona Hipkiss

### Dates to remember...

- **Spiritual Conversations Group** Thursday 7pm
- **Cenacle of Our Lady**  
Manly: Tues 9:45am; Freshwater: Wed 9:45am
- **CCD Training** – Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July 10am



### Sacrament of confession/reconciliation

is available in Manly every  
Saturday from 10am to 11am and  
Wednesday from 6pm to 7pm.



### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION IN MANLY

**ON WEDNESDAYS 6pm – 7.30pm**

**Quiet Prayer, Adoration and  
reconciliation will be available**  
6pm – 7pm concluding with **Benediction**

“**Hours of Mercy**” every **First Wednesday** from **6:00 pm to midnight**, we will hold a special time of grace and prayer. The evening will begin with **Mass**, followed by **Eucharistic Adoration**. This extended time of prayer allows us to deepen our relationship with God and receive the gift of **Plenary Indulgences**.



### St Vincent de Paul Mid North Coast Flood Relief Appeal

Dear Manly Freshwater  
Parishioners and Visitors,

How many of us have family and friends whose homes and livelihoods have just been devastated by the recent major floods? The needs of these affected people are great - from basics like temporary shelter, food and clean water, clothing, bedding and household electricals and furniture to emergency fodder, replacement cattle and farm equipment, veterinary support to long term housing. The St Vincent de Paul Society is there on the ground listening to people’s stories and giving aid. To donate please use the QR code or place your donation in an envelope provided or you may bank directly to –BSB: 062 000 Account: 19889862



reference **42551** for **Manly** and  
reference **42550** for **Freshwater** donations.

All donations are 100% tax deductible. Tax receipts are available on request.

Yours sincerely, Mick O’Farrell and Bruce Whittet



### Part 4 - The Vocation to Dedicated Single Life

This week, we reflect on the vocation and mission of the **dedicated single life**. Unlike other vocations, the dedicated single life is not considered a canonically recognised vocation. That is, it is not a sacrament like Matrimony or Holy Orders, nor does it have a formal rite of entry or regulation under canon law, as is the case with consecrated life. Nevertheless, while there is no single magisterial document devoted exclusively to this vocation, it is referenced in Church teachings and encyclicals, and it is recognised as a **valid and valuable way of living one’s baptismal call**.

For instance, *Lumen Gentium* emphasises the **universal call to holiness**, affirming that all the faithful, regardless of rank or status—including single persons—are called to the “fullness of the Christian life and the perfection of charity” (LG, 40). The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* also highlights the responsibility of the lay faithful to bring the Gospel into the world, especially in areas where clergy may not be present, such as **in social, political, and economic spheres** (CCC 898–900; LG, 31).

The vocation of dedicated single life, then, is a **free and intentional commitment to live a life of holiness and service** in building up the Kingdom of God both in the Church and in society. It is not simply a state of life entered into by circumstance, but a **conscious choice**. Those called to this vocation **embrace celibacy and chastity** for the sake of the Kingdom (cf. Mt 19:12) and are committed to a **daily life of prayer, discipleship, and evangelisation** through their work and relationships. In many ways, single persons are **uniquely available to serve others** with greater freedom, often able to give their time and talents in ways that may be more difficult for those with family responsibilities, or even those in ordained ministry.

We can draw inspiration from several saints who lived out their vocation as dedicated singles. One such example is Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati—canonisation on Sept 7, 2025—who, despite his wealthy background, devoted his life to charitable works and social reform. Deeply influenced by Pope Leo XIII’s encyclical *Rerum Novarum*, he advocated for justice and cared for the poor with great zeal. His funeral drew thousands of the city’s poor, a shock to his own family and friends, and a testament to the impact of his hidden life of service.

Another example is St. Giuseppe Moscati, a medical doctor from Naples, Italy. He is remembered for his groundbreaking work in medicine and scientific research, but even more so for his deep faith and compassion. He used his skills and income to care for the sick, poor, and needy, offering his profession as a true act of Christian charity. He died in 1927 and was canonized in 1987.

Let us learn to recognise, value, and celebrate single Catholics who have dedicated their lives to following Jesus more closely and serving others more generously.

May Our Lady of Solitude and Queen of Virgins, pray for us and inspire us to value the life spent in total service to the Lord. Amen.  
*Alfred Soliman Seminarian*



## Jubilee Shrine of Hope Mary Immaculate Church Manly

During 2025 Jubilee at Mary Immaculate Church, Manly you are able to obtain a Plenary Indulgence. An Indulgence is beautiful expression of God's mercy referring to the remission of temporal punishment due to sins already forgiven through Confession.

