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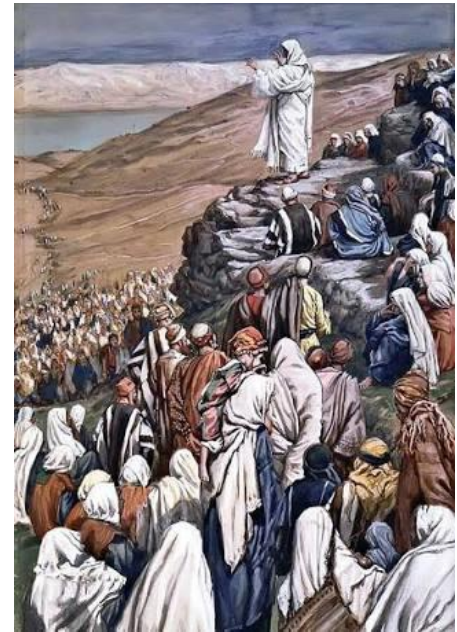
Mary Immaculate and St John the Baptist Churches

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 18th July

2021

Dear Friends,

With two more weeks in lockdown, I am very aware of the difficulties that many of you are now going through. The fact that we have been through this before and so we have some idea of what to do only helps a little. Maybe some of us are feeling like the crowds in this Sunday's Gospel, as Jesus sees them, who are without caring and effective leaders. While we trust the civil and medical authorities, we can also confidently place our trust in Jesus, who teaches us about the love of God and our caring for each other, and that Christ nourishes every aspect of our lives with his own life. I came across this short story. I hope it brings a smile to your face. God bless, Fr David Taylor.



## Every day needs hopscotch moment . . .

Every so often, a television commercial makes a mark on our souls over and above its sale pitch to our credit cards. An ad for a US department store is just such a spot. Maybe you've seen this charming little moment:

A little girl is drawing with chalk on her front walk when a delivery man walks by, juggling boxes. Clearly, he's having a bad day and just glares at her. His grumpiness gives her an idea. She takes her chalk and draws a hopscotch grid on the sidewalk in front of her house. It's a wonderfully colourful and inviting work. As she watches, everyone who passes by — teenagers, a woman jogging, a senior couple — stops to play the game, cheering and waving at her when they successfully dance their way through her design.

Then the grumpy delivery man reappears. He stops and scowls at the hopscotch challenge in front of him. He looks at the young artist, and to her surprise, he smartly jumps through the grid. He then walks away with a sly smile.

Adding to the charm of the moment is jazz musician Jon Batiste's take on the great American song "The Sunny Side of the Street."

**A little girl's hopscotch challenge becomes the "deserted place" envisioned by Jesus in today's Gospel. The "deserted place" can be a physical place of quiet and solitude to re-connect with God and the things of God — but the "deserted place" can also be time: a few minutes we set aside to stop, to realize God's presence in our midst, to feel grateful for God's grace in the love of family and friends. We all need "deserted" places — "hopscotch" moments — to escape the demands and expectations of our over-scheduled [and lockdown] lives to hear anew the voice of God in the quiet of our hearts, to realize anew God's presence in our lives in the love and care of family and friends.**

**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.

LIVE STREAMING OF MASS

**On Facebook – [manlyfreshwaterparishfacebook](https://www.facebook.com/manlyfreshwaterparishfacebook)**  
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: Christin Simpson, Leslie Connors

**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**

Mon 19/7 – 16th week in Ordinary Time  
 Tue 20/7 – 16th week in Ordinary Time  
 Wed 21/7 – 15th week in Ordinary Time  
 Thurs 22/7 – St Mary Magdalene  
 Fri 23/7 – 16th week in Ordinary Time  
 Sat 24/7 – 16th week in Ordinary Time  
 Sun 25/7 – 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Year B**

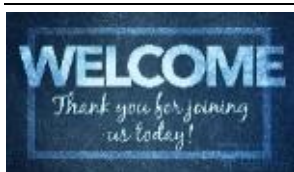
Ex 14:5-18; Mt 12:38-42  
 Ex 14:21-15:1; Mt 12:46-50  
 Ex 16:1-5, 9-15; Mt 13:1-9  
 Song 3:1-4; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18  
 Ex 20:1-17; Mt 13:18-23  
 Ex 24:3-8; Mt 13:24-30

2Kings 4:42-44; Eph 4:1-6; Jn 6:1-15

**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.

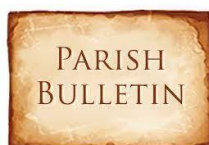


**Lectio Divina** Read his story in the Gospels. Spend time with him. Lectio Divina groups meets Tuesday 7.30pm in the Parish Centre and Wednesday mornings at 10am in the Parish Centre.

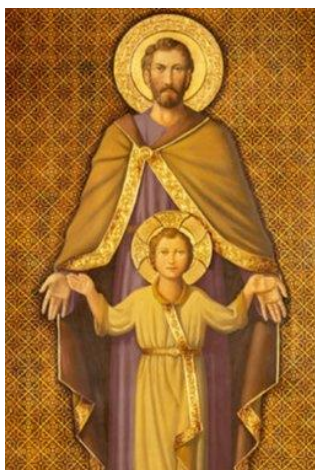


**Playgroup will in August.**

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**



Hail, Guardian of the 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.

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

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



**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 5<sup>th</sup> August 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday we meet for a meal at a local venue and on the 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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.



# ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH, FRESHWATER 100 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

On Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> 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.



## 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.



### 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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#### 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



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.

