



MANLY FRESHWATER CATHOLIC PARISH

Mary Immaculate and St John the Baptist Churches

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 11th July 2021

Dear Friends, greetings and good health to you all. With the extension of the lockdown until midnight Friday 16th July, our Churches remain closed. I'm sure that more of us are feeling increasingly frustrated and cut off from family and friends and our normal activities. When I celebrate Mass on Sunday morning at 8:30am and on weekdays, even though the Church is empty I have a strong sense of your presence with me celebrating the Eucharist together as we should be doing. I pray each day that we will be able to gather again together for the Eucharist, and share the blessings of this with everyone whom we meet. God keep you and bless you. *Fr David Taylor*

Gospel Reflection: In today's Gospel, the Twelve – each of whom has been called personally by Jesus – are given the title of **apostle** – “one who is sent.” These unlikely candidates for such a task are carefully prepared and taught by Jesus for this moment. They undertake their first preaching and healing tour depending only on God for their inspiration and on the charity of others for their needs – remember that hospitality was considered a sacred responsibility in the east: it was not up to the stranger to seek hospitality but up to the prospective host to offer it. *connectionsmediaworks.com*



St John the Baptist Church Freshwater celebrates its Centenary on 21st November 2021

"What the Parish means to me..." Parish Remembrance Book

As part of the many 100th Anniversary celebrations, we would like everyone to participate in a joint project to create a Parish Book. The theme is "What the Parish means to me..."

Did you or someone in your family celebrate the Sacraments here - Baptism, Wedding, First Communion or a Funeral of a loved one? These are the memories we are asking you to share with us.

We would like a one-page contribution from everyone, including children. You can hand write or compile a word document and email it to Parish the office. You can include your name and photos or be anonymous. It is your choice. These will be professionally laid out in a coffee table type book and be on display in the church, in time for the November Anniversary. There will be copies available for purchase as well.

This is as much a fun project as a heartfelt project, so your support is greatly appreciated!

First Collection for the support of our Priests.

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



We're COVID SAFE

Pope Francis Prayer Intention for July: Social Friendship We pray that, in social, economic and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship.



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

Recently Deceased: **John Bigeni**

Anniversary:

Prayers for the sick in our parish "Lord, grant them and their carers strength and courage" 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 Brunson; Belinda Nicholls; Jacqui Dawson; Marty O'Donnell; Pat Smith; Bozena (Bonni) Covic; Gerry Ring

July 2021

Year B

Mon 12/7 – 15th week in Ordinary Time	Ex 1:8-14,22; Mt 10:34-11:1
Tue 13/7 – 15th week in Ordinary Time	Ex 2:1-15; Mt 11:20-24
Wed 14/7 – 15th week in Ordinary Time	Ex 3:1-6,9-12; Mt 11:25-27
Thurs 15/7 – St Bonaventure	Ex 3:13-20; Mt 11:28-30
Fri 16/7 – 15th week in Ordinary Time	Ex 11:10-12:14; Mt 12:1-8
Sat 17/7 – 15th week in Ordinary Time	Ex 12:37-42; Mt 12:14-21
Sun 18/3 – 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Jer 23:1-6; Eph 2:13-18; Mk 6:30-34

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.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION & DIVINE MERCY HOLY 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 Wednesday mornings at 10am in the Parish Centre.



Playgroup will resume after the School Holidays. 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.



HARD COPIES OF THE BULLETIN ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE PARISH OFFICE FOR COLLECTION

DATES TO REMEMBER

- **NO GROUPS MEETING ONSITE**
- **St Joseph Men's Group** 5th Aug at 7pm



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 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



ST JOSEPH MEN'S GROUP

Due to Covid Lockdown this week the St Joseph Men's Group will be meeting on Thursday 15th July at 7pm. We invite men of all ages to join in our fellowship. In the month of August, we will hold the meeting on 1st Thursday of the month as usual – 5th August.



Young Adults Group 18-35

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

On the 2nd Thursday we meet for a meal at a local venue and on the 4th Thursday we will meet in the Parish Centre for Spiritual Discussions and Reflection. For Further information please contact Ivica 0488 464 103.



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



MANLY PIETY STORE

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

Living Faith Booklets for July, August and September are now in.

End of Financial Year –Tax Receipts for CWF and Project Compassion are available by contacting the Parish Office on 9977 5822 or by email: manlyfreshwaterparish@bbcatholic.org.au. Please note donations to Planned Giving Program are not tax deductible. We thank you for your generous support of the Parish throughout the year.