To obtain the Indulgence we must:

- **Visit any Jubilee site and spend suitable time in Eucharistic Adoration and meditation**
- **Go to Confession**
- **Receive Holy Communion**
- **Pray for the Pope's Intentions**
- **Be Free from attachment of Sin**

There are 3 other Churches in the Diocese which form the Diocese Pilgrimage. **Pilgrim Passports** can be found at the entrance to the Church. Please stamp your passport at the Shrine of St John Vianney.

### Prayer for the Jubilee Year of Hope

*Inspired by the Life and Witness of St. John Vianney*

Heavenly Father, in this Jubilee Year of Hope, we thank You for the gift of our parish, Manly Freshwater, chosen as a shrine of hope for priests and vocations. Through the intercession of St. John Vianney, the faithful shepherd of souls, renew in us a deep love for the priesthood and a commitment to fostering holy vocations in our community.

Lord, may this parish be a beacon of hope, where priests find strength and renewal, where Your faithful discover peace and encouragement, and where hearts are inspired to answer Your call with courage and joy.

Teach us, through the example of St. John Vianney, to love prayer deeply, to serve with humility, and to bring Your mercy and hope to those who seek You.

We entrust Manly Freshwater Parish and this Jubilee Year of Hope to Your loving care, confident that You will guide us to renewal and bless us with abundant vocations, through Christ our Lord. Amen.



### Jubilee Year 2025 [bbjubilee.com.au](https://www.bbjubilee.com.au)

"We must seek together how to be a missionary Church, a Church that builds bridges, dialogue, always open to welcoming everyone with open arms—everyone who needs our charity, our presence, dialogue, and love." *Pope Leo XIV 8 May 2025*



Continues Monday evening Tea/coffee from 7:15pm for a 7:30pm start.

## HAVE YOU COMPLETED YOUR PILGRIMAGE PASSPORT?



If you have all 4 Pilgrimage Site stamps on your Pilgrim Passport, don't forget to show your completed passport to your Parish Secretary. Your name will be recorded and a certificate of completion that will be signed by the Bishop will be arranged for you.

Check out how your parish is doing at:

<https://www.bbjubilee.com.au/pilgrimage-to-shrine/jubilee-pilgrimage-completion-leaderboard/>

Fr Sam has filmed a short, engaging video (originally created for Year 6 Students) that takes you on a personal tour of Mary Immaculate Church, explaining the spiritual significance of pilgrimage, sacred spaces, and our shrine's connection to *St John Vianney*, patron saint of priests. In a simple manner, the video draws attention meaning of holy water, stained glass windows, relics, and even the confessionals - all through the lens of God's invitation to draw closer to Him in this special Year of Hope.

While the video was made for school age, a number have mentioned how they found it very helpful, and helps make sense of why shrines matter and how physical places, like Mary Immaculate, can bring us closer to Jesus.

Even if you've been a parishioner a long time, perhaps this video may offer a new perspective and appreciation for our beautiful Church. Feel free to share it with friends and family who you think might benefit.

**Scan the QR code below to watch the video.**







## PARISH MORNING TEAS

**MANLY:** First Sunday after the 8:30am Mass and every 3rd Sunday after the 10:30am Mass hosted by the Tongan Community.

**FRESHWATER:** every Sunday after the 9am Mass in the parish hall. **Join us for morning tea and a chat. All welcome and bring a friend**



**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.

**JOIN OUR  
NORTHERN BEACHES  
YOUNG ADULTS  
COMMUNITY**

Every 2nd Saturday at pub/restaurant  
Every 4th Saturday at Manly Parish  
message: (6 Raglan St)  
Fr Marek at 0422532173  
or Cam at 0432895304

## Manly Freshwater Parish

### QR Code

You can view Fr Sam's 90 second Jubilee YouTube video by scanning the QR Code.

Other parish information can also be found.