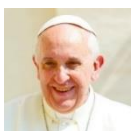


### St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal

Manly and Freshwater conference members wish to thank parishioners for your continuing generosity to the Winter Appeal which is now a little over \$10,000 from the combined parish. Your generosity is very much appreciated at this difficult time.

Mick O'Farrell  
President  
Freshwater

Bruce Whittet  
President  
Manly



. Let us pray for all the sick that may no one be left alone, that everyone receive the anointing of listening, closeness and care. We can all give it with a visit, a phone call, an outstretched hand.

## 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 100<sup>th</sup> 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!

**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:** Many communities engage volunteers to achieve their mission, and the Parish is no exception. Might you as a volunteer know how to identify and respond appropriately to behaviour that poses a risk or is harmful to children, including behaviour of colleagues or other children and young people?

## July 18 – 16th Sunday of the Year B Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

**“Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while.”**

**Jesus’ heart was moved with pity for the vast crowd, for they were like sheep without a shepherd.**

Mark 6: 30-34

### THE WORD:

The apostles return from their first mission of preaching and healing and report to Jesus. He gathers them in a “deserted” place, but the people find them and keep coming. Even their attempt to escape by boat to the other side of the lake is foiled once word gets out.

This incident recorded by Mark in today’s Gospel (which precedes his account of the feeding of the multitude) offers two important insights into our Church’s ministry: that the mission of the Church does not spring from mass marketing techniques or publicity strategies but from the Gospel of compassion we seek to live and share, from the authority of our commitment to forgiveness and reconciliation; and that leadership, inspired by the wisdom of God, means not dictating and ruling over others but inspiring, providing for and selflessly caring for those whom we are called to lead.

### REFLECTION:

In our heeding those “shepherds” in our society and culture who promise us only the best, who affirm and rationalize our fears, who give us “enemies” to direct our fear and their promise to vanquish them for us, who reduce the complexities of life to simple rules and absolutes, we are the “shepherdless” for whom Jesus’ heart breaks.

In Christ, God has raised up for us a shepherd to guide us in God’s ways of compassion and reconciliation; a shepherd to lead us safely along life’s rough crags and dangerous drop-offs to God’s pasture of peace and fulfillment; a shepherd who helps us clear the obstacles and hurdles of fear and self-interest to live lives centered in what is right and just.

From the clamor of the marketplace and the demands of our calendars and “to do” lists, we need “deserted,” out-of-the-way places be alone with God, to listen to the quiet of our hearts to hear the voice of God.

The Gospel “deserted place” can be a physical place of quiet and solitude to re-connect with God and the things of God — but the “deserted place” can also be time: a few minutes we set aside to stop, to realize God’s presence in our

midst, to feel grateful for God’s grace in the love of family and friends. We all need “deserted” places to escape the demands and expectations of our over-scheduled lives to hear anew the voice of God in the quiet of our hearts, to realize anew God’s presence in our lives in the love and care of family and friends.

### 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](mailto: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/fantheblade/](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fantheblade/)

**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](http://www.fostering.org.au).

## 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time – YEAR B

### First Reading *Jeremiah 23:1-6 (JB)*

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah  
*The remnant of the flock I will gather to me, and bring them back to their pastures.*

'Doom for the shepherds who allow the flock of my pasture to be destroyed and scattered - it is the Lord who speaks! This, therefore, is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says about the shepherds in charge of my people: You have let my flock be scattered and go wandering and have not taken care of them. Right, I will take care of you for your misdeeds - it is the Lord who speaks! But the remnant of my flock I myself will gather from all the countries where I have dispersed them, and will bring them back to their pastures: they shall be fruitful and increase in numbers. I will raise up shepherds to look after them and pasture them; no fear, no terror for them any more; not one shall be lost - it is the Lord who speaks!

'See the days are coming - it is the Lord who speaks -when I will raise a virtuous Branch for David, who will reign as true king and be wise, practising honesty and integrity in the land.

In his days Judah will be saved and Israel dwell in confidence and this is the name he will be called: The Lord-our-integrity.'

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Responsorial Psalm *Ps 22*

*R. The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.*

The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.  
Fresh and green are the pastures  
where he gives me repose.  
Near restful waters he leads me,  
to revive my drooping spirit. **R.**

He guides me along the right path;  
he is true to his name.  
If I should walk in the valley of darkness  
no evil would I fear.  
You are there with your crook and your staff;  
with these you give me comfort. **R.**

You have prepared a banquet for me  
in the sight of my foes.  
My head you have anointed with oil;  
my cup is overflowing. **R.**

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me  
all the days of my life.  
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell

for ever and ever. **R.**

### Second Reading *Ephesians 2:13-18*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

*Christ, our peace, has made us one.*

In Christ Jesus, you that used to be so far from us have been brought very close, by the blood of Christ. For he is the peace between us, and has made the two into one and broken down the barrier which used to keep them apart, actually destroying in his own person the hostility caused by the rules and decrees of the Law. This was to create one single New Man in himself out of the two of them and by restoring peace through the cross, to unite them both in a single Body and reconcile them with God. In his own person he killed the hostility. Later he came to bring the good news of peace, peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near at hand. Through him, both of us have in the one Spirit our way to come to the Father.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;  
I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia!

### Gospel

*Mark 6:30-34*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

*They were as sheep without a shepherd.*

The apostles rejoined Jesus and told him all they had done and taught. Then he said to them, 'You must come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while'; for there were so many coming and going that the apostles had no time even to eat. So they went off in a boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But people saw them going, and many could guess where; and from every town they all hurried to the place on foot and reached it before them. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he set himself to teach them at some length.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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



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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

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