Our dear Friend and Parishioner John Bigeni died unexpectedly on Wednesday night. We remember his wife Margaret and his family in our thoughts and prayers. Funeral details will follow later.



ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH, FRESHWATER 100 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

On Sunday 21st November we come together to celebrate St John the Baptist Church's 100 year Anniversary. Please save the date in your diary for a fun filled day – remembering what makes this such a great Parish.



PARISH FINANCES

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.



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Bank Name: Commonwealth Bank
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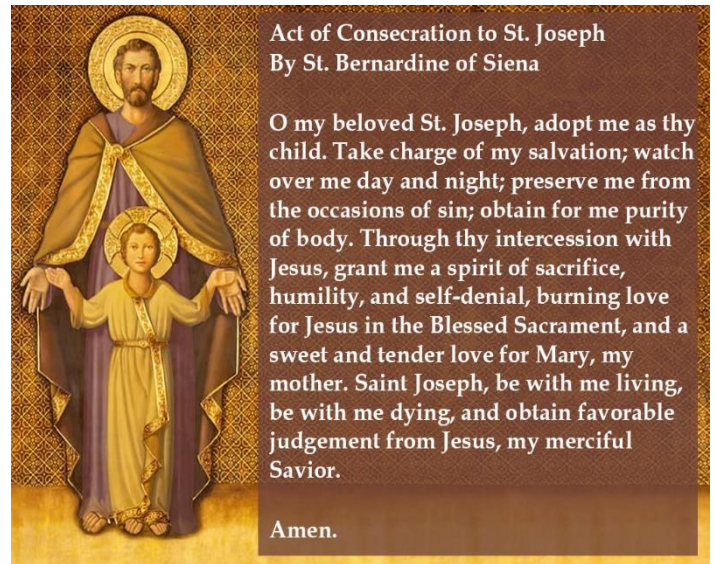
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Your generosity towards our Parish can go on forever when you include a bequest in your Will. Once your family is taken care of, a residual gift of your estate can be left to the Church to ensure our Parish and Faith is also looked after. For more 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.

Safeguarding: A strong connection of Safeguarding practices and the human and spiritual Rights of the Child is essential for a child safe Parish. Did you know it is not the responsibility of the child to make their rights possible... it is the responsibility of all adults to make the right possible for the child? It is not just to recognise that all children have rights, but to ensure that every child enjoys those rights. It is not just to advocate for children's rights, but to take concerted action that truly enables children and young people to thrive.



Act of Consecration to St. Joseph
By St. Bernardine of Siena

O my beloved St. Joseph, adopt me as thy child. Take charge of my salvation; watch over me day and night; preserve me from the occasions of sin; obtain for me purity of body. Through thy intercession with Jesus, grant me a spirit of sacrifice, humility, and self-denial, burning love for Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, and a sweet and tender love for Mary, my mother. Saint Joseph, be with me living, be with me dying, and obtain favorable judgement from Jesus, my merciful Savior.

Amen.

YEAR OF ST JOSEPH

On December 8th 2020 our Holy Father, Pope Francis, proclaimed a "Year of St. Joseph", to give us the opportunity to reflect on Saint Joseph as a beloved father, a tender and loving father, an obedient father, an accepting father, a father who is creatively courageous, a working father, a father in the shadows. We can ask for St. Joseph to guide our path of life and bless everyone with grace, mercy and courage



Adrian & Juliana Varghese, the parents of Celine Varghese Fell are celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary this weekend. We wish them every happiness and God's blessings.



Like Jesus's fellow villagers, we risk not recognising him. An abstract and distant god who doesn't get himself involved in situations is more comfortable. God incarnated Himself: humble, tender, hidden, drawing near to us, living the normality of our daily life.



Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though You have already come, I embrace You and unite myself entirely to You; never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.



How Families transform the world

MAJELLAN MEDIA

The Majellan focuses on family matters and provided families with advice and spiritual nourishment

Pope Francis, in the Joy of Love, shows how families can help transform the world. He says: "The family lives its spirituality by being both a domestic church and a vital cell for transforming the world." But it is hard to see how families, in all their messiness and struggles, can possibly be a domestic church, never mind a vital cell for transforming the world. For how can families possibly transform the world when the children can't even tidy up after themselves?

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For although families are a great source of tenderness and kindness, they are also, if we're honest, a source of arguments, falling outs, fighting, tantrums, rages, sulks and tears. Lots and lots of tears.