### PARISH WEEKLY EVENTS

- Cenacle of Our Lady: Tues 9:45am Manly Church
- Craft Group: Tues 10:00am Parish Centre
- Christian Meditation: Tues 12:15pm 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 Vincent de Paul Conferences:  
Manly 1st Mon each month 5:30pm  
Freshwater 2nd Mon each month 5:30pm

## YOUTH GROUP



**1st and 3rd Sunday** of the Month following the 6pm Mass (7pm – 9pm).

We welcome all youth who are in High School (Yr 7 – Yr 12) to come along and join the Manly Freshwater Parish Youth Group. 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](mailto:manlyfreshwatercatholicyouth@gmail.com)

Instagram: [manlyfreshwater\\_catholicyouth](https://www.instagram.com/manlyfreshwater_catholicyouth)

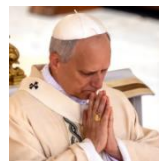
## FAMILIES OF MANLY FRESHWATER PARISH



- Tell us about your family!
- When did your family come to Manly-Freshwater parish?

Pick up a family information sheet at the entrance of the Church and once completed with a family photo please return it to the parish office. This information will be included in the parish's history and published next year

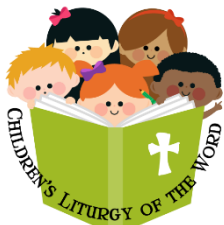
## Pope's Prayer Intention for July: For formation in discernment.



Let us pray that we might again learn how to discern, to know how to choose paths of life and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel.



Congratulations to the young people who made their First Holy Communion at St John the Baptist Church



**Children's Liturgy** is held on the  
1st and 3rd Sunday of the month  
during the 10:30am Mass

• **Children's Activity pages**  
available at the entrance of the  
Churches.

**Children's Mass books** are now available at the entrances  
of the Church for use during the Masses. Please return after  
the Mass.

Mass booklets can be purchased from the Piety Store for  
\$10.00



## Morning Prayer

During this Jubilee Year of Hope 2025, we are  
all invited to a deeper spiritual renewal,  
embracing prayer as a way to grow in faith and  
trust in God's providence and love. As part of  
this journey, Morning Prayer (Liturgy of the  
Hours) will be prayed at 8:45am, Tuesday to Friday, before  
Mass, at the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, at Mary  
Immaculate Church, Manly. This ancient prayer of the  
Church unites us in praise and reflection through Scripture  
and psalms, drawing us into the rhythm of daily prayer with  
the universal Church.

Prayer books will be provided, and all are welcome to join.

## Welcome to Our Parish!

If you are new to the Parish or are  
not currently registered, we  
warmly welcome you and ask  
that you complete a Parish  
Census form. This will assist us to connect with you and your  
family and advise you of any of 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 or emailed to the Parish Office -  
[manlyfreshwaterparish@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:manlyfreshwaterparish@bbcatholic.org.au)



## 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 582

## Piety Story - Manly



**Movie of the month** - Bravery under fire  
- Fr Willie Doyle SJ

A remarkable documentary on a military  
chaplain who has inspired thousands to  
call for his canonization and tell of his  
bravery under fire. Only \$10 @ the piety  
store.

**CD of the month** - Contraception -  
Cracking the myths - Prof Janet E Smith

A groundbreaking expose on the effect the contraceptive  
culture has on our relationships with God, romantic  
relationships and marriage. Backed by statistics and  
supported by decades of research. Only \$5 @ the piety  
store



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**
  - **Parish Giving (2nd collection)**  
Funds the running of the Parish  
Account Name: Manly Freshwater  
Parish  
Bank Name: Commonwealth Bank  
Account # 100002025 BSB: 062 784
  - **Clergy Giving (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](mailto: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

**PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES** ARE NOW  
AVAILABLE AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH TO  
COLLECT.




If you require a Tax  
Receipt for PWBB  
please contact the  
parish office 9977  
5822

for you.



## Events Outside the Parish



**AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL**  
MELBOURNE 2025

**DIOCESE OF BROKEN BAY PILGRIMAGE**  
SAT 29 NOV - WED 3 DEC  
FLIGHTS + 4 NIGHTS ACCOMMODATION + REGO  
\$1,630 PER PERSON, INCL GST  
Limited opportunity for \$500 subsidy  
Reducing cost to \$1,130


REGISTER YOUR INTEREST HERE

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF BROKEN BAY  
mission@bbccatholic.org.au

### Australian Catholic Youth Festival Melbourne 2025 – Diocese of Broken Bay Pilgrimage | Sat 29 Nov – Wed 3 Dec

Calling all young people in Broken Bay. Join us in Melbourne, along with young Catholics from across Australia for a renewed, personal encounter with Jesus, at the 2025 Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF). Flights, accommodation and

registration \$1,630 per person. Limited opportunity for \$500 subsidy. To register your interest, [click here](#).