But Pope Francis reminds us that Families do not drop down from heaven perfectly formed [325], rather families need to constantly grow and mature in love. They are the first place where we learn to love, as well as the first place where we receive love [323].

They are also the place where we learn how to forgive and reconcile with each other despite the hurtful words we hurl at each other only moments ago. Families become the place where we mature as individuals and learn essential community values [52], for they are the place where love is forged through the struggles and trials of real life.

And at the heart of family life is the sacrament of marriage, which is not to be seen merely as some sort of social convention or empty ritual [72], it's a vocation to be a witness to God's love [72] in the world.

For, in marriage, the joy of love is nurtured, which creates an expansion of the heart [128], a love that continues to thrive even during the inevitable joy and struggles found in life [128].

For married couples who experience this power of love know that this love calls us to go out for the fruits of marriage are to help others. [322]

So, families are not a refuge from society, they are a place where we learn the experience of the

common good [70]. And when a family welcomes others and reaches out, it becomes a symbol of the domestic church [390] where we see everyone as brothers and sisters.

And families can also proclaim the Gospel by caring for the poor, by protecting creation and the unborn child, by standing together with other families including those most in need and transforming unjust social structures.

So, the next time we look at families, with all their obvious imperfections and struggles, let's remember that families are the places where we learn community values which knit a firm social fabric that binds the world together.

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OUTSIDE THE PARISH

Joseph House 2021-2022 Applications now open!

Applications are now open for Joseph House, a house of discernment in Broken Bay for young Catholic men. Email: vocations.ministry@bbcatholic.org.au for more information

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*
www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fanthefflame/

Ad Astra is a program for the young leaders of the Diocese of Broken Bay who desire to grow in leadership and aspire for the heights of ministry and relationship with God. The goal of *Ad Astra* is not just to enhance a prayer life, but to transform one's capacity for ministry. As an intentional community, we will journey together in a number of ways:

Formation Nights

- Community Nights
- Mentorship & Ministry
- Evangelisation School – In January we will attend an intensive Evangelisation School.

Do you know a young person in your parish, who might benefit from this program? Send them an online application form today! <https://forms.gle/Lgr8pEK9MVdd8YNKA>

CatholicCare Foster Care Campaign

There are children in our community who have been through experiences few of us could begin to imagine and without our help, will go through a childhood without the love and support of a family.

CatholicCare are looking for families across our parishes who might consider taking a child or young person into their home - to love and support them whether for one or two nights, a few weeks, months, or long term. All carers receive 24/7 support, ongoing training and financial support to cover the care and living costs of the child or young person. If you have space in your home and room in your heart, please reach out now. Call (02) 4320 7777 or visit www.fostering.org.au.

MANLY

	16th Sun in Ord Time	17th – 18th July
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
8:30am Mass	Server	Ken Thompson
	Readers	Patty Thomas
	Music	Robert & Gina Marshall Organist
	AV Screens	Robert Marshall
	Welcomers	Laurie de Ambrosis Clare Carmody Lynne Parks
	Piety Store	Jan Dorsen
10:30am Mass	Servers	Martino Hoang Bernie Lawler
	Readers	Janie Fonua Carmel Lawler
	Music	Bianca Zatz
	AV Screens	TBC
	Welcomers	Paul & Nicola Pervan 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

FRESHWATER

	16th Sun in Ord Time	17th – 18th July
5pm Vigil	Server	Joanne Druery
	Readers	Amanda Whitfield
	Music	CD's
	AV Screens	Bill Kelly
	Welcomers	Amanda Whitfield
9am Mass	Server	Francis Raymond
	Readers	Vincent Bokanovic Luka Bokanovic
	Music	Pat Brown
	AV Screens	Margi Gruca
	Welcomers	Sally Moffatt
	Morning Tea	Assistance Required
	Altar Society	Jacqui Good Mary Arcus

Most Rev Anthony Randazzo Bishop of Broken Bay Message for BBNeighbourhoods 6 July 2021

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, In the past week I had the opportunity to speak at the Tri-Diocesan social justice twilight gathering via Zoom. The three local Churches that participated are Broken Bay, Parramatta, and Sydney. About 100 people participated, which was a tremendous effort considering the last-minute arrangements caused by the latest episode of COVID in our community.

The evening provided an opportunity to reflect upon the 2020-21 Social Justice Statement from the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference titled, "To Live Life to the Full: Mental Health in Australia Today", which can be found here.

I think that the ACBC Social Justice Statement is timely, given the challenging effects on mental wellbeing and health over the past 18 months as we navigate the COVID environment in which we live. My contribution was to reflect on mental health from the perspective of faith. The text of my reflection can be located here. I hope that it may be of assistance as we reflect upon mental health issues; the dignity of the human person; suffering with Christ crucified; and the love of God for all people.

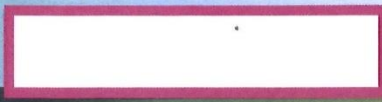
Our clergy and parish teams are well situated to offer direction for those within the community of the Church who are in need and who might benefit from assistance. Some parishes have people specifically trained in this area, and all parishes are able to offer pathways for people who are in need of support through CatholicCare Broken Bay (<https://www.catholiccarebb.org.au/crisis-support/>).

As we continue to traverse the COVID landscape, I hope that we will be alert once more to those who struggle or who are overwhelmed at this time. We have shown strength and resilience as a community of the Church. I pray that we will be vigilant towards the most vulnerable members of our community, especially in this time of lockdown when many may be alone or without comfort.

We remain united always in the Spirit of Christ our Lord. +Anthony



Believe in the message of God

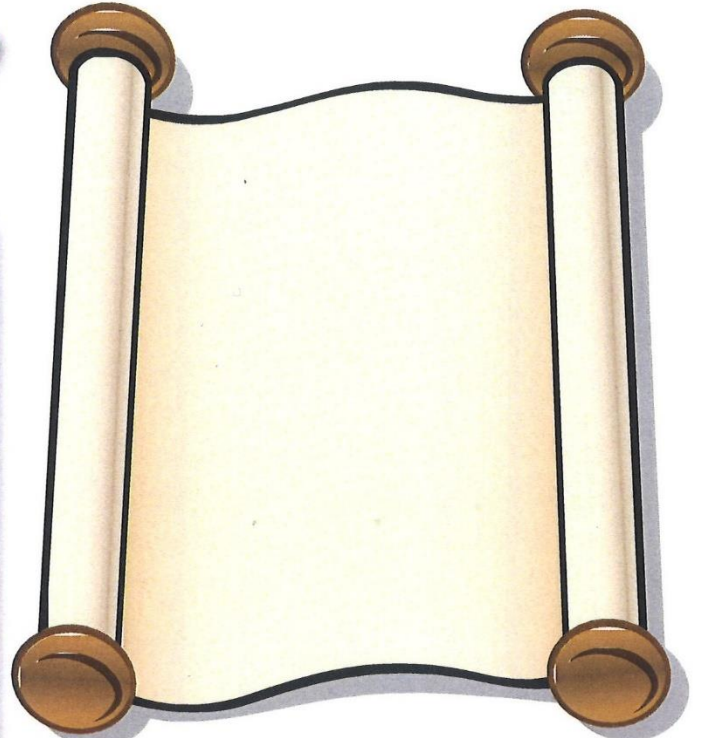


15th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

Jesus sent the disciples out two by two. If this happened to you, who would you take as your partner? Write their name and why you would take them with you and draw their picture.