**Grace & Truth**  
An evening of prayer, formation, and fellowship open to men and women of all ages.

St Mary's Cathedral, 5-9PM  
FRIDAY, 18 JULY 2025  
with  
**Archbishop Anthony Fisher, OP**  
and the Dominican Sisters and Friars  
Theme: Christology  
Questions: Email the Sisters at [sydney@op-tn.org](mailto:sydney@op-tn.org)

### Grace and Truth Evening

Men and women (18 years and older) are invited to join the

Dominican Friars and Sisters on Friday 18 July for the next Grace and Truth evening. The evening will consist of Eucharistic Adoration,

Vespers and Benediction, a light dinner, and talks by Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP and Sr Susanna Edmunds OP. The event will run from 5-9PM, starting in the St Mary's Cathedral Crypt and moving to the Cathedral Hall. Cost: \$20. Registration closes 13 July. <https://www.trybooking.com/DBGYB>. For more information, contact the Dominican Sisters at [sydney@op-tn.org](mailto:sydney@op-tn.org).



**Jesuit and Ignatian Spirituality Australia**

**Two Retreat Days:** Saturday 18 October and Saturday 22

**Time:** 9am to 4pm each day

**Where:** Peter Canisius House, 102 Mona Vale Road, Pymble

(see pictures below of the grounds, bushland, dining, and meeting facilities) Price: \$385 for both retreat days.

**BOOKINGS CLOSE FRI 3 OCT**

<https://jisa.org.au/retreat/re-framing-hope-retreat-days/>

Presenters: Guy Yeomans (experienced Ignatian Spiritual Director), Professor Phil Siddall (Medical Specialist), and Rebecca McCabe (Physiotherapist)

### PARISH SOCIAL MEDIA

**Parish facebook:** [facebook.com/manlyfreshwaterparish](https://facebook.com/manlyfreshwaterparish)

**Parish website:** [bbccatholic.org.au/manlyfreshwater](https://bbccatholic.org.au/manlyfreshwater)

**Livestreaming on Facebook** Sunday 8:30am Mass  
[manlyfreshwaterparishfacebook/videos](https://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.

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF BROKEN BAY

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DAYS

## Jubilee Pilgrimage of Hope

Every 25 years, the Church proclaims a Holy Year, a special gift of grace and mercy for all God's people. Not only is Italy a land of unforgettable charm and beauty, it is also a land made rich in grace by its colourful history of holy men and women. In this dedicated Jubilee year, be inspired to encounter the pathways of some of the Church's greatest saints, from St Francis and Clare in Assisi to St Peter and Paul in Rome, the Eternal City, where we cross the threshold of the Holy Door in St Peter's Basilica and receive the Jubilee blessing.



Accompanied by  
**Fr Hien Vu**

**COMMENCES WEDNESDAY 01 OCTOBER 2025 • 10 DAYS / 9 NIGHTS**  
Rome Airport vicinity (1) • Assisi (2 nights) • Orvieto • Rome • Jubilee (6 nights)



"The Jubilee Year 2025 calls us to rediscover the centrality of Jesus Christ in our lives and to deepen our relationship with Him, as the Door through which we enter into the fullness of life."

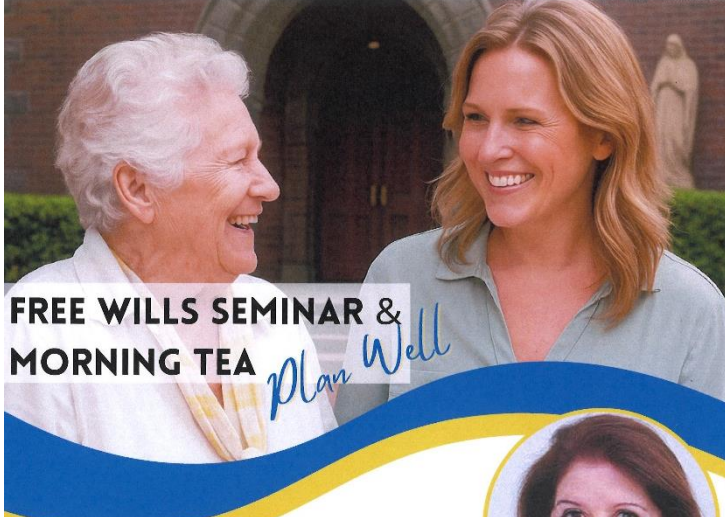
— **Most Rev Anthony Randazzo DD, JCL,**  
Bishop of Broken Bay



The dome of St Peter's over the River Tiber, Rome

*the genuine pilgrim experience*

**harvest**  
journeys



**FREE WILLS SEMINAR & MORNING TEA** *Plan Well*

Join us for a free seminar with legal expert Cecilia Castle, Principal of Castle Lawyers, who will cover essential estate topics like:

- Writing a Will
- Power of Attorney
- Enduring Guardianship

Attendees may be eligible for a complimentary will\*



**CECILIA CASTLE**  
PRINCIPAL OF CASTLE LAWYERS

• Magnificat Room at Our Lady of Dolours Parish, 94 Archer St, Chatswood NSW 2067

• 12 August, 2025

• 10:30AM-12:30 PM

**BOOK NOW**

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[www.trybooking.com/DAPZO](https://www.trybooking.com/DAPZO)





## 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C

### First Reading

*Isaiah 66:10-14*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

*I will send toward Jerusalem peace like a river.*

Rejoice, Jerusalem, be glad for her, all you who love her! Rejoice, rejoice for her, all you who mourned her! That you may be suckled, filled, from her consoling breast, that you may savour with delight her glorious breasts. For thus says the Lord: Now towards her I send flowing peace, like a river, and like a stream in spate the glory of the nations. At her breast will her nurslings be carried and fondled in her lap. Like a son comforted by his mother will I comfort you. And by Jerusalem you will be comforted. At the sight your heart will rejoice, and your bones flourish like the grass. To his servants the Lord will reveal his hand.

The word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### Responsorial Psalm

*Ps 65:1-7, 16, 20*

R. Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Cry out with joy to God all the earth, O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise. Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds! R.

'Before you all the earth shall bow: shall sing to you, sing to your name!' Come and see the works of God, tremendous his deeds among men. R.

He turned the sea into dry land, they passed through the river dry-shod. Let our joy then be in him; he rules for ever by his might. R.

Come and hear, all who fear God. I will tell what he did for my soul. Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer nor withhold his love from me. R.

### Second Reading

*Galatians 6:14-18*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Galatians

*The marks I carry on my body are those of Jesus Christ.*

The only thing I can boast about is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom the world is crucified to me, and I to the world. It does not matter if a person is circumcised or not; what matters is for him to become an altogether new creature. Peace and mercy to all who follow this rule, who form the Israel of God.

I want no more trouble from anybody after this; the marks on my body are those of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, my brothers. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel Acclamation

*Colossians 3:15, 16*

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, and the fullness of his message live within you.

Alleluia!

### Gospel

*Luke 10:1-12, 17-20*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*Your peace will rest upon him.*

The Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them out ahead of him, in pairs, to all the towns and places he himself was to visit. He said to them, 'The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest. Start off now, but remember, I am sending you out like lambs among wolves. Carry no purse, no haversack, no sandals. Salute no one on the road. Whatever house you go into, let your first words be, "Peace to this house!" And if a man of peace lives there, your peace will go and rest on him; if not, it will come back to you. Stay in the same house, taking what food and drink they have to offer, for the labourer deserves his wages; do not move from house to house. Whenever you go into a town where they make you welcome, eat what is set before you. Cure those in it who are sick, and say, "The kingdom of God is very near to you." But whenever you enter a town and they do not make you welcome, go out into its streets and say, "We wipe off the very dust of your town that clings to our feet, and leave it with you. Yet be sure of this: the kingdom of God is very near." I tell you, on that day it will not go as hard with Sodom as with that town.'

The seventy-two came back rejoicing. 'Lord,' they said, 'even the devils submit to us when we use your name.' He said to them, 'I watched Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Yes, I have given you power to tread underfoot serpents and scorpions and the whole strength of the enemy; nothing shall ever hurt you. Yet do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you; rejoice rather that your names are written in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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



**Prayer for Pope Leo** - May the Lord preserve him, and give him life, and make him blessed upon the earth, and deliver him not up to the will of his enemies. Our Father. Hail Mary.

O God, shepherd and ruler of all the faithful, look favorably on your servant Leo XIV whom you have set at the head of your Church as her shepherd; grant, we pray, that by word and example he may be of service to those over whom he presides so that, together with the flock entrusted to his care, he may come to everlasting life.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.



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