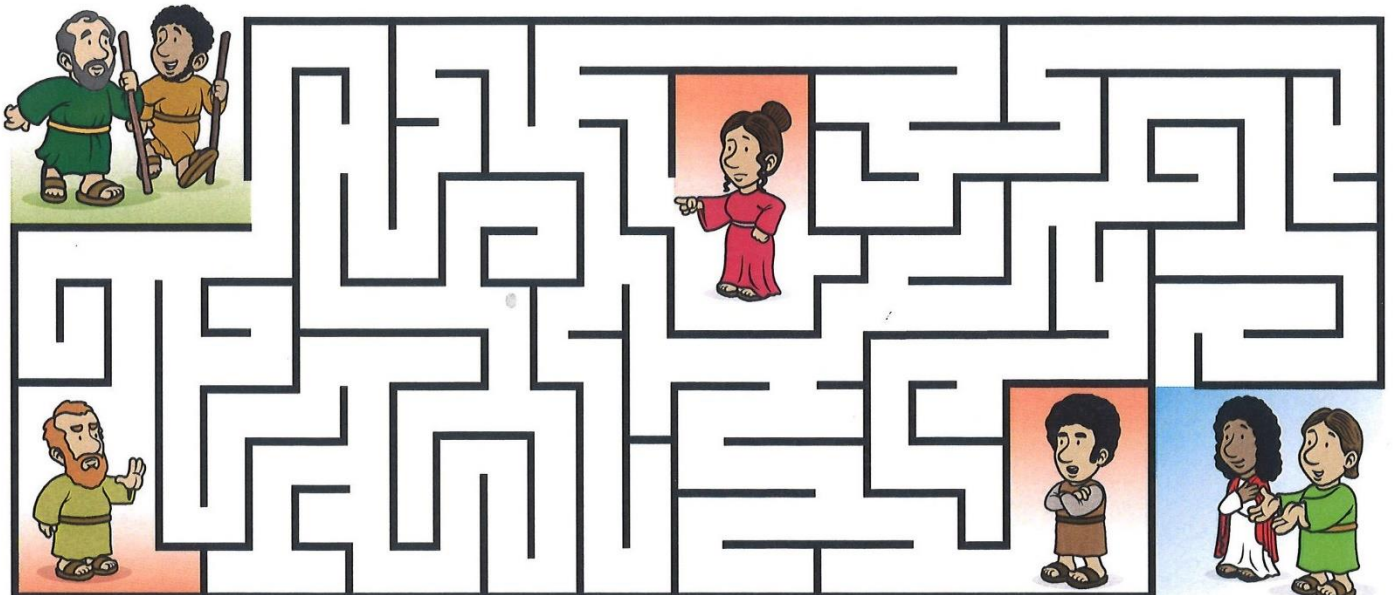


I would take _____ with me
because _____



If Jesus sent you out to proclaim his Good News, what would you tell people? Write or draw your answer in the scroll above.

Peter and John are on their way to spread God's message to others. Help them find their way through the maze where they will find people who will welcome them and listen to their message. Keep an eye out for those who look unwilling to listen!



15th Sunday in Ordinary Time – YEAR B

First Reading *Amos 7:12-15 (JB)*

A reading from the prophet Amos

Go, prophesy to my people.

Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, said to Amos, 'Go away, seer; get back to the land of Judah; earn your bread there, do your prophesying there. We want no more prophesying in Bethel; this is the royal sanctuary, the national temple.' 'I was no prophet, neither did I belong to any of the brotherhoods of prophets.' Amos replied to Amaziah, 'I was a shepherd, and looked after sycamores: but it was the Lord who took me from herding the flock, and the Lord who said, "Go, prophesy to my people Israel."

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

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 84:9-14 (JB)*

**R. Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.**

I will hear what the Lord God has to say, a voice that speaks of peace, peace for his people. His help is near for those who fear him and his glory will dwell in our land. R.

Mercy and faithfulness have met; justice and peace have embraced. Faithfulness shall spring from the earth and justice look down from heaven. R.

The Lord will make us prosper and our earth shall yield its fruit. Justice shall march before him and peace shall follow his steps. R.

Second Reading *Ephesians 1:3-14 (JB)*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

Before the world was made, he chose us in Christ.

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with all the spiritual blessings of heaven in Christ. Before the world was made, he chose us, chose us in Christ, to be holy and spotless, and to live through love in his presence, determined that we should become his adopted sons, through Jesus Christ for his own kind purposes, to make us praise the glory of his grace, his free gift to us in the Beloved in whom, through his blood, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins. Such is the richness of the grace which he has showered on us in all wisdom and insight. He has let us know the mystery of his purpose, the

hidden plan he so kindly made in Christ from the beginning to act upon when the times had run their course to the end: that he would bring everything together under Christ, as head, everything in the heavens and everything on earth. And it is in him that we were claimed as God's own, chosen from the beginning, under the predetermined plan of the one who guides all things as he decides by his own will; chosen to be, for his greater glory, the people who would put their hopes in Christ before he came. Now you too, in him, have heard the message of the truth and the good news of your salvation, and have believed it: and you have been stamped with the seal of the Holy Spirit of the Promise, the pledge of our inheritance which brings freedom for those whom God has taken for his own, to make his glory praised.

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

Gospel Acclamation *cf Ephesians 1:17-18*

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.

Alleluia!

Gospel *Mark 6:7-13 (JB)*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

He called the Twelve and began to send them out.

Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out in pairs giving them authority over the unclean spirits. And he instructed them to take nothing for the journey except a staff - no bread, no haversack, no coppers for their purses. They were to wear sandals, but, he added, 'Do not take a spare tunic.' And he said to them, 'If you enter a house anywhere, stay there until you leave the district. And if any place does not welcome you and people refuse to listen to you, as you walk away shake off the dust from under your feet as a sign to them.' So they set off to preach repentance; and they cast out many devils, and anointed many sick people with oil and cured them.

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



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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

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